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Acting Chair,
Westchester County
Board of Legislators

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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Nancy E. Barr
Acting Chair, Westchester County Board of Legislators

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Westchester Children's Association, Inc. to convene a workshop of key leaders and decision makers to further analyze existing mental health issues of school aged children, review and report on the findings from an Invest in Kids pilot program and educate the community on the social and emotional health of children and actionable steps to repair damage on children's mental health brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic and long-lasting inequities, for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$57,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget.

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Board of Legislators, to enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with Westchester Children's Association, Inc. ("WCA"), pursuant to which WCA will, among other things, host education events and workshops with key leaders and decision makers on children's mental health and well-being to further analyze existing mental health issues of school aged children, review and report on the findings from an Invest in Kids pilot program and educate the community on the social and emotional health of children and actionable steps to repair damage on children's mental health brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic and long-lasting inequities, for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$57,000.00, payable half upon execution of the Agreement and half on or about September 1, 2023, pursuant to an approved budget.

Pursuant to the Agreement, WCA will convene workgroups with key leaders and decision makers to further examine and analyze issues raised and coordinate

strategies, review and report on the findings from an Invest in Kids pilot program of direct service therapy for school age children and educate the community on the social and emotional health of our children and present them with facts, data and actionable steps to support the ultimate goals to repair the damage brought both by the pandemic and long-standing inequities thus transforming our communities.

The goal and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to support and improve youth mental health and well-being.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by improving mental health and well-being of school age children.

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

It is respectfully requested and recommended that your Honorable Board approve the annexed Resolution.

NEB/cmc

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Chair of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") is authorized to enter into an Agreement ("Agreement") with Westchester Children's Association, Inc. ("WCA"), pursuant to which WCA will, among other things, convene workshops and educational events with key leaders and decision makers to further analyze existing mental health issues of school aged children, review and report on the findings from an Invest in Kids pilot program and educate the community on the social and emotional health of children and actionable steps to repair damage on children's mental health brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic and long-lasting inequities, for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$57,000.00, payable half upon execution of the Agreement and half on or about September 1, 2023, pursuant to an approved budget; 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 the 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 adoptions(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 WCA, then WCA shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Acting Chair of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, or her duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take such actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Sub-unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Dollars
101	52	2508	0010	5100	\$57,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

Start Date 1/1/23 End Date 12/31/23

Funding Source

Tax Dollars \$57,000.00

State Aid

\$57,000.00

Federal Aid

(must match resolution)

Other

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