

DATE January 11, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the County of Westchester to Enter Into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon to Administer the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program in the City of Mount Vernon.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the City of Mount Vernon for the purposes of administering the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program. This agreement will provide funding from the Fiscal Year 2008 Federal HOPWA Program for programs and services that will benefit Mount Vernon and New Rochelle residents. The amount of the agreement is \$385,000.00 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010.

The agreement will serve the public purpose of providing public health services to persons with AIDS. The goal and objective of this agreement is to assist persons with HIV/AIDS and their families with case management services and rental subsidies to secure permanent affordable housing. Approximately 105 persons will receive case management and other supportive services and 15 persons will receive rental subsidies for the 12 month contract period. The program will be monitored by the Department of Planning staff, who will review all payment requests and quarterly user reports to make sure all contractual requirements are met.

Should this agreement not be authorized, persons with HIV/AIDS will not receive the rental assistance, case management, and other related assistance that would support their general welfare.

The agreement is exempt from the procedures of the County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)iii thereof.

Act # 165-2008 was adopted on September 3, 2008, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators authorizing the County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of New York to accept a federal grant, for the amount of \$2,240,188.00 for Year Seventeen (Fiscal Year 2008) HOPWA grant funds. On December 18, 2008, the Board of Acquisition and Contract approved a resolution authorizing the County to administer the HOPWA grant.

Act # 164-2008 was adopted on September 3, 2008, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators. The Act authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon and other municipalities for the purpose of administering the Federal Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program with Fiscal Year 2008 funds. The amount of the funds allocated is \$385,000.00 from the Year Seventeen allocation.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EB/dg
Attachment

