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DATE: August 3, 2017

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”) pursuant to which HUD will provide funds in the amount of \$49,499 through a Renewal Grant to the County in order for the County to implement a program under HUD’s Life’s Bridges Program described below; and Authority to enter into an Agreement with Children’s Village, Inc. as sub-recipient in the amount not to exceed \$48,973 for the period from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 to provide housing to homeless youths age 16 to 21 through supervised independent living apartments, life skills training, referral and follow-up with mental and physical health care, and job preparation.

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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”) pursuant to which HUD will provide funds in the amount of \$49,499 through a renewal grant to the County in order for the County to implement a program under HUD’s Life’s Bridges Program to provide housing and services to homeless youths as further described below.

Authority is further respectfully requested for the County to enter into an Agreement with Children’s Village, Inc. (“CV”) as sub-recipient of the renewal grant in the amount not to exceed \$48,973 for the period from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 to provide housing to up to 6 homeless youths age 16 to 21 through supervised independent living apartments, life skills training, referral and follow-up with mental and physical health care, and job preparation.

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 CV is a sub-recipient pursuant to the grant agreement and therefore the Common Grant rules do not apply. Finally, the grant agreement with HUD is not a procurement.

The proposed agreement will serve a **public purpose** by providing housing to up to 6 homeless youth age 16 to 21. These youth are at high risk of beginning a life of dependency on social services. Most have no family resources, few skills, and no sense of how to live independently. Some were juvenile offenders and are at risk of slipping back into a life of crime. Others have been victims of abuse and neglect and, without assistance, are at risk of perpetuating the cycle of violence with their own children. The result of safe stable housing, successful engagement and program participation this project provides reduces the burden on the County both in long term social services dollars and criminal justice costs.

**The goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement are to provide housing to homeless youths age 16 to 21 through supervised independent living apartments, life skills training, referral and follow-up with mental and physical health care, and job preparation.

**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 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.

KMM/JRC

**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”) pursuant to which HUD will provide funds in the amount of \$49,499 through a renewal grant to the County in order for the County to implement a program under HUD’s Life’s Bridges Program; and be it further

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**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	688S	4380	T688	\$48,973
263	22	688S	9852	T688	\$49,499

Budget Funding Year(s): 2017-18 Start Date: 09/01/2017 End Date: 08/31/2018  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$49,499 (revenue)  
\$48,973 (expense)  
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:  
Federal Aid: 100%  
Other: