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County Executive

Department of Community Mental Health

Michael Orth
Commissioner

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Date: November 13, 2025

To: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Re: Authority to amend an agreement with Friends of Recovery Westchester Inc, for the implementation of the “Westchester County Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative (‘ORI’) – Recovery Services and Supports” to address a priority area of recovery, for a term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for a not to exceed amount of \$250,000.00, with the County having the option to renew the term of the agreement for two (2) one-year renewal terms, in order for the County to exercise the first of its two options to renew the term of the agreement for one year commencing on January 1 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026.

By resolution # 110513, approved on February 27, 2025 (“February 27, 2025 Resolution”), your Honorable Board authorized 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”), to implement the “Westchester County Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative – Recovery Services and Supports” to address a priority area of recovery, for a term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000, with the County having the sole option to renew the term of the Agreement for up to two one-year terms. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Friends of Recovery has been performing satisfactorily under the Agreement and the County desires to continue to implement such initiative and provide addiction and opioid use disorder services to County residents in need of assistance, within the same identified service program priority area.

The County now respectfully requests authority from your Honorable Board to amend the Agreement (the “First Amendment”) in order to (i) exercise the first (1st) of its two (2) options to extend the term of the Agreement by one year, commencing on January 1, 2026 and continuing

through December 31, 2026 (“First Renewal Term”), for the provision of the same addiction and opioid use disorder services within the same service program priority areas during the First Renewal Term and (ii) increase the total not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement by \$250,000, from a total amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 to a new total amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.

Funding for these service programs has been received through the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund Regional Abatement to localities. The NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports is the lead agency responsible for monitoring and oversight of the New York Opioid Settlement Fund, including the distribution of Regional Abatements to localities for specific initiatives, such as the “Westchester County Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative,” that address and reduce the impact of addiction and opioid use disorders in communities across New York. The allowable use of funds and identified service program priority areas include: harm reduction, treatment, investments across the service continuum, priority populations, housing, recovery, prevention, transportation, public awareness and research.

Except as specifically described above, all terms and conditions of the Agreements shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed First Amendment will serve a public purpose by continuing to support overarching service themes that include service integration to best treat co-occurring disorders, service equity, and meaningful evaluation in order to assist County residents struggling with co-occurring drug and opioid disorders, reduce suffering and create positive impacts on the social determinants of health.

The Department has complied with the Westchester County Procurement Policy as detailed in the February 27, 2025.

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

MO/mkc/cmc

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 amend the agreement with Friends of Recovery Westchester Inc. (“Friends of Recovery”), for the provision of addiction and opioid use disorder services within identified service program priority areas which services include treatment, prevention, recovery, harm reduction and workforce issues and training, for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$250,000, in order for the County to exercise the first of its two (2) options to extend the term thereof by one year, commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is authorized to increase the total not-to-exceed amount under the Agreement by \$250,000, from a total amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 to a new total amount not-to-exceed \$500,000, to be paid pursuant to an individual program budget, for the continued provision of such services during the first one-year renewal term; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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.

Original Agreement	\$250,000
This Amendment	\$250,000
TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2026	263	26	Y071	4380	G071	\$250,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2026 Start Date: 01/01/2026 End Date: 12/31/2026

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

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 must match the resolution)