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Board of Legislators

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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Vedat Gashi
Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

SUBJECT: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with New Dawn Family Resource Center, Inc., for the provision of counseling, legal and emergency services and financial assistance to victims of violence and abuse in Westchester County, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to County appropriations.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with New Dawn Family Resource Center, Inc. ("New Dawn"), for the provision of counseling, legal and emergency services and financial assistance to victims of violence and abuse in Westchester County (the "Agreement"). The term of the Agreement will commence retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continue through December 31, 2025. In consideration for the services being rendered pursuant to the Agreement, the County of Westchester (the "County") will pay New Dawn an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations.

Ordinarily, under Section 5(a) of the Policy, the County is required to solicit written or oral quotations from no fewer than three (3) persons customarily providing such goods or services. However, New Dawn, which is located north of I-287, provides counseling, financial assistance and legal services to victims who reside in northern Westchester. Currently none of the numerous organizations in the County which provide such counseling, services and assistance are located in northern Westchester, which makes the northern Westchester community a geographically under-served area of the County for victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, and human trafficking. The Agreement with New Dawn will enable the County to provide and expand support for programs and services for such victims who reside in northern Westchester. Based upon the foregoing, compliance with the Section 5(a) of the Policy would not be in the best interest of the County.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which this Board determines, by resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the Policy would not be in the best interest of the County. For the reasons set forth above, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of this Agreement from the Policy.

Accordingly, a Resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with New Dawn is hereby submitted for your Honorable Board's consideration.

VG/AR/mcz
Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting written or oral quotations from no fewer than three (3) persons customarily providing such goods and services, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with New Dawn Family Resource Center, Inc. for the provision of emergency and financial assistance services to victims of violence and abuse in Westchester, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/08/2025 - RAYMOND J. COUGHLIN, SECRETARY