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Department of Community Mental Health
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Commissioner

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DATE: March 4, 2025

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with Independent Living, Inc., for the provisions of community mental health services, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,023,750.00

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement between the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the "Department"), and Independent Living, Inc. ("Independent Living"), for the provision of community mental health services tailored peer-to-peer recovery support services to help people initiate and/or sustain recovery from alcohol and other substance use disorders as well as providing support to family members of people needing, seeking, or in recovery from alcohol and other substance use disorders (the "Agreement"). The term of the Agreement will commence retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continue through December 31, 2026, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,023,750.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Ordinarily, under Section 6 of the Policy, the County is required to "solicit proposals through the issuance of a request for proposals". However, New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports ("OASAS") issued a State Funding Authorization dated 1/6/25 wherein OASAS authorized the funding to the County to enter into an agreement with Independent Living.

My Department was advised that Independent Living is an agency that OASAS currently provides funding to in Orange County. Independent Living sought to expand to Westchester County and located a site to provide services here which was approved by OASAS. OASAS subsequently re-appropriated the funding that was originally set aside for expansion in Orange County to the County.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof, the Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which this Board determines, by resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the Policy would not be in the best interests of the County. For the reasons set forth above, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of this Agreement from the Policy.

Accordingly, a Resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with Independent Living is hereby submitted for your Honorable Board's consideration.

MO/mkc/lac
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals through the issuance of a request for proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Independent Living, Inc. for the provision of community mental health services, including tailored peer-to-peer recovery support services to help people initiate and/or sustain recovery from alcohol and other substance use disorders as well as providing support to family members of people needing, seeking, or in recovery from alcohol and other substance use disorders.

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