

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

**DRAFT
AGREEMENT
ON FILE**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive requesting that this Honorable Board authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women (the "County"), to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation ("WCHCC") pursuant to which WCHCC would provide free culturally-competent bilingual services for victims of sexual assault residing in Westchester County through its Sexual Assault, Abuse and Victim's Empowerment ("SAAVE") Program for the term commencing on January 1, 2022 and continuing through December 31, 2024 (the "Agreement").

Your Committee is advised that the foreign born population of Westchester county accounts for almost 24% of the population, evenly split between naturalized US citizens and non-citizens with Hispanics accounting for more than 20%. It is generally accepted that the number of Spanish-speaking mono and bi-lingual residents has been growing and is actually much greater than the numbers stated. The needs of this community for services for victims of sexual assault have increased with the increase in population. It is estimated that only 16% of sex crimes are actually reported statewide, making it difficult to accurately estimate the number in Westchester. The trauma associated with sexual violence creates a significant health burden for survivors of sexual assault. These health problems can lead to hospitalization, interruptions in ability to work, disability and death.

Your Committee is advised that the services to be provided by the WCHCC through its SAAVE Program pursuant to the proposed Agreement will include access to a bilingual 24/7 hotline; crisis counseling and advocacy; accompaniment to appropriate resources including sexual assault exams, police, hospitals and other providers; comprehensive outreach; education; follow-up; and other related culturally-competent services. In consideration for services rendered, the County shall pay the Corporation a total amount not-to-exceed Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars, payable in accordance with an approved budget.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, the proposed agreement described above does not meet the definition of an "action" under the State Environmental

Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR part 617. As such, no environmental review is required. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 14, 2022, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Your Committee has been advised that Section 3307(4) of the New York Public Authorities Law requires the approval of your Honorable Board and the Board of Acquisition and Contract for this Agreement. Pursuant to that section, said approval of the Board of Legislators must be by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the voting strength of the Board.

Your Committee has carefully considered and recommends approval of the proposed Act.

Dated: September 12, 2022

White Plains, New York

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Human Services,
Human Rights
& Equity

Dated: September 12, 2022
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely, pursuant to Chapter 1 of New York State Laws of 2022, and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE**

Mary Jane Shimsky
Catherine By

**HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

Mary Jane Shimsky
Catherine By

**HUMAN SERVICES, HUMAN
RIGHTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE**

Catherine By

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: SAAVE Program

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ 100,000

Total Current Year Revenue \$ -

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations

Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 263 11 111X 4380 (trust funded through interdepartmental plan with DSS)

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$0.00

Describe: 2022 not-to-exceed amount to provide bilingual services to victims of sexual assault through the SAAVE Program

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount \$0.00

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: \$0.00

Next Four Years: \$200,000.00

2023-2024 not-to-exceed amount to operate the Sexual Assault, Abuse and Victim's Empowerment (SAAVE) Program (\$100,000 per year)

Prepared by: Stephanie Basilan

Title: Program Admin, CT Mangement

Department: Office for Women

Date: June 16, 2022

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Reviewed By: *[Signature]*

Budget Director

Date: 6/23/22

An Act authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for the term commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 pursuant to which the WCHCC shall provide free culturally-competent bilingual services for victims of sexual assault residing in Westchester County.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation (“WCHCC”) to provide free culturally-competent bilingual services for victims of sexual assault residing in Westchester County through its Sexual Assault, Abuse and Victim’s Empowerment (“SAAVE”) Program, including but not limited to: access to a bilingual 24/7 hotline; crisis counseling and advocacy; accompaniment to appropriate resources including sexual assault exams, police, hospitals and other providers; comprehensive outreach; education; follow-up; and other related services for the term commencing on January 1, 2022 and terminating on December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars, payable to WCHCC pursuant to an approved budget.

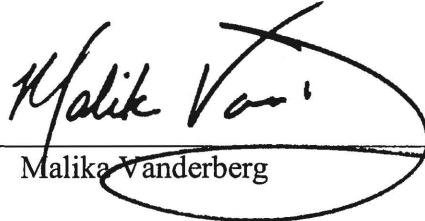
§2. The County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute all instruments and to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

§3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY)

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 111 - 2022, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole, of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on September 12, 2022, and approved by the County Executive on September 16, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 19th day of September, 2022.



The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

