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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

17546

DATE: February 24, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester 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 \$58,545 and to enter into a separate agreement with the Renaissance Project, Inc., for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 to utilize the funds received under the Grant agreement for the lease and operation of two (2) apartments to house chemically dependent homeless adults being discharged from Renaissance’s long-term residential program**

The Westchester County Department of Social Services has been notified of a grant award (Number **NY0487B2T040802**) in the amount of \$58,545 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”). Authority is requested to enter into a grant agreement with HUD for receipt of the grant funds and with the Renaissance Project, Inc. to utilize the grant funds to pay rental and operational expenses for housing chemically dependent homeless adults being discharged from their long-term residential program for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The proposed agreement with the Renaissance Project, Inc. will lease two (2-bedroom) apartments providing transitional housing for up to four same sex clients at one time along with case management and linkage to chemical dependency treatment.

No County funds will be required for these agreements as \$8,160 in matching funds required by HUD are being provided by the Renaissance Project.

Providing housing and supportive services for needy individuals is in the best interests of the County as it addresses homelessness as well as the difficulties encountered in the day-to-day life experiences of formerly homeless persons and those with chemical dependencies. The program will help the County reduce the number of people on public assistance as many individuals participating in the program will retain housing. The goals and objectives will be monitored by HUD and the Department. All HUD contracts are required to submit Annual Progress Reports (“APR’s”) in order to receive funding. These multi-page reports capture statistical data on those served, the various categories they fall into, 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 funding. The Department would be using the same standards in authorizing payments to the Renaissance Project, Inc.

The public purpose of the proposed agreements is to provide housing as well as supportive services to persons who are homeless and chemically dependent, as required by HUD regulations. The goal and objective of providing housing and operational expenses to needy individuals will be monitored by the Department of Social Services through the performance measures guidelines.

The proposed grant agreement and the agreement with the Renaissance Project, Inc. are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a) (iii) and 3(a) (xvii) of the policy, respectively.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for 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 to receive and administer a grant in the amount of \$58,545 and to enter into a separate agreement with the Renaissance Project, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

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

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement (Number **NY0487B2T040802**) with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to receive and administer a grant in the amount of \$58,545 and to enter into a separate agreement with the Renaissance Project, Inc. for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 to utilize the funds in the amount of \$58,545 received under the grant agreement to pay rental and operational expenses for housing chemically dependent homeless adults discharged from their long-term residential program and; be it further

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

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	688K	9852	T688	\$58,545
263	22	688K	4380	T688	\$58,545

Budget Funding Year(s): 2010 (Grant Year) Start Date: 01/01/11 End Date: 12/31/11
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:

\$58,545 (Expense)

\$58,545 (Revenue)

(must match resolution)

Federal Aid: 100%

Other: _____