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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FOR OPIOID
PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND ACCEPT
CONTRACTUAL AWARD**

Whereas, by letter dated January 12, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health for the period January 2024 through December 2024 to accept the contractual awards in the amount of \$48,111 and \$11,000 totaling \$59,111 for opioid prevention programs to be implemented by the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the critical importance of addressing opioid misuse and addiction among its residents, particularly its youth population; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) is poised to undertake evidence-based activities aimed at discouraging and preventing the misuse of opioids within the community; and

Whereas, the Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) has designated funds to support initiatives aimed at combating substance abuse and promoting mental health; and

Whereas, the proposed activities include public education on drug disposal, corrective advertising campaigns, drug take-back programs, community-based education, greater access to mental health services for young people, engagement with non-profits and faith-based communities, and collaboration with school-based or youth-focused programs; and

Whereas, the MVYB has been awarded a contractual award totaling \$59,111 from the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health to implement these vital programs; and

Whereas, the funds for these programs are designated under revenue code A2229.8 and appropriations in various budget codes, including A7330.101 (Salaries), A7330.402 (Travel), A7330.405 (Contracted Outside Services), A7330.458 (Misc), and A7330.467 (Program Supplies); and

Whereas, no matching funds are required for this grant, thereby alleviating the financial burden on the City of Mount Vernon; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is hereby authorized to retroactively enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health for the period January 2024 through December 2024 to accept the awards in the amount of \$48,111 and \$11,000 totaling \$59,111 for opioid prevention programs to be implemented by the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau.

Section 2. Program Implementation. The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau shall utilize the awarded funds to carry out evidence-based activities aimed at discouraging and preventing the misuse of opioids as outlined in the agreement with the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health.

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Section 3. Fiscal Allocation. The funds received under Revenue Code A2229.8 shall be appropriated to the following Budget Codes:

- A7330.101 (Salaries)
- A7330.402 (Travel)
- A7330.405 (Contracted Outside Services)
- A7330.458 (Misc)
- A7330.467 (Program Supplies)

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

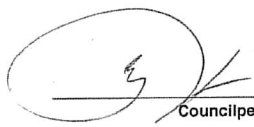
Vote Taken As Follows: 2/14/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

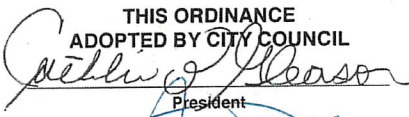

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

Dept. _____


Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


President

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED


Date

By

Mayor