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Department of Probation
Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner

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DATE: April 18, 2025

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF PREDISPOSITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND POSTDISPOSITIONAL TREATMENT TO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SEX OFFENDERS AND FIRE SETTERS APPEARING IN FAMILY COURT AND PRE AND POSTSENTENCE RISK ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT TO ADOLESCENT SEX OFFENDERS AND FIRE SETTERS APPEARING BEFORE THE CRIMINAL COURT AS JUVENILE OFFENDERS, YOUTHFUL/ADOLESCENT OFFENDERS OR YOUNG ADULTS, FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$287,000.00, PAYABLE PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED FEE SCHEDULE.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Probation ("Probation Department" or "Department"), to enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ("WJCS"), pursuant to which WJCS would provide pre-dispositional risk assessment and post-dispositional treatment of juvenile delinquency sex offenders and fire setters appearing before the Family Court and pre- and post-sentence risk assessment and treatment for adolescent sex offenders and fire setters appearing before the criminal court as juvenile offenders, youthful/adolescent offenders or young adults in Westchester County (the "Services"), for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

In consideration Services rendered, WJCS will be paid a total amount not-to-exceed of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$287,000.00) DOLLARS, comprised of: (i) a fee of One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand and 00/100 (\$179,000.00) Dollars for treatment services, payable in equal monthly installments of \$14,917.00 for the first 11 months and at a rate of \$14,913.00 for the twelfth calendar month; and (ii) an amount not-to-exceed One Hundred Eight Thousand and 00/100 (\$108,000.00) Dollars for assessment services, payable at the rate of \$3,600.00 per assessment.

It should be noted that County's obligation to pay WJCS for treatment services in accordance with the monthly installment fee set forth above, shall be strictly limited to those days the treatment services were actually being offered and in effect, and the monthly fees described above will be *prorated* accordingly.

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For the past several years, the Probation Department has provided, through WJCS, the Juvenile Delinquency Treatment Services program. The Juvenile Delinquency Treatment Services program assists Judges to reach appropriate dispositions and sentences for these young offenders including directives for offense specific treatment, offense specific residential placements thus increasing protection of the community.

The public purpose of this proposed Agreement is to increase the public safety of the residents of Westchester County by reducing the risk of repeated sexual offense and fire setting by adjudicated youth through proven behavioral remediation in partnership with Probation supervision and through recommendations of restrictive placement for youth assessed to be at "high risk" for repeated offending behavior. Significant cost saving and protection to the community are gained by minimizing out-of-home (and out-of-state) placement by safely maintaining adjudicated youth in the community with treatment and supervision. All of these young offenders were at serious risk of placement outside the home. At the annual cost of approximately \$200,000 per sex offender placement, the ability to safely monitor these juveniles in the community provides significant cost savings for the County.

Performance of the Juvenile Delinquency Treatment Services program will be tracked in quarterly reports from WJCS to the Probation Department that will detail the number of completed assessments and the timeliness of their submission. Each probation officer assigned to youth receiving treatment will also receive a quarterly report of progress and/or problems report regarding said treatment results. Any high-risk behaviors will immediately be reported to the probation officer.

The Juvenile Delinquency Treatment Services program meets the County's commitment to protect public safety without undue or unjustified expenditure because it provides effective evidence based assessment and treatment protocols at very reasonable rates. Without this program, the young perpetrators would not receive the significant behavioral intervention and influences often needed to motivate and guide this population to reform or control their actions. Research shows that without intensive treatment the youth would likely continue their anti-social behavior and become a greater threat to society as they age and thus a greater public financial and resource burden.

This Agreement is exempt from the application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) xviii thereof, which exempts contracts for the creation and support of recreation projects, youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social well-being of the youth of Westchester County.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

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Enclosure

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ("WJCS"), for the provision of pre-dispositional risk assessment and post-dispositional treatment of juvenile delinquency sex offenders and fire setters in Family Court and pre and post-sentence risk assessment and treatment for adolescent sex offenders and fire setters appearing before the criminal court as juvenile offenders, youthful/adolescent offenders or young adults, for the period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 (the "Agreement"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that In consideration for Services rendered, WJCS will be paid a total amount not-to-exceed of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$287,000.00) DOLLARS, comprised of: (i) a fee of One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand and 00/100 (\$179,000.00) Dollars for treatment services, payable in equal monthly installments of \$14,917.00 for the first 11 months and at a rate of \$14,913.00 for the twelfth calendar month; and (ii) an amount not-to-exceed One Hundred Eight Thousand and 00/100 (\$108,000.00) Dollars for assessment services, payable at the rate of \$3,600.00 per assessment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that County's obligation to pay WJCS for treatment services in accordance with the monthly installment fee set forth above, shall be strictly limited to those days the treatment services were actually being offered and in effect, and the monthly fees described above shall be *prorated* accordingly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to the 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 WJCS, then WJCS 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 appointed designee, be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	39	1000	4380		\$287,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025 Start Date 01/01/2025 End Date 12/31/2025
(must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	\$287,000.00
	State Aid	\$0
	Federal Aid	\$0
	Other	\$

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(must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/01/2025 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY