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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: August 9, 2013

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") to operate a supportive housing program to pay rental expenses to house approximately sixteen (16) youth who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care as part of its Life Bridges Program for the period September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$49,499

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with Children's Village to operate a supportive housing program to pay rental expenses to house approximately sixteen (16) youth who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care as part of its Life Bridges Program for the period September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$49,499. It is to be noted that this Program has been funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and the Department has already submitted a separate resolution for your Honorable Board's approval to accept the grant.

It should be noted that Children's Village was named as a sub-recipient of the grant funds. The federal funding for this program is exempt from the Common Grant rules as this is a renewal grant, which may be renewed on a non-competitive basis pursuant to 24 CFR 583.235(a)

The program to be operated pursuant to this agreement serves a **public purpose** by providing adequate housing for youth who are homeless and/or transitioning from foster care into the adult community.

The **goals and objectives** of the aforesaid agreement are to implement a supportive housing program to help youth who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care to obtain adequate housing, thus helping them 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 goals and objectives are in the **best interests of the County** in terms of **public health and safety** as they are aimed at ensuring the well being and safety of the targeted population. The goals and objectives are also in the **best interests of the County** in terms of **fiscal responsibility** as they are addressing the issues of homelessness and welfare dependency in the County. The results of successful engagement and program participation reduce the burden on the County in terms of long term social 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 proposed agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xi) of the policy.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into the aforesaid agreement for the purposes stated above.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

KM/PS

R E S O L U T I O N

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. to operate a supportive housing program to pay rental expenses to house approximately sixteen (16) youth who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care as part of its Life Bridges Program for the period September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$49,499; 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	688N	4380	T688	\$49,499

Budget Funding Year(s): 2013(Grant Year) Start Date: 09/01/13 End Date: 08/31/14
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:

\$ 49,499

Federal Aid: 100%

(must match resolution)