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DATE: April 15, 2026

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard G. Townes
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SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to retroactively: (1) enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept a grant in the amount of \$320,000 for continued resources and support needed to operationalize the services provided by the County's Mobile Stabilization and Mediation Unit for the term October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to retroactively: (1) enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") to accept a grant in the amount of \$320,000 to be utilized for resources and support needed to operationalize the services provided by the County's Mobile Stabilization and Mediation Unit ("DSS6058-25; the Grant Agreement").

As your Honorable Board may already be aware, in 2021, as part of the Family First Prevention Services Act ("FFPSA"), New York State established grant funding to Local Department of Social Services to implement mobile response pilot programs. These programs are designed to develop and operate coordinated community-based family support and preservation services to prevent child maltreatment, ensure children's safety within the home, and preserve family integrity when needs can be effectively addressed at home. OCFS has previously provided funding to staff the County's mobile crisis response program with a Behavior Specialist, Clinician, Domestic Violence Liaison, and Youth and Family Peer Advocates to build an effective response team.

The proposed Grant Agreement and the proposed Agreement will leverage Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) funding to support and improve state child protective services (CPS) systems. The proposed Grant Agreement provides the necessary funding needed to operationalize the services provided by the Mobile Stabilization and Mediation Unit and will be utilized for the maintenance of the mobile response van, and the hiring and contracting for services that will provide the essential staff to operate the mobile response program. The funding allocated by this grant will be utilized for the purposes outlined in 42 US Code section 5106a, which includes but is not limited to the following purposes; case management, including coordination, monitoring, and referral of the services to children and their families; clinical treatment and delivery of behavioral services; supporting and enhancing interagency collaboration among public health agencies that work with and support the child protective system; addressing the mental health needs of children identified as victims of child abuse and neglect; services that assist children exposed to domestic violence and those that also support the caregiving role of their non-abusing parents, support services for children in need of short term clinical intervention and de-escalation services to address acute emotional or behavioral health needs and reduce risk of harm, placement disruption, or removal from the home; collaboration with child welfare, behavioral health, public health, and community based providers to coordinate services and support as part of the service delivery for children and families; and facilitation and support for of community outreach events or other county led initiatives in support of the Program.

The proposed Grant Agreement with OCFS does not constitute a procurement and, therefore, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The proposed Grant Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing the funds to be used for the maintenance of the mobile van, and the staffing and resources needed to continue to provide the mobile stabilization and mediation services for the customers of the Department's Child Welfare programs.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Grant Agreement are to provide funding for maintaining, staffing, and providing the essential services needed to operate the County's Mobile Stabilization and Mediation Unit.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Grant Agreement are in the County's best interest regarding fiscal responsibility, as they provide non-County funds to staff the Mobile Stabilization and Mediation Unit with qualified personnel, offering essential mobile stabilization and mediation response services.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the Grant Agreement to implement the County work plan under the Grant.

I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

R E S O L U T I O N

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to retroactively: (1) enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept a grant in the amount of \$320,000 pursuant to which will be utilized for resources and support needed to operationalize the services provided by the County's Mobile Stabilization and Mediation Unit for the term October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027 (DSS6058-25; the "Grant Agreement").

RESOLVED, that the 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 authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	A061	9853	G061	\$120,000
263	22	A032	9853	G032	\$200,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2025-2027
 Start Date: 10/01/2025 End Date: 3/31/2027
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source:

Federal	100%	CFDA#(s)	93.556		
State		State ID#(s)			
Operating/Tax Levy					
Capital					

Total NTE: \$320,000
 (must match resolution)