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DATE August 25, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Commissioner, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Westchester and Interfaith Council for Action, Inc. (IFCA), for a lead abatement project at 223 Spring Street in the Village of Ossining

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Interfaith Council for Action, Inc., for the purpose of providing a grant to IFCA, through the County's Lead Safe Westchester program, for a lead abatement project at 223 Spring Street in the Village of Ossining. The term of the proposed agreement is September 15, 2011 to December 31, 2012, and the total amount of the grant is \$40,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget. IFCA is an eligible applicant under the LSW program.

Interfaith Council for Action, Inc., was formed in 1968. IFCA's mission is to foster, promote and sponsor better housing, recreational, educational and social conditions for the less privileged members of the community. IFCA provides affordable/workforce housing for more than 200 adults, children and seniors. The agency has rehabilitated 23 buildings since 1972 and currently has 84 rental units and 14 owned and operational properties. 223 Spring Street is one of these properties. This property has 6 units of housing - 2 studio units, 2 one-bedroom units, and 2 two-bedroom units.

IFCA will conduct a lead abatement project at 223 Spring Street in the Village of Ossining. The project will include, but not be limited to, lead removal and installation of new materials for four of the six units - the two one-bedroom units and the two two-bedroom units. In accordance with the requirements of the LSW program, at least 50% of the units will be occupied by income eligible households.

The proposed agreement will serve the public purpose of protecting the public health and promoting fiscal responsibility. The goal and objective of the proposed agreement is to remove the lead hazards from this property. The proposed agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility as it involves the use of non-County-taxpayer resources. The project will be tracked and monitored by Planning Department staff who will inspect the rehabilitation and review all payment requests to ensure all contractual obligations are met.

On December 30, 2009, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), under HUD's Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program, for an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.00, for the purpose of funding reductions of lead-based paint hazards in Westchester County.

The County is now contracting with eligible applicants, as specified in federal guidelines, in order to utilize the grant funds.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EB/cp
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/15/2011 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

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 Interfaith Council for Action, Inc., for the purpose of providing a grant to IFCA, through the County's Lead Safe Westchester program, for a lead abatement project at 223 Spring Street in the Village of Ossining, for a term of September 15, 2011 through December 31, 2012, for an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; 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.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	19	638K	4380	T638	\$40,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2010 Start Date September 15, 2011 End Date December 31, 2012
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$40,000.00 Federal Aid \$40,000.00

(must match resolution)

Other _____