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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: February 4, 2016

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 Health and Human Services (“HHS”), Administration for Children and Families in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$670,000 to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures - Phase Two for the period from September 30, 2015 through September 29, 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 an agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (“HHS”) in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$670,000 (Award No. 90CA1837-01-00) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures – Phase Two for the period from September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016 (the “Grant Agreement”). Once procurement has been completed, authority will be requested for the County to enter into agreements, pursuant to the Grant Agreement.

No matching funds are required by the Grant, therefore the Grant Agreement will be at no cost to the 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.) and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The grant agreement with HHS is not a procurement; therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The proposed Agreement **will serve a public purpose** by preventing youth homelessness within the County.

The **goals and objectives** of Westchester Building Futures (“WBF”), is a youth and community-driven two-year planning process to develop a detailed blueprint for transforming Westchester’s system of public and private resources to prevent homelessness among youth emerging from our child welfare system that can be rigorously evaluated, thoroughly documented, and replicated nationwide.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement is **in the County’s best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as they will reduce homelessness and dependence on public assistance that not only improves the economic situation of the program participants but of the County as well by reducing the County’s public assistance expenditures.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement is also **in the County’s best interest** regarding **public health and safety** as they provide the funding for and operation of the program to obtain permanent housing and self-sufficiency that correspondingly improves the program participants’ physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment.

The **performance measurement indicators** for the County WBF will cross four outcome areas: Stable Housing, Permanent Connections, Social and Emotional Well-being and Education/Employment

The **goals and objectives** of the Grant Agreement **will be tracked and monitored** by the County that will include performance measurement indicator results.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department of Social Services, to enter into the proposed Grant Agreement. I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board’s approval of the attached Resolution.

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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 Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ("HHS") in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$670,000 (Award No. 90CA1837-01-00) to provide Phase Two of a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled "Westchester Building Futures" for the period from September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016 (the "Grant Agreement"); 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	526Q	9852	T526	\$670,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015 -16 Start Date: 09/30/15 End Date: 9/29 /16
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$670,000 (Revenue)
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:

Federal Aid: 100%

Other: