

**24274**

DATE: January 13, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Burroughs  
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Westchester and Apropos-Housing Opportunities and Management Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a A-HOME ("A-HOME"), for a lead abatement project at 37 Wildwood Road in the hamlet of Katonah, Town of Bedford

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Apropos-Housing Opportunities and Management Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a A-HOME ("A-HOME"), for the purpose of providing a grant to A-HOME, through the County's Lead Safe Westchester program, for a lead abatement project at 37 Wildwood Road in the hamlet of Katonah, Town of Bedford. The term of the proposed agreement is January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, and the total amount of the grant is \$30,800.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget. A-HOME is an eligible applicant under the LSW program.

A-HOME is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen northern Westchester neighborhoods by providing people with safe and affordable places to live – the foundation of a stable life. A-HOME rehabilitates, builds and manages affordable rental housing for older adults, disabled individuals and single parent families who, because of age, disability, or family status, cannot afford market rates. A-HOME promotes independent living with a network of community support. A coalition of 26 local civic and religious organizations supports A-HOME with funding and volunteers. A-HOME has renovated or built and currently operates 17 houses in Bedford Hills, Chappaqua, Croton Falls, Katonah, Mt. Kisco, Pound Ridge, Thornwood and South Salem and manages one for the Blue Mountain Housing Development Corporation.

A-HOME will conduct a lead abatement project at 37 Wildwood Road. The project will include, but not be limited to, the removal and replacement of 22 windows. In accordance with the requirements of the LSW program, at least 50% of the units will be occupied by income eligible households.

The LSW program is exempt from the requirements of the County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) xii, thereof, which exempts procurements that involve the expenditure of federal or state assistance where and to the extent that federal or state law, rules or regulation conflict with the provisions of this policy. The County submitted an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for this grant and was awarded these funds in order to provide LSW grant funds to the eligible property owners to reduce lead-based paint hazards in housing units for low and moderate income residents in Westchester County. This grant from HUD's Lead Hazard Control

Grant Program requires property owners to submit applications in order to participate in this program. Funding is awarded to income eligible property owners on a first come first serve basis.

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-based paint 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 March 3, 2011, 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 Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (“HUD”), under HUD’s Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, for an amount not to exceed \$1,749,639.00, 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 certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the “Grant Terms”), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EB/cp  
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION - JONATHAN M. VERA, 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 Apropos-Housing Opportunities and Management Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a A-HOME ("A-HOME"), for the purpose of providing a grant to A-HOME, through the County's Lead Safe Westchester program, for a lead abatement project at 37 Wildwood Road in the hamlet of Katonah, Town of Bedford, for a term of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, for an amount not-to-exceed \$30,800.00, 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	T638K	4380	T638	\$30,800.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2010 Start Date January 1, 2012 End Date December 31, 2012  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

\$30,800.00 Federal Aid \$30,800.00  
(must match resolution)

Other \_\_\_\_\_