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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

52404

DATE: July 12, 2016

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority 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 \$102,000 to be used to implement a program under HUD’s Supportive Housing Program and utilize those grant funds to enter into an Agreement with Westhab, Inc. in the amount of \$101,000, pursuant to an approved budget, to provide the Apartment Finding Initiative for a one year period, from March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

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 Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a Supportive Housing Program grant in the amount of \$102,000 (Grant No. NY0500L2T041508). Authority is further requested to enter into an Agreement with Westhab, Inc. (“Westhab”) to utilize the Grant funds to provide the Apartment Finding Initiative which will place approximately 100 households per year in private rental housing units by engaging and educating landlords, brokers, and management companies about the different housing subsidy programs and connecting them with recipients of those programs pursuant to HUD’s Supportive Housing Program in the amount of \$101,000, pursuant to an approved budget, for the period from March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 (the “Agreement”). The County will retain \$1,000 for administrative cost.

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 HUD is not a procurement and therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

Since this a Renewal Grant, the Federal funding for this program is exempt from the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (formerly, the Grants Management Common Rule) and the agreement with Westhab may be renewed on a non-competitive basis pursuant to 24 CFR 583.235(a).

The proposed agreement will serve a **public purpose** by providing permanent housing as well as supportive services to homeless families:

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are to provide permanent housing to help homeless households 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. Further, the goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are also in the best interests of the County in terms of both 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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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 \$102,000 and to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc. ("Westhab") to provide Apartment Finding Initiative which will place approximately 100 households per year in private rental housing units by engaging and educating landlords, brokers and management companies about the different housing subsidy programs and connecting them with recipients of those programs pursuant to HUD's Supportive Housing Program in an amount not to exceed \$101,000, pursuant to an approved budget, funded through the aforesaid grant for the period from March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017; 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 |
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| 263 | 22 | 688R | 9852 | T688 | \$102,000 |
| 263 | 22 | 688R | 4380 | T688 | \$101,000 |
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Budget Funding Year(s): 2016 Start Date: 03/01/16 End Date: 02/28/2017
(must match resolution)

Revenue: \$102,000
Expense: \$101,000
must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:
State Aid:
Federal Aid: 100%

Other: