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To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

Date: March 11, 2026

Subject: Authority to enter into an agreement with the Westchester Children's Museum for the provision of its Family Access Membership for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester Children's Museum (the "Children's Museum") for the provision of its Family Access Membership program, which will reduce the cost of annual premium memberships to the Children's Museum from \$250 to \$25 for eligible low-income families from Westchester County, for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, and payable pursuant to an approved budget and payment schedule.

The Children's Museum provides a vibrant, interactive learning space that fosters curiosity, enhances knowledge, and ignites imagination through creative hands-on exploration for children, families, and school groups. The Children's Museum annually welcomes over 75,000 visitors and offers a diverse range of cultural and STEAM-based programs tailored for children from Pre-K through Middle School. The Children's Museum strives to be an engaging, inclusive, creative place for play and a catalyst for building our children's confidence and critical thinking skills.

The proposed Agreement shall help ensure that all children can access the Children's Museum's cultural and educational programs, including those from underserved communities in out-of-school enrichment or those without access to cultural experiences. The proposed Family Access Membership program will reduce the annual membership cost from \$250 to \$25 for qualifying Westchester families. Eligibility will extend to Westchester families enrolled in WIC/SNAP, State Healthcare, and/or those benefiting from free/reduced school lunch programs. The continuation of the Family Access Membership program into 2026 will promote extraordinary access for underserved children and families to the Children Museum's engaging cultural and learning experiences, while fostering increased geographical diversity within the Children's Museum's service area. The Family Access Membership includes unlimited admission for

six (6) individuals to the Museum for one full year, member-only opportunities such as previews and other Museum discounts. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Children's Museum will work with the County's Department of Social Services, Health Department, Youth Bureau and other departments to promote and administer the program.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing access and involvement to low-income County residents to cultural and learning opportunities and thereby enriching the lives of County residents. The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the County Executive's Office through the provision of four (4) quarterly progress reports and an end-of-year report on the Agreement and the Family Access Membership program.

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a) (xiii) and (xviii), which exempt from procurement contracts for the support, enhancement, or preservation of cultural resources and the arts, and contracts for the creation and support of the advancement of the moral, physical and social well-being of the youth of Westchester County, respectively.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

KWJ/JPI

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester Children's Museum for the provision of its Family Access Membership program, for the period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and payment schedule; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is 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 this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions 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	Funding Year
101	11	0710	4380	N/A	\$50,000	2026

Budget Funding Year(s) 2026 Start Date: 1/1/2026 End Date: 12/31/2026
 (must match resolution)

\$50,000.00
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$50,000
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____

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