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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

22030

DATE: October 27, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to receive and administer a Grant in the amount of \$420,000 for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011 and a separate agreement with Westhab, Inc. to utilize the funds received under the Grant agreement for the construction of a 33-unit affordable rental building located at 157 Bruce Avenue, Yonkers, New York for use as permanent and transitional affordable rental housing for persons who have served in the armed forces in order to extend the term of both agreements through September 30, 2013

By resolution approved on December 11, 2008, your Honorable Board authorized the County to enter into a grant agreement 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 NY01B60-4028) in the amount of \$420,000 for the term October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011 and to enter into a separate agreement with Westhab, Inc. (“Westhab”) to utilize the funds received under the Grant agreement for the construction of a new 33-unit affordable rental building located at 157 Bruce Avenue, Yonkers, New York for use as permanent affordable rental housing (18 units and 1 superintendent unit) and transitional affordable rental housing (14 beds) for

disabled or chronically homeless single adults who have served in the armed forces. The agreements were subsequently executed.

Because the grant funds have not been expended, authority is now being requested to extend both the Grant Agreement and the Agreement with Westhab through September 30, 2013. HUD has approved both extensions. No County funds will be required for these agreements as any HUD matching funds required for this project are being provided by Westhab, Inc.

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

The **public purpose** of the proposed agreements is to provide affordable permanent and transitional housing for veterans who are chronically homeless and/or disabled.

The **goals and objectives** of this project are to construct an affordable 33 unit rental building that will provide permanent and transitional housing for disabled and/or chronically homeless veterans. The grant will also be used to offer employment services, life skills training, and housing retention services, thereby reducing the number of veterans on public assistance. Life and income enhancement education that are provided will help reduce the number of veterans who become homeless.

The goals and objectives will be monitored by HUD and the Department. All HUD contracts are required to submit Annual Progress Reports (APRs) as a requirement to receive funding. These multi-page reports capture statistical data on those served, the various categories into which they fall, 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 the money. The Department would be using the same standards in authorizing payments to the vendor.

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 extend through September 30, 2013 both a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to receive and administer a Grant (Number NY01B60-4028) in the amount of \$420,000 for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011 and an agreement with Westhab, Inc. to utilize the funds received under the Grant agreement for the construction of a 33-unit affordable rental building located at 157 Bruce Avenue, Yonkers, New York for use as permanent and transitional affordable rental housing for persons who have served in the armed forces; 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
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s): N/A Start Date: N/A End Date: 09/30/13
 (Must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: N/A
 State Aid: N/A
 \$N/A Federal Aid: N/A
 must match resolution) Other: