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County Executive

Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: January 12, 2018

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to accept a grant from New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (“NYSOTDA”) in the amount of \$100,000 to provide the Prisoner Re-entry Pilot Program for the term September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018, and to enter into a grant agreement therefor.

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 accept a grant from New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (“NYSOTDA”) in the amount of \$100,000 to provide the Prisoner Re-entry Pilot Program for the term September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 and to enter into a grant agreement therefor.

Acceptance of this grant will provide funds to eliminate or reduce the need of for ex-offenders without domicile to receive Temporary Housing Assistance in Westchester County. The Prisoner Re-entry Pilot Program objectives are to:

- assist former prisoners just released from jail to obtain permanent housing;
- begin the Temporary Assistance application process prior to release whenever possible;
- use pre-eligibility determination grants to meet immediate housing needs;
- utilize Department staff, County and community resources for re-entry services, including the Westchester County District Attorney’s Re-Entry Task Force
- serve the pilot population with the Department’s case management staff.

Acceptance of this grant will fund the salary and benefits of one Department Case Manager who will work with the ex-offenders without domicile who are enrolled in the Prisoner Re-entry Pilot Program.

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

The proposed grant agreement will serve a **public purpose** by providing funds to assist recently released former prisoners in obtaining permanent housing and avoiding shelter placements for this population as well as services to support their re-entry into society.

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

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

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 accept a grant from New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance ("NYSOTDA") in the amount of \$100,000 to provide the Prisoner Re-entry Pilot Program for the term September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 and to enter into a grant agreement therefor; 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	909S	9854	T909	\$100,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2017 -18 Start Date: 9/01/17 End Date: 10/31 /18
(must match resolution)

Funding Source
\$100,000 (Revenue)

Tax Dollars:
State Aid: \$100,000
Federal Aid:
Other:

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