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County Executive

Department of Community Mental Health

Michael Orth, M.S.W.
Commissioner

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Date: January 6, 2025

To: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Michael Orth, M.S.W.
Commissioner, Department of Community Mental Health

Re: Request authority to enter an agreement with Friends of Recovery Westchester Inc, for the implementation of the “Westchester County Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative” to address a priority area of recovery, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000, payable pursuant to an approved individual budget, with the County having the sole option to renew the one-year initial term for one additional year.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the ‘County’), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the ‘Department’) to enter into an agreement with Friends of Recovery Westchester Inc. (“Friends of Recovery”), for the implementation of the “Westchester County Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative” to address a priority area of recovery, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000, payable pursuant to an approved individual budget, with the County having the sole option to renew the Agreement for one additional year (the “Renewal Term”), to commence on January 1, 2026 and expire on December 31, 2026.

Funding for this program has been received through the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund Regional Abatements to localities. NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports is the lead agency responsible for the monitoring and oversight of the New York Opioid Settlement Fund. This includes the distribution of Regional Abatements to localities for specific initiatives that address and reduce the impact of addiction and opioid use disorder in communities across New York. The allowable use of funds and identified priority areas have been taken into consideration for the use of these settlement dollars for the priority areas which include: harm reduction, treatment, investments across the service continuum, priority populations, housing, recovery, prevention, transportation, public awareness and research.

The Department has complied with the Westchester County Procurement Policy. On April 19, 2023, DCMH issued four requests for proposals “(individually, the “RFP” and collectively, the “RFPs”), through the County’s Contract Opportunities RFP webpage, soliciting proposals from interested proposers, for “The Provision of Staffing and Services for the Westchester County Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative (“ORI”) for the following priority area services: 1) Harm Reduction; 2) Treatment; 3) Primary Prevention and 4) Recovery. Several members of DCMH and the Departments of Health and Corrections, who have roles related to the priority area services programs, evaluated submitted proposals based upon the evaluation criteria specified in the RFPs. Three proposals for the Recovery RFP were received and DCMH recommended award of a contract to the Family Services of Westchester (FSW) which was authorized by your Honorable Board through resolution 103424 and the FSW agreement was executed. Resolution 103424 noted that additional proposals were received pursuant to the RFPs and DCMH and stakeholders were still in discussions with the vendors on program deliverables and costs and that DCMH would submit separate resolutions to this Honorable Board, once the final determinations were made.

Therefore, after analyzing the Friends of Recovery’s proposal for service implementation and costs DCMH found the recommended provider to be qualified to provide the services and the proposed costs to be reasonable.

The primary purpose of the “New York Opioid Settlement Fund” is to address priority areas including treatment, prevention, harm reduction, recovery and workforce issues in Westchester County.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by supporting overarching recovery service themes which require service integration to best treat co-occurring disorders, service equity, and meaningful evaluation that demonstrates reduced suffering and positive impacts on the social determinants of health.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into the proposed Agreements.

MO/mkc/cmc

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 04/16/2023 RAYMOND S. DUFFY SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health, is authorized to enter into an agreement with Friends of Recovery Westchester Inc. (“Friends of Recovery”), for the implementation of the “Westchester County Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative” to address a priority area of recovery, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000, payable pursuant to an approved individual budget (the “Agreement”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County will have the option, at its sole discretion, to renew the Agreement for one additional year (the “Renewal Term”), to commence on January 1, 2026 and terminate on December 31, 2026; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreements are also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate each Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to Friends of Recovery, then Friends of Recovery shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2025	263	26	Z071	4380	G071	\$250,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025 Start Date: 01/01/2025 End Date: 12/31/2025

Funding Source (must match resolution)
 Tax Dollars: _____
 State Aid: \$250,000
 Federal Aid: _____
 Other: _____

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 must match the resolution)