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DATE January 10, 2019

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the County of Westchester to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) to Reduce Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Westchester County.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Planning ("Department:") to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes ("OLHCHH"). The amount of the grant agreement is expected to be approximately \$4,100,000.00, which shall be paid pursuant to an approved budget for a forty-two month term commencing upon the date determined by the OLHCHH. The grant will provide financing for the reduction of lead based paint hazards in residential units in Westchester County under the Lead Safe Westchester Program. It is anticipated that approximately 240 fair and affordable housing units will receive lead-based paint hazards reduction services through the funding provided by this grant.

HUD has made funding available to finance the reduction of lead-based paint hazards. The Department applied to the OLHCHH for and was awarded a grant in the not to exceed amount of \$4,100,000.00 for a forty-two month period.

This agreement will assist in protecting the public health and assist lower income households in paying for needed repairs. The acceptance of these grant funds will allow the County to reduce the lead paint hazards existing at various residential properties in Westchester County utilizing EPA licensed contractors pursuant to HUD's requirements.

These grant funds will be monitored by Department of Planning staff, who will review all grant applications, award only viable programs/projects in low/moderate households and make site visits of properties being remediated.

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

I recommend approval of this grant agreement.

NVD/cp
Attachment

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”) is hereby authorized to enter into a forty-two month grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, commencing upon the date determined by the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (“OLHCHH”), to accept a grant in an amount of approximately \$4,100,000.00 for the reduction of lead based paint hazards in residential units of low and moderate income residents in Westchester County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute all instruments and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Charged/Credited

| | | Major Program, Program & Phase | Object/ Sub Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
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| Fund | Dept | Or Unit | | | |
| 263 | 19 | 471U | 9852 | T471 | \$4,100,000.00 |

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2019 Start Date: TBD by OLHCHH End Date: Forty-two months thereafter
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$4,100,000.00 Federal Aid \$4,100,000.00 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(must match resolution)

Other _____