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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: October 21, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a renewal grant in the amount of \$431,298 to be used to implement a Homestead program pursuant to HUD’s Continuum of Care Program and to enter into an Agreement with Family Service Society of Yonkers, Inc. to provide permanent supportive housing for between twenty and twenty-eight physically disabled homeless adults in the amount of \$418,071 for the term from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the “Department”), to enter into a 2014 Continuum of Care Program Renewal Grant Agreement (Grant No. NY0478L2T041407) with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to accept \$431,298 for the provision of permanent supportive housing for physically disabled homeless adults for the term from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016 (the “Grant Agreement”).

Authority is further requested to enter into an Agreement with the subrecipient of the Grant, Family Service Society of Yonkers, Inc. (“Family Service Society”) in the amount of \$418,071 to utilize the Grant funds to provide permanent supportive housing for between twenty and twenty-eight physically disabled homeless adults pursuant to HUD’s Continuum of Care Program entitled Homestead for the period from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. The County will retain \$13,227 from the grant for administrative costs.

Matching funds as required by the Grant will be provided by Family Service Society.

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.) and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

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). In addition, Family Service Society is a subgrantee pursuant to the grant agreements and therefore the Common Grant rules do not apply. Finally, the grant agreement with HUD is not a procurement and the agreement with Family Service Society of Yonkers is exempt from the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a)(xi) and 3(a)(xiv) thereof.

The proposed agreement will serve **a public purpose** by providing permanent housing and supportive services to physically disabled homeless adults.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are to provide permanent housing to help disabled homeless adults avoid dependency on social services, and develop the skills necessary to increase their chances at moving toward self-sufficiency.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as the proposed agreement will make available to the County the funds necessary to implement the aforementioned program. The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are also in the best interests of the County in terms of both fiscal responsibility and public health and safety as the programs funded by the proposed agreement will be aimed at ensuring the well-being and safety of the targeted population and addressing the issues of homelessness and welfare dependency in the County which can reduce the costs associated with social services provided by the County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department in accordance with the requirements of HUD. The Department will be required to submit Annual Progress Reports to HUD as a requirement of receiving the funding to be provided under the proposed agreement. These multi-page Annual Progress 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 Department's Technical Submission.

I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11/19/2015 - JOAN COCCIARDI, SECRETARY

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, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$431,298 pursuant to HUD’s Continuum of Care Program and to enter into an agreement with Family Service Society of Yonkers, Inc. (“Family Service Society”) to provide permanent supportive housing for between twenty and twenty-eight physically disabled homeless adults pursuant to HUD’s Continuum of Care Program entitled Homestead in an amount not to exceed \$418,071 for the period from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016; 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	688Q	4380	T688	\$418,071
263	22	688Q	9852	T688	\$431,298

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015 Start Date: 6/1/15 End Date: 5/31/16
(must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars:
\$431,298 (Revenue)	State Aid:
\$418,071 (expense)	Federal Aid: <u>100%</u>
must match resolution)	Other: