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DATE: May 17, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin P. Mahon
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive and administer a Grant in the amount of \$121,776 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program to provide supportive services to re-housed homeless families and their children and thus help them to move from welfare to self-sufficiency for the period from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011 and also to enter into a separate agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. for the same period to operate the aforesaid program.

The Westchester County Department of Social Services has been notified of a renewal of a grant award in the amount of \$121,776 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. The funds from this grant will in turn be transferred to Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. through a separate agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. to implement a supportive housing program to provide supportive services to an estimated 16 re-housed homeless families and their children in Westchester County. This is a one-year grant renewal for the period from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011.

The program to be operated pursuant to these agreements serves a **public purpose** because it is designed to assist homeless families and their children in the County of Westchester to become self-sufficient and economically independent through assistance with housing and employment.

The **goals and objectives** of the aforesaid agreements are to implement a supportive housing program to provide assistance to an estimated 16 re-housed homeless families and their children in Westchester County to help them obtain and remain in permanent housing and

increase their skills and income as they move from their dependence on public assistance toward greater self-determination and self-sufficiency.

The **goals and objectives** are in the best interests of the County as they address the issues of homelessness and joblessness in the County. The program would help the County to reduce the number of people on public assistance as many of the participants would find employment and/or increase their job skills while maintaining permanent housing. These goals and objectives are also in the **County's best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the supportive services provided hereunder contribute to enabling customers to become independent of public support and/or lessen their reliance on welfare which would result in considerable savings of the money spent on public assistance. **Not executing this contract** would result in fewer families moving toward self-reliance and thereby present additional costs to the County. Further, not utilizing this HUD Grant would mean the costs would need to be shouldered with County funds.

The goals and objectives will be monitored by HUD and the Department. All HUD contracts are required to submit Annual Progress Reports (APR) as a requirement to receive funding. These multi-page reports capture statistical data on those served, the various categories into which they fall, the milestones reached, the money expended, etc. which must match the program outlined in the Technical Submission. If the reports are not submitted, HUD may withhold the money. The Department would be using the same standards in authorizing payments to the vendor.

The Department is pleased to report the following outcomes:

- 100% remained in permanent housing for 1 year or more
- 94% of current participants are engaged in rehabilitation/parenting programs
- 94% of the families maintained custody of their children
- 94% were hospitalized for fewer than 20 psychiatric inpatient days during the operating year
- 94% of all the current participants report abstinence
- 80% are dependent with budgeting, 100% independently access health care, 73% are proficient in housekeeping, 93% are independent with medication management; 60 % are independent in all four (4) areas.

The proposed agreement with HUD is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3 (a) (iii) and the agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester pursuant to Sections 3 (a) xiv of said Policy.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester, acting through and by its Department of Social Services, to enter into the aforesaid agreements for purposes stated above.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting through and by its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive and administer a Grant in the amount of \$121,776 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program to provide supportive services to re-housed homeless families and their children and thus help them to move from welfare to self-sufficiency for the period from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011, and also to enter into a separate agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. for the same period to operate the aforesaid program using the funds made available through the aforesaid grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any document necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	688k	9852	T688	\$121,776
263	22	688k	4380	T688	\$121,776

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010 (Grant Year) Start Date: 6/1/10 End Date: 5/31/11
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____
\$121,776 Revenue	State Aid _____
<u>\$121,776 Expense</u>	Federal Aid <u>100%</u>
(must match resolution)	Other _____

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