

DATE January 11, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Agreement Between the County of Westchester and the Children's Village for a D'Assern Playground Renovation Project at the Children's Village in the Village of Dobbs Ferry.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Children's Village, in the Village of Dobbs Ferry, to provide a grant through the Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant will be used for a D'Assern Playground Renovation Project at the Children's Village. The term of the agreement is February 1, 2010, to January 31, 2011, and the amount of the grant is \$50,000.00 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

The Children's Village, located in the Village of Dobbs Ferry, helps children and families. These individuals are struggling to become productive, independent citizens who will enrich their communities and their future families. They help youth develop the attitudes and skills needed to enter the workforce successfully and assist many of them in beginning career-oriented employment. They also provide staff housing for the low/moderate income families who work at the facility. The Children's Village has been providing these services since 1851. The Children's Village plans a D'Assern playground renovation project that will include, but not be limited to, replacing the existing playground equipment for the staff housing with an ADA compliant play structure and installing safety surfacing underneath the play equipment.

The agreement serves the public purpose of public safety and fiscal responsibility.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to provide a safe environment for the children at the Children's Village by replacing the playground equipment with ADA compliant play structures. The agreement also exhibits fiscal responsibility by providing funds from other non-County taxpayer sources. The project will be monitored by the Department of Planning staff, who will make site visits, as well as review all payment requests to make sure all contractual requirements are met.

This procurement is in compliance with the County of Westchester Procurement Policy Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)xvi, which states that contracts with recipients for disbursement of grants or loans under the Community Development Block Grant Program are exempt.

Act # 34-2009, adopted March 5, 2009, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to file an FY 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan application consisting of an Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2009 as an Urban County to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

On May 28, 2009, the Board of Acquisition and Contract approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the thirty-fourth year grant totaling \$8,117,872.00 from HUD. The allocation for the Community Development Block Grant Program is \$5,960,971.00. This project will be funded from the thirty-fourth year CDBG allocation.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EEB/dg
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 1-28-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

