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Commissioner

**88947**

**DATE:** November 18, 2021

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Leonard G. Townes  
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

**SUBJECT:** Authority to enter into an agreement with The Young Women's Christian Association of Yonkers, pursuant to which it will, 1.) provide services to provide and operate an emergency overnight shelter at 68 Palisade Avenue in the city of Yonkers, for single male individuals, with said shelter also providing daytime services on certain days as required, and 2.) provide services to operate an emergency overnight shelter at Operations Drive in Valhalla for persons beyond the capacity of 68 Palisade Avenue, with said emergency shelter also providing daytime services on certain days as required, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,915,030.00.

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Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with The Young Women's Christian Association of Yonkers (the "YWCA of Yonkers"), pursuant to which the YWCA of Yonkers will, 1.) provide services to provide and operate an emergency overnight shelter at 68 Palisade Avenue in the city of Yonkers, for single male individuals, with said shelter also providing daytime services on all 'code blue' days specified by New York State; in other such circumstances when 24-hour shelter must, pursuant to law, be provided; and on any other days as directed by the County and/or New York State ("When Required"), and 2.) provide services to transport additional persons, beyond the capacity of 68 Palisade Avenue, to space at Operations Drive in Valhalla and operate an emergency overnight shelter at that location as needed, and also provide daytime shelter services for such additional persons When Required, (collectively, the "Services") for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,915,030.00.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by enabling the County to provide a safe, supervised place to sleep at night for homeless individuals who are outside the County's shelter system and might otherwise be forced to sleep in public places. The proposed Agreement will also serve a public purposes by enabling the County to provide a safe, warm place for homeless individuals during the daytime as required, such as when New York State specifies a 'code blue' day.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is to enable the County to both provide a safe, supervised place to sleep at night for homeless individuals who are outside the County's shelter system and might otherwise be forced to sleep in public places, and provide a safe, warm place for homeless individuals during the daytime as required, such as when New York State specifies a 'code blue' day.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of health and safety, as enabling the County to both provide a safe, supervised place to sleep at night for homeless individuals who are outside the County's shelter system and might otherwise be forced to sleep in public places, and provide a safe, warm place for homeless individuals during the daytime as required, such as when New York State specifies a 'code blue' day, will ultimately help ensure the health and safety of such persons.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the staff of the Department.

The proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xiv) thereof.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached Resolution.

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## **RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with The Young Women's Christian Association of Yonkers (the "YWCA of Yonkers"), pursuant to which the YWCA of Yonkers will, 1.) provide services to provide and operate an emergency overnight shelter at 68 Palisade Avenue in the city of Yonkers, for single male individuals, with said shelter also providing daytime services on all 'code blue' days specified by New York State; in other such circumstances when 24-hour shelter must, pursuant to law, be provided; and on any other days as directed by the County and/or New York State ("When Required"), and 2.) provide services to transport additional persons, beyond the capacity of 68 Palisade Avenue, to space at Operations Drive in Valhalla and operate an emergency overnight shelter at that location as needed, and also provide daytime shelter services for such additional persons When Required, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,915,030.00; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is subject to 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 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 duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

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Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Accou nt	Dollars
101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$1,915,030

Budget Funding Year(s): 2022 Start Date: 01/01/2022 End Date: 12/31/2022  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: 71%  
State Aid: 29%  
\$1,915,030.00 Federal Aid: 0%  
(must match resolution) Other:

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/06/2022 - RAYMOND SOULKY, SECRETARY