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To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Honorable George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

Date: May 5, 2023

Subject: Authority to amend a grant agreement for the Upstate Model Family Representation Office grant with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a model Family Representation Office to extend the termination date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024 and to amend an agreement with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley to extend the termination date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024

On May 21, 2020, your Honorable Board approved a resolution (the "May 21st Resolution") authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into two (2) agreements: 1) a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Upstate Model Family Representation Office grant (Contract No. C01UMFRO) (the "Grant") for the receipt of \$2,610,417.00 for a model Family Representation Office to provide legal representation to parents in child protective proceedings under the New York Family Court Act, Article 10, and termination of parental rights proceedings for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022 (the "Grant Agreement"); and 2) an agreement with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley ("LSHV") to implement the County work plan under the Grant in an amount not to exceed \$2,610,417.00, for the period October 1, 2019 through September 20, 2022, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"). The Grant Agreement and the Agreement were subsequently executed.

On November 25, 2020, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to amend the budget box of the May 21st Resolution as it was determined that Office for Women would be overseeing the Grant Agreement and the Agreement and therefore the "budget box" contained in the May 21st Resolution required an amendment.

On October 13, 2022, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to amend the Grant Agreement in order to extend the term of the Grant

Agreement by one (1) year, for a new term commencing October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2023, and to amend the Agreement in order to extend the term of the Agreement by one (1) year, for a new term commencing October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2023 (the "First Amendments"). The First Amendments were subsequently executed.

Authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Grant Agreement in order to extend the term of the Grant Agreement by one (1) year, for a new term commencing October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2024, and to amend the Agreement in order to extend the term of the Agreement by one (1) year, for a new term commencing October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2024 (the "Second Amendments").

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and Agreement shall remain the same.

The proposed Second Amendments will serve a public purpose by providing additional time for LSHV to provide legal representation to parents in child protective proceedings and termination of parental rights proceedings.

The goal and objective of the proposed Second Amendments is to provide additional time for LSHV to provide legal representation to parents in child protective proceedings and termination of parental rights proceedings.

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

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive and 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 amend a grant agreement ("Grant Agreement") with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a model Family Representation Office for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$2,610,417.00, in order to extend the term of the Grant Agreement by one (1) year, for a new term commencing October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2024, and to amend an agreement ("Agreement") with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley ("LSHV") pursuant to which LSHV will provide legal representation to parents in child protective proceedings under New York Family Court Act, Article 10, and termination of parental rights proceedings to improve the quality of services provided under Article 18-B, for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$2,610,417.00, in order to extend the term of the Agreement by one (1) year, for a new term commencing October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and the Agreement shall remain the same; 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.

Account(s) to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
					\$0	

Budget Funding Year(s) 2019-2024 Start Date: 10/1/2019 End Date: 9/30/2024
(must match resolution)

\$0

(must match resolution)

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

Federal Aid _____

Other _____