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DATE July 8, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs  
Acting Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Agreement Between the County of Westchester and New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal for the Administration of a Family Self-Sufficiency Program in Westchester County for Fiscal Year 2010

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) to accept a grant to administer the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program for the Year 2010. Included in the terms of the agreement is the designation of the County as Local Administrator of the program. We are currently assisting over 300 eligible families and individuals; however this number will be reduced to not fewer than 200 families and individuals as our funding has been reduced. The reductions will be through attrition and graduations from the program. The eligible families and individuals will receive assistance in order to become less dependent on government services for day to day existence. The FY 2010 funding is \$240,000.00, to be used for staffing and operational costs associated with the functioning of the FSS Program. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010.

The funds for the administration of this program are available from the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, which is the official applicant to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Family Self-Sufficiency allocations. All costs for operating the program are paid by this federal grant.

Since 1992, the Westchester County Planning Department, through the Division of Housing and Community Development, has administered the FSS Program throughout Westchester County. The Family Self-Sufficiency Program includes, but is not limited to, counseling, educational and vocational training to help people become financially independent.

The agreement will serve the public purpose of providing services to individuals/families who qualify under the Family Self-Sufficiency Program to sustain their affordable housing.

The goal and objective of this grant agreement is to provide services to low income households to help them achieve financial stability, thus reducing their need for public assistance. The program will be monitored by the Westchester County Planning Department's Section 8 office who will oversee the application process and review the eligibility of each applicant and their progress.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EB/  
Attachment

R E S O L U T I O N

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal to accept a grant to operate the Family Self-Sufficiency Program in 2010, in the amount of \$240,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for a period beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010. The program will assist eligible families and individuals to become financially independent, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate purposes hereof, and be it further

Recommended for Approval:

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/	Trust	
Fund	Dept	Or Unit	Sub Object	Account	Dollars
263	19	468K	9853	T468	\$240,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2010 Start Date January 1, 2010 End Date December 31, 2010  
 (Must Match Resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$240,000.00 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Federal Aid \$240,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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