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To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Robin Schlaff  
Director, Office for Women

Date: November 19, 2024

Subject: Authority to enter into an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. for the provision of therapeutic support services for victims of domestic violence and families in the New Rochelle Family Court catchment area, for a term from December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

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The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. ("FTW") for the provision of therapeutic support services for victims of domestic violence and their families in the New Rochelle Family Court catchment area, commencing on December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

The services to be provided by FTW shall include, but not be limited to: individual counseling, case management, advocacy, family-focused peer support and advocacy services, domestic violence focused parenting education support groups, in-person wellness programming, and coordination and supervision of licensed clinical social workers and/or psychologists.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing therapeutic support services which is a key component in securing the safety, well-being and self-sufficiency of victims of domestic violence and their families. Public safety, medical, and public assistance costs are reduced through financial and personal independence.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are for the provision of therapeutic support services for victims of domestic violence in the New Rochelle Family Court catchment area.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreements will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)(viii) thereof, which exempts contracts with agencies engaging healthcare workers.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/05/2024 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. ("FTW") for the provision of therapeutic support services for victims of domestic violence and their families in the New Rochelle Family Court catchment area, for a term from December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); and be it further

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

**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 these Agreements. 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 the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractors, then the Contractors 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.

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Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$125,000	2024-2025

Budget Funding Year(s): 2024-2025 Start Date: 12/1/2024 End Date: 11/30/2025  
(must match resolution)

\$125,000  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$125,000  
State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_