

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2020       Consent       Regular  
     Ordinance       Public Hearing

**Department**  
**Submitted By:** Youth Services Department  
**Submitted For:** Youth Services Department

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: Contract for Consulting/Professional Services with Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc., for the period October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, in an amount of \$100,000 for continued funding of two (2) full-time positions for the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

**Summary:** Since FY 2017, the Board of County Commissioners has provided funding to allow Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc. (Speak Up for Kids) to hire two (2) full-time employees; a Child Advocate Manager (CAM) and an Administrative Specialist (AS), along with associated operational expenses. Speak Up for Kids is a 501(c)(3) Florida non-profit corporation that supports the Guardian Ad Litem Program (GAL) within the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Speak Up for Kids ensures that GAL can recruit, train and support more GAL Volunteer Child Advocates and advocates for the abused, abandoned and neglected children in the County’s dependency system, facilitating their development, ensuring their right to a safe and permanent home, and building their future. This Contract allows for continued funding of those two (2) positions in FY2021. This Contract includes reporting measurements specific to Speak Up for Kids, Inc. and the work performed. After completion of the contract year, a report will be generated detailing progress in meeting their performance measurements. Countywide (HH)

**Background and Justification:** GAL is a partnership of community advocates and professional staff providing a voice on behalf of abused and neglected children. Speak Up for Kids currently supports GAL full-time and part-time positions, including positions that are grant funded by the Office of the Florida Attorney General, and is quite familiar with GAL complexities and strives to have a GAL volunteer, trained and court-appointed, for all abused, abandoned and neglected children. Currently there are 22 full-time CAMs, one (1) part-time Staff Advocate, and three (3) Supervisors. The County currently employs one (1) Secretary and one (1) Guardian Ad Litem Training Coordinator. Each CAM has an average caseload of 70 children, and collectively supervise 646 active volunteers. There are currently 1,720 kids being served by Childnet, Inc., 1,457 of those are assigned to GAL, 951 have a volunteer assigned to them, and the rest are covered by GAL staff.

**Attachment:**

1. Contract for Consulting/Professional Services w/Exhibits A & B (2)

**Recommended by:**       7/27/2020  
    Department Director      Date

**Approved by:**       8/18/2020  
    Assistant County Administrator      Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs		\$100,000			
External Revenue					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>		\$100,000			
No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget?      Yes   X        No         
 Does this item include the use of federal funds?      Yes             No   X  

**Budget Account**      **Exp No:**  
 Fund   0001        Dept   150        Unit   5219        Obj   3401    
**Rev No:**  
 Fund             Dept             Unit             Obj       

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact associated with this Contract shall be funded by FY2021 ad valorem.

Departmental Fiscal Review: *Unaudited*

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

*[Signature]* 8/11/2020  
 OFMB *[Signature]* 8/3

*[Signature]* 8/11/2020  
 Contract Development & Control  
 8-11-2020

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*[Signature]* 8-14-2020  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

## **CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

This Contract is made as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, by and between Palm Beach County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, and Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc., a not-for-profit authorized to do business in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the AGENCY, whose Federal I.D. is 80-0345608.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the COUNTY and the AGENCY agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1 - SERVICES**

The AGENCY'S responsibility under this Contract is to hire and assign two full-time positions and fund certain program and operating expense for these positions under the Guardian Ad Litem program, as more specifically set forth in the Scope of Work detailed in **Exhibit A**.

The COUNTY'S representative/liason during the performance of this Contract shall be Tammy K. Fields, Director (telephone no. 561-242-5701).

The AGENCY'S representative/liason during the performance of this Contract shall be Coleen LaCosta, Executive Director (telephone no. 561-408-7779).

### **ARTICLE 2 - SCHEDULE**

The AGENCY shall commence services on October 1, 2020, and complete all services by September 30, 2021.

Reports, frequency and requirements, and other items shall be delivered or completed in accordance with the detailed schedule set forth in **Exhibit A**.

### **ARTICLE 3 - PAYMENTS TO AGENCY**

- A. The total amount to be paid by the COUNTY under this Contract for all services and materials including, if applicable, "out-of-pocket" expenses (specified in paragraph C below) shall not exceed a total Contract amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000). The AGENCY shall notify the COUNTY'S representative in writing when 90% of the "not to exceed amount" has been reached. The AGENCY will bill the COUNTY on a monthly basis, or as otherwise provided, at the amounts set forth in **Exhibit B** for services rendered toward the completion of the Scope of Work. Where incremental billings for partially completed items are permitted, the total billings shall not exceed the estimated percentage of completion as of the billing date.
- B. Invoices received from the AGENCY pursuant to this Contract will be reviewed and approved by the COUNTY'S representative, to verify that services have been rendered in

conformity with the Contract. Approved invoices will then be sent to the Finance Department for payment. Invoices will normally be paid within thirty (30) days following the COUNTY representative's approval.

- C. "Out-of-pocket" expenses will be reimbursed up to an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$6,353), and in accordance with the list of the types and amounts of expenditures eligible for reimbursement as set forth in **Exhibit B**. All requests for payment of "out-of-pocket" expenses eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this Contract shall include copies of paid receipts, invoices, or other documentation acceptable to the Palm Beach County Finance Department. Such documentation shall be sufficient to establish that the expense was actually incurred and necessary in the performance of the Scope of Work described in this Contract. Any travel, per diem, mileage, meals, or lodging expenses which may be reimbursable under the terms of this Contract will be paid in accordance with the rates and conditions set forth in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- D. The CONSULTANT is obligated to provide the COUNTY with the properly completed requests for all funds paid relative to this Contract no later than October 5<sup>th</sup> of each fiscal year. Any amounts not submitted by October 15<sup>th</sup>, shall remain the COUNTY'S and the COUNTY shall have no further obligation with respect to such amounts.
- E. Final Invoice: In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, the AGENCY will clearly state "final invoice" on the AGENCY'S final/last billing to the COUNTY. This shall constitute AGENCY'S certification that all services have been properly performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to Palm Beach County. Any other charges not properly included on this final invoice are waived by the AGENCY.
- F. In order to do business with Palm Beach County, the AGENCY is required to create a Vendor Registration Account OR activate an existing Vendor Registration Account through the Purchasing Department's Vendor Self Service (VSS) system, which can be accessed at <https://pbevssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>. If the AGENCY intends to use sub-consultants, the AGENCY must also ensure that all sub-consultants are registered as consultants in VSS. All subcontractor agreements must include a contractual provision requiring that the sub-consultant register in VSS. The COUNTY will not finalize a contract award until the COUNTY has verified that the AGENCY and all of its sub-consultants are registered in VSS.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE**

Signature of this Contract by the AGENCY shall also act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates, over-head charges, and other costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Contract are accurate, complete and current as of the date of the Contract and no higher than those charged the AGENCY'S most favored customer for the same or substantially similar service.

The said rates and costs shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums should the COUNTY determine that the rates and costs were increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or noncurrent wage

rates or due to inaccurate representations of fees paid to outside consultants. The COUNTY shall exercise its rights under this Article 4 within three (3) years following final payment.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - TERMINATION**

This Contract may be terminated by the AGENCY upon sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the COUNTY in the event of substantial failure by the COUNTY to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract through no fault of the AGENCY. It may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the COUNTY, with cause, upon five (5) business days' written notice to the AGENCY or without cause upon ten (10) business days' written notice to the AGENCY. Unless the AGENCY is in breach of this Contract, the AGENCY shall be paid for services rendered to the COUNTY'S satisfaction through the date of termination. After receipt of a Termination Notice, except as otherwise directed by the COUNTY, in writing, the AGENCY shall:

- A. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
- B. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
- C. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the COUNTY.
- D. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - PERSONNEL**

The AGENCY represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the COUNTY.

All of the services required hereinunder shall be performed by the AGENCY or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

Any changes or substitutions in the AGENCY'S key personnel, as may be listed in **Exhibit A**, must be made known to the COUNTY'S representative and written approval must be granted by the COUNTY'S representative before said change or substitution can become effective.

The AGENCY warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the highest professional standards in the field.

All of the AGENCY'S personnel (and all Subcontractors), while on County premises, will comply with all COUNTY requirements governing conduct, safety and security.

## **ARTICLE 7 - FEDERAL AND STATE TAX**

The COUNTY is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Taxes. The COUNTY will sign an exemption certificate submitted by the AGENCY. The AGENCY shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the COUNTY, nor is the AGENCY authorized to use the COUNTY'S Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

The AGENCY shall be responsible for payment of its own and its share of its employees' payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits with respect to this Contract.

## **ARTICLE 8 - INSURANCE**

The AGENCY shall, at its sole expense maintain in full force and effect at all times during the term of this Contract, at least the insurance coverage and minimum limits (including endorsements), as described herein. The AGENCY shall agree to provide the COUNTY with at least ten (10) days' prior notice of any cancellation, non-renewal or material change to the insurance coverage. Failure to maintain the required insurance shall be a basis for termination of this Contract. The requirements contained herein, as well as the COUNTY'S review or acceptance of insurance maintained by the AGENCY are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the AGENCY under this Contract. Where applicable, coverage shall apply on a primary basis.

- A. **Commercial General Liability** – The AGENCY shall maintain, on a primary basis, Commercial General Liability insurance at a limit of not less than **\$500,000** each occurrence. Policy shall not contain any endorsement(s) limiting or excluding coverage for Contractual Liability, or Cross Liability
- B. **Business Automobile Liability** – The AGENCY shall maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than **\$500,000** each accident for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event the AGENCY does not own any automobiles, the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended allowing the AGENCY to agree to maintain only Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability. This amended requirement may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability, or separate Business Auto coverage form.
- C. **Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability** – The AGENCY shall maintain Worker's Compensation & Employers Liability in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes.
- D. **Additional Insured** – The AGENCY shall endorse the COUNTY as an Additional Insured with a CG 2026 Additional Insured - Designated Person or Organization endorsement, or its equivalent, to the Commercial General Liability. The Additional Insured endorsement shall read "Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, its Officers, Employees and Agents."

- E. **Waiver of Subrogation** – The AGENCY hereby waives any and all rights of Subrogation against the COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents for each required policy. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit an insured to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement to the policy, then the AGENCY shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy, which specifically prohibits such an endorsement, or which voids coverage should the AGENCY enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.
- F. **Certificates of Insurance** – Prior to execution of this Contract or within forty-eight (48) hours of a request by the COUNTY, and at least five (5) days prior to the expiration of any required coverage, the AGENCY shall provide to the below address a signed Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing that all of the insurance coverage required by this Contract are in full force and effect. Said Certificate(s) of Insurance shall include a project description, and, to the extent allowable by the insurer, include a minimum thirty (30) day endeavor to notify due to cancellation (ten (10) days for non-payment of premium) or non-renewal of coverage. The **Certificate Holder** shall read:

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
c/o Youth Services Department  
50 S. Military Trail, Suite 203  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

- G. **Umbrella or Excess Liability** – If necessary, the AGENCY may satisfy the minimum limits required above for Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employer’s Liability coverage under Umbrella or Excess Liability. The Umbrella or Excess Liability shall have an Aggregate limit not less than the highest “each occurrence” limit for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, or Employer’s Liability. The COUNTY shall be specifically endorsed as an “Additional Insured” on the Umbrella or Excess Liability, unless the Certificate of Insurance notes the Umbrella or Excess Liability provides coverage on a “Follow-Form” basis.
- H. **Right to Review** – The COUNTY, by and through its Risk Management Department, in cooperation with the contracting/monitoring department, reserves the right to review, modify, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverage, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this Contract. The COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage because of its poor financial condition or failure to operate legally.

## **ARTICLE 9 - INDEMNIFICATION**

The AGENCY shall protect, defend, reimburse, indemnify and hold the COUNTY, its agents, employees and elected officers harmless from and against all claims, liability, expense, loss, cost, damages or causes of action of every kind or character, including attorney’s fees and costs, whether

at trial or appellate levels or otherwise, arising during and as a result of their performance of the terms of this Contract or due to the acts or omissions of the AGENCY.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The COUNTY and the AGENCY each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Except as above, neither the COUNTY nor the AGENCY shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the other.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - REMEDIES**

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce the Contract will be held in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

No provision of this Contract is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Contract, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the COUNTY and/or the AGENCY.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The AGENCY represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, and the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. The AGENCY further represents that no person having any such conflict of interest shall be employed for said performance of services.

The AGENCY shall promptly notify the COUNTY'S representative, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest of any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the AGENCY'S judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the AGENCY may undertake and request an opinion of the COUNTY as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the COUNTY, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the AGENCY. The COUNTY agrees to notify the AGENCY of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the AGENCY. If, in the opinion of the COUNTY, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the AGENCY, the COUNTY shall so state in the notification and the AGENCY shall, at its option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict



of interest with respect to services provided to the COUNTY by the AGENCY under the terms of this Contract.

### **ARTICLE 13 - EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

The AGENCY shall not be considered in default by reason of any failure in performance if such failure arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the AGENCY or its subcontractors and without their fault or negligence. Such causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God, force majeure, natural or public health emergencies, labor disputes, freight embargoes, and abnormally severe and unusual weather conditions.

Upon the AGENCY'S request, the COUNTY shall consider the facts and extent of any failure to perform the work and, if the AGENCY'S failure to perform was without it or its subcontractors fault or negligence, the contract schedule and/or any other affected provision of this Contract shall be revised accordingly, subject to the COUNTY'S rights to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the work at any time.

### **ARTICLE 14 - ARREARS**

The AGENCY shall not pledge the COUNTY'S credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The AGENCY further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

### **ARTICLE 15 - DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

The AGENCY shall deliver to the COUNTY'S representative for approval and acceptance, and before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and materials prepared by and for the COUNTY under this Contract. Client files and records will remain the property of the AGENCY.

To the extent allowed by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, all written and oral information not in the public domain or not previously known, and all information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the COUNTY or at its expense will be kept confidential by the AGENCY and will not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the COUNTY'S prior written consent unless required by a lawful court order. All drawings, maps, sketches, programs, data base, reports and other data developed, or purchased, under this Contract for or at the COUNTY'S expense shall be and remain the COUNTY'S property and may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the COUNTY.

All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein, or otherwise made in writing by any party pursuant hereto, including but not limited to any representations made herein relating to disclosure or ownership of documents, shall survive the execution and delivery of this Contract and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract, all documents, records, reports and any other materials produced hereunder shall be subject to disclosure, inspection and audit, pursuant to the Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General, Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 - 2-440, as amended.

**ARTICLE 16 - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

The AGENCY is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Contract, an Independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the AGENCY'S sole direction, supervision, and control. The AGENCY shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the AGENCY'S relationship and the relationship of its employees to the COUNTY shall be that of an Independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of the COUNTY.

The AGENCY does not have the power or authority to bind the COUNTY in any promise, agreement or representation.

**ARTICLE 17 - CONTINGENT FEES**

The AGENCY warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the AGENCY to solicit or secure this Contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the AGENCY, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

**ARTICLE 18 - ACCESS AND AUDITS**

The AGENCY shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the work for at least five (5) years after completion or termination of this Contract. The COUNTY shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the AGENCY'S place of business.

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the AGENCY, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

## **ARTICLE 19 – NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The COUNTY is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the AGENCY warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Contract, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of the Contract.

As a condition of entering into this Contract, the AGENCY represents and warrants that it will comply with the COUNTY'S Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described in Resolution 2017-1770, as amended. As part of such compliance, the AGENCY shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or genetic information in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the AGENCY retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The AGENCY shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the County's relevant marketplace in Palm Beach County. The AGENCY understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in termination of this Contract, disqualification or debarment of the company from participating in County contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. The AGENCY shall include this language in its subcontracts.

## **ARTICLE 20 - AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE**

The AGENCY hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner. Proof of such licenses and approvals shall be submitted to the COUNTY'S representative upon request.

## **ARTICLE 21 - SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract, or the application of such terms or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE 22 - PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

As provided in Section 287.132-133, Florida Statutes, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the AGENCY certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the 36 months immediately preceding the date hereof. This notice is required by Section 287.133(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 23 - MODIFICATIONS OF WORK**

The COUNTY reserves the right to make changes in Scope of Work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the AGENCY of the COUNTY'S notification of a contemplated change, the AGENCY shall, in writing: (1) provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the COUNTY of any estimated change in the completion date, and (3) advise the COUNTY if the contemplated change shall affect the AGENCY'S ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract.

If the COUNTY so instructs in writing, the AGENCY shall suspend work on that portion of the Scope of Work affected by a contemplated change, pending the COUNTY'S decision to proceed with the change.

If the COUNTY elects to make the change, the COUNTY shall initiate a Contract Amendment and the AGENCY shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment is signed by the AGENCY and approved and executed on behalf of Palm Beach County.

**ARTICLE 24 - NOTICE**

All notices required in this Contract shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, hand delivery or other delivery service requiring signed acceptance. If sent to the COUNTY, notices shall be addressed to:

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department  
Attn: Tammy K. Fields, Director  
50 S. Military Trail, Suite 203  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

With copy to:

Palm Beach County Attorney's Office  
301 North Olive Ave., Sixth Floor  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

If sent to the AGENCY, notices shall be addressed to:

Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
Attn: Coleen LaCosta, Executive Director  
Post Office Box 1896  
West Palm Beach, FL 33402

**ARTICLE 25 - ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

The COUNTY and the AGENCY agree that this Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Contract may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto in accordance with Article 23 - Modifications of Work.

**ARTICLE 26 - CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

The AGENCY, AGENCY'S employees, subcontractors of AGENCY and employees of subcontractors shall comply with Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-371 – 2-377, the Palm Beach County Criminal History Records Check Ordinance (“Ordinance”), for unescorted access to critical facilities (“Critical Facilities”) or criminal justice information facilities (“CJI Facilities”) as identified in Resolutions R2013-1470 and R2015-0572, as amended. The AGENCY is solely responsible for the financial, schedule, and/or staffing implications of this Ordinance. Further, the AGENCY acknowledges that its Contract price includes any and all direct or indirect costs associated with compliance with this Ordinance, except for the applicable FDLE/FBI fees that shall be paid by the COUNTY.

This Contract may include sites and/or buildings which have been designated as either “critical facilities” or “criminal justice information facilities” pursuant to the Ordinance and above referenced Resolutions, as amended. The COUNTY staff representing the COUNTY department will contact the AGENCY and provide specific instructions for meeting the requirements of this Ordinance. Individuals passing the background check will be issued a badge. The AGENCY shall make every effort to collect the badges of its employees and its subcontractors’ employees upon conclusion of the contract and return them to the COUNTY. If the AGENCY or its subcontractor(s) terminates an employee who has been issued a badge, the AGENCY must notify the COUNTY within two (2) hours. At the time of termination, the AGENCY shall retrieve the badge and shall return it to the COUNTY in a timely manner.

The COUNTY reserves the right to suspend the AGENCY if the AGENCY: 1) does not comply with the requirements of County Code Sections 2-371 - 2-377, as amended; 2) does not contact the COUNTY regarding a terminated AGENCY employee or subcontractor employee within the stated time; or 3) fails to make a good faith effort in attempting to comply with the badge retrieval policy.

## **ARTICLE 27 - REGULATIONS; LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

The AGENCY shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the services contemplated herein, to include those applicable to conflict of interest and collusion. AGENCY is presumed to be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations that may in any way affect the services offered.

## **ARTICLE 28 - PUBLIC RECORDS**

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, as provided under Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, if the AGENCY: (i) provides a service; and (ii) acts on behalf of the COUNTY as provided under Section 119.011(2) Florida Statutes, the AGENCY shall comply with the requirements of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time. The AGENCY is specifically required to:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the COUNTY to perform services as provided under this Contract.
- B. Upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records, provide the COUNTY with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law. The AGENCY further agrees that all fees, charges and expenses shall be determined in accordance with Palm Beach County PPM CW-F-002, Fees Associated with Public Records Requests, as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of this Contract, if the AGENCY does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- D. Upon completion of this Contract the AGENCY shall transfer, at no cost to the COUNTY, all public records in possession of the AGENCY unless notified by COUNTY'S representative/liaison, on behalf of the County's Custodian of Public Records, to keep and maintain public records required by the COUNTY to perform the service. If the AGENCY transfers all public records to the COUNTY upon completion of this Contract, the AGENCY shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the AGENCY keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Contract, the AGENCY shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically by the AGENCY must be provided to COUNTY, upon request of the County's Custodian of Public Records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY, at no cost to COUNTY.

Failure of the AGENCY to comply with the requirements of this article shall be a material breach of this Contract. The COUNTY shall have the right to exercise any and all remedies available to

it, including but not limited to, the right to terminate for cause. The AGENCY acknowledges that it has familiarized itself with the requirements of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and other requirements of state law applicable to public records not specifically set forth herein.

**IF THE AGENCY HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE AGENCY'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT RECORDS REQUEST, PALM BEACH COUNTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, 301 N. OLIVE AVENUE, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401, BY E-MAIL AT RECORDSREQUEST@PBCGOV.ORG OR BY TELEPHONE AT 561-355-6680.**

**ARTICLE 29 - SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

- A. As provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the AGENCY certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to F.S. 287.135(3)(b), if AGENCY is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, this Contract may be terminated at the option of the COUNTY.
  
- B. **When contract value is greater than \$1 million:** As provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the AGENCY certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the Scrutinized Companies With Activities in Sudan List or Scrutinized Companies With Activities in The Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

If the County determines, using credible information available to the public, that a false certification has been submitted by the AGENCY, this Contract may be terminated and a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of this Contract shall be imposed, pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes. Said certification must also be submitted at the time of Contract renewal, if applicable.

**ARTICLE 30 - COUNTERPARTS**

This Contract, including the exhibits referenced herein, may be executed in one or more counterparts all of which shall constitute collectively but one and the same Contract. The COUNTY may execute the Contract through electronic or manual means. The AGENCY shall execute the Contract by manual means only, unless the COUNTY provides otherwise.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Contract on behalf of the COUNTY and AGENCY has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

COUNTY:

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By: [Signature]  
Youth Services Department

AGENCY:

WITNESS:

Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
Company Name

Barbara Wheeler  
Signature

[Signature]  
Signature

Barbara Wheeler  
Name (type or print)

Coleen LaCosta  
Typed Name

Executive Director  
Title

(corp. seal)



*{SIGNATURE PAGES CONTINUED}*

**ATTEST:**

**COUNTY:**

**SHARON R. BOCK  
CLERK AND COMPTROLLER**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Kerner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: /s/Helene C. Hvizd  
County Attorney

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc. (Speak Up For Kids) was founded in 2008 to ensure the Guardian Ad Litem Program of Palm Beach County has the necessary resources to provide every abused, abandoned and neglected child with a court appointed volunteer child advocate. The intention of the advocate is that the children will not get lost in the legal and social service system.

Speak Up for Kids accomplishes its mission by partnering with the 15th Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program. Through this partnership, we assemble a team that includes a child's best interest attorney, a case advocacy manager and a volunteer child advocate, also called a Guardian Ad Litem or GAL. This team works side by side throughout the dependency proceedings, following the child until they are placed in a safe, permanent home.

The Guardian Ad Litem Program facilitates moving the child through the system in the shortest time possible. The Program provides the GAL with the training and support they need to succeed in representing the child's best interest in court. Often the GAL is the only constant presence in the child's life while they are in the system.

Children with a GAL are twice as likely to be adopted or reunited with family members, do better in school, experience fewer placements, and receive more needed services like mental health counseling, dentist and doctor visits.

Speak Up for Kids will hire and maintain two additional positions to provide necessary support to the Guardian Ad Litem Program, and the children it serves. Speak Up for Kids performs Level II background checks during the hiring process, as will be done for both the Child Advocate Manager and Administrative Specialist positions hired pursuant to this Contract. Those individuals in these positions will be required to drive as part of their job responsibilities.

#### **Child Advocate Manager position**

#### **Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc.:**

The Child Advocate Manager staff provides services in the *best interest of the child in Palm Beach County* Monday through Friday.

Staff is responsible for:

- Ensuring compliance with all Circuit and Statewide administrative and operational standards, policies, procedures, and initiatives in order to achieve consistent, effective best interest advocacy for children assigned to the Program.
- Visiting each child in their assigned caseload once every thirty (30) days, gathering information, giving recommendations and providing written reports in order to advocate for and achieve best interest outcomes for each child, with particular emphasis given to safety, permanency, and normalcy for all children assigned.

- Attending and participating in court hearings, depositions, case plan conferences, dependency mediations, staffings, and meetings relating to cases assigned.
- Maintaining complete and accurate case file records relating to all activities, recommendations and results relating to all children served.
- Effectively training, evaluating, providing feedback, coaching, supervising and retaining assigned volunteers, to continually improve the quality and effectiveness of child advocacy.
- Developing effective working relationships with all local agencies, primarily the Department of Children and Families and its contracted agencies, as well as service providers involved in Community Based Care and the child welfare system.

**Administrative Specialist position**

**Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc.:**

The Administrative Specialist staff provides the administrative support for the 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program Monday through Friday.

Staff is responsible for:

- Performing a variety of secretarial work, administrative support, and clerical duties for the 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program.
- Answering telephones and giving information to callers, taking messages, or transferring calls to appropriate individuals.
- Greeting visitors and callers, handling their inquiries and directing them to the appropriate personnel.
- Opening and distributing incoming mail and other materials.
- Operating office equipment such as fax machines, copiers, phone systems, and computers.

**Reporting Requirement**

AGENCY shall submit an annual report in a format acceptable to COUNTY, no later than October 15, 2021, with the following information:

- total # of youth served by the Child Advocate Manager position, to include:
  - Sex
  - Age
  - Race
  - Ethnicity
  - NO names
- Failure to provide any of the above report information in a timely fashion in a format acceptable to the COUNTY, may be grounds for financial reimbursements to be held by the COUNTY staff or may be considered in future funding decisions.
- AGENCY will submit other report formats, as may be requested by the COUNTY, in a format acceptable to the COUNTY.

**Measures:** via Optima Database under Active Children – by Supervisor by Date for all Child Advocate Managers the Administrative Specialist will be assigned to, which reports may be requested by the COUNTY.

**EXHIBIT B**

**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The Scope of Work to be completed by the AGENCY as defined in Exhibit "A" consists of specific completion phases which shall be clearly identified on a phase-by-phase basis upon submission to the COUNTY of certain "deliverables"\* as expressly indicated below. Compensation for the work tasks stated herein shall be in accordance with the following Schedule of Payments:

<i>POSITION</i>	<i>DELIVERABLES</i>		<i>TOTAL</i>
<b>SALARIES / BENEFITS:</b>			<b>\$93,647</b>
Child Advocate Manager	Payroll documentation	\$51,448	
Administrative Specialist	Payroll documentation	\$42,199	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>			<b>\$6,353</b>
Data processing equipment/supplies, mileage program supplies, phones, travel, training and other related operating expenses in support of the Child Advocate Manager and Administrative Specialist referenced above.**	Invoices and proof of payment		
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT</b>			<b>\$100,000</b>

\* "Deliverables" shall be defined as progress reports, prepared maps, bid documents, completed drawings, specific reports, work plans, documentation of meetings attended, assessment study reports, analysis reports, summary reports, recommendation reports and related draft reports and verifiable deliverables.

\*\* All travel will be in accordance with County policy and Florida Statutes