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DATE: October 17, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the agreement between the County of Westchester and Apropos Housing Opportunities and Management Enterprises, Inc. ("A-HOME"), its designee or assigns for a Lead Abatement Project at 55 Pleasant Avenue in the Village of Pleasantville

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Apropos-Housing Opportunities and Management Enterprises, Inc. ("A-HOME"), its designee or assigns to provide a grant through the Lead Safe Westchester program (LSW). The grant will be used for a lead abatement project at 55 Pleasant Avenue in the Village of Pleasantville which will include two residential units upon completion. The term of the agreement is November 16, 2012, to December 31, 2013, and the total amount of the grant is \$26,000.00 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

A-HOME is a not-for-profit housing 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 its designee or assigns will conduct a lead abatement project at 55 Pleasant Avenue in the Village of Pleasantville which will include two residential units upon completion. The project will include, but not be limited to, demolition, carting of debris, installation of windows, and installation of exterior and interior doors. 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.

On March 3, 2011, the Board of Acquisition and Contract approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Office of Healthy Homes & Lead Hazard Control for an amount totaling \$1,749,639.00 to reduce lead-based paint hazards in Westchester County.

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

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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 authorized to enter into an agreement with Apropos-Housing Opportunities and Management Enterprises, Inc. ("A-HOME"), its designee or assigns, through the Lead Safe Westchester Program, in the amount of \$26,000.00 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget, for the period November 16, 2012, to December 31, 2013, for a lead abatement project at 55 Pleasant Avenue in the Village of Pleasantville, which will include two residential units upon completion, 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 | 471L | 4380 | T471 | \$26,000.00 |

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2011 Start Date November 16, 2012 End Date December 31, 2013
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
State Aid \$26,000.00
\$26,000.00 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other _____

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