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DATE: May 24, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Burroughs
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Agreement Between the County of Westchester and Ossining Children's Center for a Health and Safety Playground Improvement Project at the Ossining Children's Center in the Village of Ossining

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Ossining Children's Center to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The grant will be used for a Health and Safety Playground Improvement project at the Ossining Children's Center in the Village of Ossining. The term of the agreement is from June 21, 2010, to June 20, 2011, and the amount of the grant is \$43,000.00.

The Ossining Children's Center, located in the Village of Ossining, serves low/moderate income families with infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers who otherwise would not be able to receive affordable child care while their parents work. The Ossining Children's Center provides children from infancy to pre-teen with an educational environment and a safe, nurturing environment while their parents work to support their families or to improve their earning capabilities through schooling. The Center has been providing these services for over 100 years.

The Ossining Children's Center plans to renovate the playground equipment at the Center. The project will include, but is not limited to, new poured in place safety surfacing, repairs to existing playground equipment, replace existing wood fencing with vinyl fencing, and install a shade structure.

The agreement will serve the public purpose of protecting the health and safety of the public and promotes fiscal responsibility by securing non-county taxpayer resources.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to provide a safe environment for the children at the Ossining Children's Center by replacing the unsafe playground equipment at the Center. The project will be monitored by the Department of Planning staff, who will make site visits, as well as review the payment requests to make sure all contractual requirements are met.

Should this agreement not be authorized, the hazardous conditions of this playground in this low/moderate income child care center will continue to deteriorate, causing unsafe conditions to the children who attend the center.

R E S O L U T I O N

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ossining Children’s Center, through the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the amount of \$43,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for a period beginning June 21, 2010, and ending June 20, 2011, for a Health and Safety Playground Improvement project at the Ossining Children’s Center in the Village of Ossining. The project will include, but is not limited to, new poured in place safety surfacing, repairs to existing playground equipment, replace existing wood fencing with vinyl fencing, and install a shade structure, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Pursuant to Act No. 11-2010, prior to disbursement of any grant funds received by the County in connection herewith, any recipient must commit in writing to affirmatively further fair housing (“AFFH”) within its borders. Pursuant thereto, such recipient shall agree to certify in writing to the County that it is in compliance with the following terms and conditions, as appropriate, in connection with its commitment to AFFH, in that it will actively further implementation of the Settlement Agreement and Order in *United States of America ex.rel. Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York, Inc. v. Westchester County, NY* through recipient’s land use regulations and other affirmative measures to assist development of affordable housing, under such terms and conditions as approved by the County Attorney.

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/	Trust	
Fund	Dept	Or Unit	Sub Object	Account	Dollars
263	19	067K	4380	T067	\$43,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) FY 2010 Start Date June 21, 2010 End Date June 20, 2011

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$43,000.00 Federal Aid \$43,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 (must match resolution)

Other _____