

**92921**

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Robin Schlaff  
Director, Office for Women

Date: April 29, 2022

Subject: (1.) Rescinding a resolution approved on February 24, 2022, which authorized the County to enter into two (2) separate agreements for services in connection with the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team, with Hope's Door, Inc. and Pace University, and (2.) authorizing the County to enter into two (2) separate subaward agreements, each of which will subaward a portion of a grant, will be for a term commencing on October 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2025, and pursuant to which each party is to use the subawarded funds in furtherance of providing grant-funded services in connection with the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team, as follows:

- 1.) Hope's Door, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$711,550.00; and
- 2.) Pace University, in an amount not-to-exceed \$158,868.00.

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By a resolution approved on October 14, 2021, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, acting by and through its Office on Violence Against Women, ("OVW") pursuant to which the County would accept a grant awarded to it by OVW under OVW's Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking ("ICJR") Grant Program (the "Grant"), in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, in order to implement the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team ("DVHRT"), for the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025 (the "Grant Agreement"). The Grant Agreement was subsequently executed.

By a resolution approved on February 24, 2022 (the "February 24th Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County to enter into two (2) separate agreements, each of which would be for a term commencing on October 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2025, and pursuant to which each party would provide services in connection with the DVHRT, as follows:

- 1.) An agreement with Hope's Door, Inc. ("HD"), pursuant to which it was to provide a Project Director to supervise the work of the DVHRT and a High Risk Domestic Violence Advocate to provide direct services to high risk victims by assessing danger, providing safety planning, advocacy and information/referral, for an

amount not-to-exceed \$711,550.00, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; and

- 2.) An agreement with Pace University, ("Pace") pursuant to which it was to provide training to police departments throughout Westchester County as well as participate in case consultations and oversee referrals for legal services, for an amount not-to-exceed \$158,868.00, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget.

As part of the County's application to OVW for the Grant, the County submitted a 'Memorandum of Understanding' ("MOU"), in accordance with OVW's application guidelines. The MOU specified the "partners" with whom the County would work in implementing and operating the DVHRT. The MOU included the two (2) parties specified above.

Subsequent discussion with OVW suggested that the contractual arrangements with HD and Pace should be subaward agreements, whereby HD and Pace would be Grant subrecipients, rather than County contractors.

Accordingly, the County respectfully requests, (1.) that your Honorable Board rescind the February 24th Resolution, and (2.) authorize the County to enter into two (2) separate subaward agreements, each of which will subaward a portion of the Grant; will be for a term commencing on October 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2025, and pursuant to which each party will use the subawarded funds in furtherance of providing Grant-funded services in connection with the DVHRT, as follows:

- 1.) A subaward agreement with HD, concerning the provision of a Project Director to supervise the work of the DVHRT and a High Risk Domestic Violence Advocate involved in providing direct services to high risk victims by assessing danger, providing safety planning, advocacy and information/referral, in an amount not-to-exceed \$711,550.00, based upon actual expenses incurred; and
- 2.) A subaward agreement with Pace University ("Pace") concerning the provision of training to police departments throughout Westchester County and participation in case consultations and overseeing referrals for legal services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$158,868.00, based upon actual expenses incurred.

The proposed subaward agreements will serve a public purpose by ultimately facilitating the provision of services intended to enhance the safety and independence of victims of abuse.

The goal and objective of the proposed subaward agreements is to make subawards of Grant funds in furtherance of implementing the DVHRT throughout Westchester in order to assess and address risk of serious harm or death for victims of intimate partner violence, connect victims with services, increase the number of prosecutions, and provide greater safety for victims and their families.

The goal and objective of the proposed subaward agreements is in the best interests of the County in terms of the public health, safety and general welfare, as the subawards are in furtherance of implementing the DVHRT, which is anticipated to increase the

support services that victims need to stay safe, and help prevent intimate partner homicides in Westchester County.

The goal and objective of the proposed subaward agreements will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution.

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## **RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the resolution approved on February 24, 2022, which authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into two (2) separate agreements for services in connection with the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team ("DVHRT"), with Hope's Door, Inc. ("HD") and Pace University, is hereby rescinded; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that County is hereby authorized to enter into two (2) separate subaward agreements, each of which will subaward a portion of a grant being received by the County, will be for a term commencing on October 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2025, and pursuant to which each party will use the subawarded funds in furtherance of providing grant-funded services in connection with the DVHRT, as follows:

- 1.) A subaward agreement with Hope's Door, Inc. concerning provision of a Project Director to supervise the work of the DVHRT and a High Risk Domestic Violence Advocate involved in providing direct services to high risk victims by assessing danger, providing safety planning, advocacy and information/referral, in an amount not-to-exceed \$711,550.00, based upon actual expenses incurred; and
- 2.) A subaward agreement with Pace University, concerning the provision of training to police departments throughout Westchester County and participation in case consultations and overseeing referrals for legal services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$158,868.00, based upon actual expenses incurred

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**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

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\$711,550.00 HD  
\$158,868.00 Pace  
**\$870,418.00 Total**

Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
263	11	W042	4380	G042	\$870,418.00	2021-2025

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021-2025 Start Date: 10/1/2021 End Date: 9/30/2025  
(must match resolution)

\$870,418.00  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Aid: \$870,418.00

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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