

**110984**

**DATE:** April 21, 2025

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Terrance Raynor  
Commissioner – Sheriff  
Department of Public Safety

**RE:** Authority to amend an agreement with the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion - Choice Matters, Inc. pursuant to which it agreed to provide a training program to educate County and other local law enforcement agencies about existing laws designed to ensure safety in and around reproductive health facilities, for a term commencing on January 1, 2024 and continuing through December 31, 2024 in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, with the County reserving an option to renew the agreement for up to two additional terms of one year each, subject to County appropriations, in order for the County to exercise the first of its two options to renew the agreement for the period commencing retroactive to January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025 for an amount not-to-exceed \$32,500.00.

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By resolution approved on April 18, 2024 (the “April 18<sup>th</sup> Resolution”), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (the “Department”), to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion - Choice Matters, Inc. (“Choice Matters”), pursuant to which Choice Matters, through its Center for Analysis and Tracking of Clinic Harassers (“CATCH”), would provide a training program entitled “Understanding & Enforcing Clinic Access Laws”, to educate County and other local law enforcement agencies about existing federal, state and County laws designed to ensure safety in and around reproductive health facilities (the “Services”), for a term commencing retroactive to January 1, 2024 and continuing through December 31, 2024, for a *lump sum* amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, payable upon completion of services. The April 18<sup>th</sup> Resolution further authorized the County, at its sole option, and subject to further appropriation by the County Board of Legislators and approval of your Honorable Board, to renew the Agreement for up to two (2) additional periods of one (1) year each (each a “Renewal Option”) to enable Choice Matters to provide additional training Services to local law enforcement agencies, with funding for each Renewal Option as follows:

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 - \$32,500.00  
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 - \$32,500.00

The Department now seeks to amend the Agreement with Choice Matters in order to exercise the first of its two Renewal Options and thereby extend the term of the Agreement for an additional one (1) year period commencing retroactive to January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025 (the "First Renewal Option Term"). In consideration for Services to be rendered during the First Renewal Option Term, the County will pay Choice Matters a *lump sum* amount not-to-exceed \$32,500.00, payable upon completion of Services.

Except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect upon the parties.

The amendment to the Agreement is exempt from the County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)ix thereof which exempts contracts with "teachers, lecturers and other educational professionals."

This amendment to the Agreement will serve a public purpose by educating local law enforcement agencies about federal, state and local laws and federal court decisions designed to ensure safety in and around reproductive health facilities so that police will be able to enforce them when they are broken.

The goals and objectives of this amendment to the Agreement are to ensure the safety of people accessing clinics, and to ensure law enforcement is provided with the information and training necessary for them to effectively enforce the laws in place.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

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Attachment

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff, Department of Public Safety, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, is authorized to amend an agreement with the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion - Choice Matters, Inc. (“Choice Matters”), pursuant to which Choice Matters, through its Center for Analysis and Tracking of Clinic Harassers, agreed to provide a training program entitled “Understanding & Enforcing Clinic Access Laws”, to educate County and other local law enforcement agencies about existing federal, state and County laws designed to ensure safety in and around reproductive health facilities (the “Services”), for a term commencing retroactive to January 1, 2024 and continuing through December 31, 2024, for an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, with the County reserving an option to renew the agreement for up to two (2) additional periods of one (1) year each (each a “Renewal Option”) to enable Choice Matters to provide additional training Services to local law enforcement agencies, for a *lump sum* amount not-to-exceed \$32,500.00 per Renewal Option (the “Agreement”), in order to exercise the first of its two Renewal Options and thereby extend the term of the Agreement for an additional one (1) year period commencing retroactive to January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025 (the “First Renewal Option Term”); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in consideration for Services to be rendered during the First Renewal Option Term, the County shall pay Choice Matters a *lump sum* amount not-to-exceed \$32,500.00, payable upon completion of Services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect upon the parties; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute said agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	52	2509	5100		\$32,500

Budget Funding Year      2025   Start Date January 1, 2025   End Date December 31, 2025  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source      Tax Dollars \$32,500.00  
State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
\$32,500.00      Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
(must match resolution)      Other \_\_\_\_\_