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DATE March 22, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs, Commissioniонер
Department of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an Agreement between the County of Westchester and the Preservation Company, Inc., to provide funds for a Life Skills Training Program to Consortium Residents, primarily in the Peekskill Area

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Preservation Company, Inc., to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant will be used to provide a life skills training program to Consortium residents primarily in the Peekskill area. The amount of the grant is \$45,000.00, and the term is April 1, 2011, to September 30, 2011.

The Preservation Company Inc., is a non-profit housing and community development organization serving the Peekskill area. Their mission is to increase and improve the supply of housing for low and moderate income households and to contribute to community development and revitalization efforts. The Life Skills Training Program will educate low income families on meeting their obligations as tenants and/or homeowners in order for them to maintain and retain housing. The Preservation Company, Inc., will also provide financial education such as banking, savings, budgeting, credit and other financial planning classes. Last contract period the Preservation Company exceeded their goals. During this contract period they will provide life skill training to 50 tenants and 10 homeowners. This United Way 2-1-1 program will be used to respond and refer residents in need of assistance as well as provide basic information regarding the program. A minimum of 10 agencies currently offering ongoing housing services throughout Westchester County will be offered the opportunity to incorporate the Life Skills Program into their existing services and workshops will be facilitated by The Preservation Company and its volunteers.

This agreement will serve the public purpose of fiscal responsibility and prevention of homelessness.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to provide life skills training in order for the low-income residents of the Consortium, primarily in the Peekskill area to maintain and remain in permanent housing. The agreement exhibits fiscal responsibility by providing funds from other non-County sources.

This procurement is in compliance with the County of Westchester Procurement Policy Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)xvi, which states that contracts with recipients for disbursement of grants or loans under the Community Development Block Grant Program are exempt.

Act #11-2010, adopted March 15, 2010, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to file an FY 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan application consisting of an Action Plan for Fiscal

Year 2010 as an Urban County to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

On April 29, 2010, the Board of Acquisition and Contract approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the thirty-fifth year grant totaling \$8,473,589.00 from HUD. The allocation for the Community Development Block Grant Program is \$6,378,239.00. This project will be funded from the thirty-fifth year CDBG allocation.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EB/cp
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

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 Preservation Company, Inc., through the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the amount of \$45,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for a term beginning April 1, 2011, and ending September 30, 2011, to provide a life skills training program to Consortium residents primarily in the Peekskill area that will enable low-income residents to maintain and remain in permanent housing, and be it further

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.

Recommended for Approval:

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	19	067K	4380	T067	\$45,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010 Start Date April 1, 2011 End Date September 30, 2011
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____

\$45,000.00 Federal Aid \$45,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(must match resolution) Other _____

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