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County Executive

Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: August 8, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into a renewal grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive and administer a grant for \$105,000 to fund a supportive housing program to provide transitional housing and supportive services for domestic violence victims for a term November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013

The Westchester County Department of Social Services (the "Department") has been notified of a renewal grant award (Grant No. NY0624B2T041103) in the amount of \$105,000 (the "grant") from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") as authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and pursuant to HUD's "Continuum of Care" project, to fund the operation of a supportive housing program to provide transitional housing and supportive services for domestic violence victims for a period November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013.

Authority is therefore requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department, to enter into a renewal grant agreement with HUD to receive and administer the grant for a term from November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013.

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.

The aforementioned proposed agreement **serves a public purpose** by providing victims of domestic violence and human trafficking with the ability to transition their housing from homeless shelters, emergency domestic violence shelters or residing with their abusers, to permanent housing and with support services to enable their future economic self sufficiency.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement shall be to provide the funding, pursuant to the grant, to continue the program to provide domestic violence victims with transitional safe haven housing and vital support services.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the County’s **best interests** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as it shall provide funding to operate a transitional housing program to transition domestic violence victims from County subsidized homeless and domestic violence shelters to permanent housing and economic self sufficiency which shall correspondingly reduce County’s public assistance expenditures.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are also in the County’s **best interests** regarding **public health and safety** as it shall provide funding to operate a transitional housing program that shall promote safer communities by providing program participants and their children with access to abuse free safe and secure environments, the ability to foresee future abusive relationships and the breaking of inter-generational cycles of violence through prevention and outreach programs.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement **between the County and HUD shall be tracked and monitored** by the County’s required submission of Annual Progress Reports (APR’s) to HUD.

The proposed agreement does not constitute procurement. Accordingly, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

Authority is therefore requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into a renewal grant agreement with HUD for the purposes stated above.

A resolution requesting same is attached herewith for your Honorable Board’s approval.

KMM/PS/cji

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into a renewal grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive and administer a grant (Grant No. NY0624B2T041103) in the amount of \$105,000 (the "grant") to fund the operation of a supportive housing program to provide transitional housing and supportive services to domestic violence victims for a term November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	688M	9852	T688	\$105,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2012 (Insert) Grant Year Start Date: 11/01/12 End Date: 10/31/13
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$105,000
(must match resolution)

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