



Memorandum
Department of Community Mental Health

103064

DATE: August 24, 2023

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NYS Office of Mental Health in order to accept grant funds in support of Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness ("PATH") in the amount of \$474,418 for the period commencing retroactively on September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023

Authority is requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the "Department"), to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the New York State Office of Mental Health ("OMH"), in order to accept grant funds in the amount of \$474,418 for the period commencing retroactively on September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023, pursuant to which the Department will provide the allowable services in support of Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness ("PATH").

OMH advised the Department that OMH awarded the County, acting by and through the Department, grant funding in support of PATH in the amount of \$474,418 for the period commencing retroactively on September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. OMH has received, through the United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, funding from the federal PATH grant that are to be used to provide allowable services including outreach, case management, and services that are not supported by mental health programs to individuals with serious mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders and who are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness.

The proposed MOU will serve a public purpose by providing the County with net deficit funding to provide PATH services including necessary and vital mental health services for residents of Westchester County who are affected by mental health disabilities and co-occurring substance abuse disorders and who are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness.

The goal and objective of the MOU is to provide the County with net deficit funding to provide PATH services for residents of Westchester County who are affected by mental health disabilities and co-occurring substance abuse disorders and who are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness.

The goals and objectives of the MOU are in the best interests of the County in terms of health, as it will provide the County with net deficit funding for PATH services in order to improve the mental health of Westchester County residents and therefore assist these residents in avoiding homelessness or assist in the transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

The goals and objectives of the proposed MOU will be tracked and monitored by the staff of the Department.

The proposed MOU is not a procurement and therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures do not apply.

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) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

I respectfully recommend approval of the attached proposed resolution.

MO/MKC/LAC

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/07/2023 - PAYMOND COUNTY, SECRETARY

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 (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New York State Office of Mental Health, in order to accept grant funds in the amount of \$474,418 for the period commencing retroactively on September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023, pursuant to which the Department will provide the allowable services in support of Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness ("PATH") for persons who are affected by mental health disabilities and co-occurring substance abuse disorders and who are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute all instruments and to take any and all 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	Activity	Dollars
263	26	Y054	GRNT	G054	4000	\$474,418

Budget Funding Year(s): _____ Start Date: 09/01/21 End Date: 08/31/23
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

	Tax Dollars:	_____
	State Aid:	<u>\$474,418</u>
	Federal Aid:	_____
<u>\$474,418</u>	Other:	_____

(must match resolution)