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County Executive

Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: September 30, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Resolution authorizing 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 (“HUD”) to receive and administer a Grant in the amount of **\$48,530 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program called the “Life Bridges Program”** for the period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 and to enter into a separate agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc. to utilize the funds received under the Grant Agreement to pay for the rental expenses for housing approximately sixteen (16) homeless youths transitioning out of foster care

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement in the amount of \$48,530 with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to receive and administer a Supportive Housing Grant funded through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Number NY0473B2T041003) for the period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 and to authorize the County to enter into a separate agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc. to provide a supportive housing program called the “Life Bridges Program” to pay rental expenses for housing approximately sixteen (16) homeless youths transitioning out of foster care in the amount of the Grant Agreement and for the same term.

The HUD matching funds required for this project in the amount of 25% of the Grant amount are being provided by The Children’s Village.

The proposed agreement with The Children’s Village is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xi) of the policy.

The "Life Bridges Program" serves a public purpose because it assists the County's most vulnerable children in becoming educationally proficient, economically productive and socially responsible members of their communities. The goal and objective of the program is to help fragile targeted youths avoid a life of dependency on Social Services and develop the skills and behaviors necessary to increase their chances at moving toward self-sufficiency.

The proposed agreements are in the best interests of the County as they address the issues of homelessness and welfare dependency in the County and are expected to reduce the County's long term financial burden by reducing social services expenses (for the individual and his or her family) and crime/judicial costs.

The goals and objectives will be monitored by HUD and the Department. All HUD contracts are required to submit Annual Progress Reports as a requirement 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.

The Department is pleased to report that under the current contract through August, 2011, Children Village's Life Bridges Program has provided transitional housing to 15 youth, maintaining all 6 contracted beds to be full which accounts for 100% of the contract capacity. In addition, of the 8 residents who discharged to date, 100% of the residents secured permanent housing.

Accordingly, your Honorable Board's approval of the attached resolution is respectfully recommended.

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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 is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to receive and administer a Grant (Number NY0473B2T041003) in the amount of \$48,530 for the term September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 and to authorize the County to enter into a separate agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc. to utilize the funds received under the Grant Agreement to implement the “Life Bridges” supportive housing program to pay rental expenses for housing approximately sixteen (16) homeless youths transitioning out of foster care; 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	688L	9852	T688	\$48,530
263	22	688L	4380	T688	\$48,530

Budget Funding Year(s): 2011-12 Start Date: 09/1/11 End Date: 8/31/12

(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: _____

State Aid: _____

\$48,530 (Expense)

\$48,530 (Revenue)

Federal Aid: 100%

(must match resolution)

Other: _____

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