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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: May 6, 2011
TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract
FROM: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
RE: Authority To:

- a) Enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, to accept a grant in the amount of \$137,408 to support subsidized job placements for TANF-eligible participants under the Green Jobs Corps 2 Program for the period January 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011, and
- b) Enter into an agreement with the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (“WestCOP”) to provide placement services for TANF-eligible participants in subsidized jobs under the Green Jobs Corps 2 Program for the period January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$137,408 made available through the above said grant agreement

The County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Social Services (the “Department”), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA”), to accept a grant in the amount of \$137,408 to support subsidized job placements under the Green Jobs Corps 2 Program (the “Program”) for the period January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

Authority is also sought to enter into an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (WestCOP) to provide placement services in subsidized jobs under the Program for the period January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$137,408 made available through the aforesaid grant agreement. The late submission of the resolution was due to the delay in the award notification from New York State.

The Green Jobs Corps 2 Program is designed to place participants lacking adequate job skills or work history into subsidized employment for 13 weeks. Participants will also receive Occupational Skills Training as an assistant in one of the following fields: Green Construction, Green Carpentry and Green Plumbing during the subsidized period through the respective employer. If unsubsidized employment is not achieved, then WestCOP's Case Manager/Job Developer will continue to work with participants to help them find paid employment opportunities in the Green Jobs sector as a focus. In addition, the Case Manager/Job Developer will provide such participants with a higher level of job readiness activities intended to better prepare them for full time unsubsidized employment.

The agreements will serve a **public purpose** in that they will create subsidized employment for TANF-eligible individuals with the ultimate goal of finding permanent unsubsidized employment. As participants receive increased job training and overcome barriers to employment, they gain self sufficiency as well as necessary skills required to retain long-term employment, thereby promoting the general health, safety and welfare of Westchester County residents.

The goals and objectives of this program are to decrease the dependence of "hard-to-serve" TANF-eligible participants on Temporary Assistance by providing effective job placements for these individuals. By placing individuals who are lacking adequate work history or, who may have other barriers to employment in subsidized employment, the participants will develop positive work skills, receive employment readiness training, job search and job placement services, with an emphasis on building relationships and helping them develop the confidence needed to succeed.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County regarding fiscal responsibility in that there is a significant economic cost for individuals in receipt of Temporary Assistance. For example, in 2010, it cost the County approximately \$11,520 per year for each TANF case in the Family Assistance category. The use of this wage subsidy program, may lead to job placement, and significantly reduce the dollar amount of Westchester County's fiscal responsibilities. The financial impact of this program may be measured in terms of income earned through employment as a result of the services received under this contract.

The performance measurement indicators will be tracked through the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as through direct contact with the Department's Program Office. DSS is also required to report performance outcomes to New York State, OTDA. This will be the first time that WestCOP is administering this program. So there are no outcomes to report at present.

The agreement with OTDA is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the "Procurement Policy") pursuant to Section 3(a) (iii) thereof. The agreement with Westhab is exempt from the Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xiv), thereof.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting authority to enter into agreements with the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and WestCOP for aforesaid purpose.

An appropriate resolution is attached herewith 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 is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, to accept a grant in the amount of \$137,408 to support subsidized job placements for TANF-eligible participants under the Green Jobs Corps 2 Program for the period from January 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (“WestCOP”) to provide placement services for TANF-eligible participants in subsidized jobs under the Green Jobs Corps 2 Program for an amount not to exceed \$137,408 made available through the above said grant agreement for the same period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate 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	967k	4380	T967	\$137,408
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Budget Funding Year(s): 2010 Start Date: 01/01/11 End Date: 09/30/11
(must match resolution)

Funding Source
(\$137,408)
\$137,408
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:
State Aid:
Federal Aid: 100%
Other:

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/02/2011 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY