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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: July 17, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a Continuum of Care Program (CDFA #14.267) grant renewal agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to accept a grant (Grant No. NY0988L2T041905) in the amount of \$3,046,573 and to further enter into five (5) agreements with (i) Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill Inc., (ii) Family Service Society of Yonkers, (iii) Lifting Up Westchester, Inc., (iv) The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc., and (v) Westhab, Inc., for a total aggregate amount of \$2,958,357 to provide a total of 114 units of scattered-site permanent housing units and mobile support services to 106 chronically homeless individuals and 8 chronically homeless families, for the period from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

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 a Continuum of Care Program (CDFA #14.267) ("CoC Program") grant renewal agreement ("Grant Agreement") with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), in order to accept a grant (Grant No. NY0988L2T041905) in the amount of \$3,046,573 ("Grant"). The Grant Agreement will provide funds to be used to provide units of scattered-site permanent housing units and mobile support services to chronically homeless individuals and families under the program known as the "Turning Point," pursuant to title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq. ("Act") and the HUD's CoC Program rule ("Rule").

Authority is further requested from your Honorable Board for the County, acting by and through its Department, to enter into five (5) separate agreements with (i) Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill Inc., (ii) Family Service Society of Yonkers, (iii) Lifting Up Westchester, Inc., (iv) The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc., and (v) Westhab, Inc. (collectively, the "Providers"), to utilize a portion of the Grant funds in the amount not to exceed \$2,958,357, to provide a total of

114 units of scattered-site permanent housing and mobile support services to 106 chronically homeless individual adults and 8 chronically homeless families under the Turning Point program, in accordance with the Act and the Rule. The Providers will have case managers to provide housing need assessments, home visits, referrals, advocacy, life skills training, services coordination, relapse prevention and crisis intervention services.

The proposed agreements will be entered into with the Providers set forth below and in the following amounts:

Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc.	\$281,993
Family Service Society of Yonkers	\$276,797
Lifting Up Westchester, Inc.	\$582,773
The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc.	\$589,634
Westhab, Inc.	\$1,227,160

The Department shall retain \$88,216 from the Grant to cover the Department's administration costs in connection with administering the Turning Point program. Matching funds, as required by the Grant, will be provided by the County and the Providers in in-kind services, therefore accepting the Grant and entering into the Grant Agreement will be at no cost to the County.

The Grant Agreement does not constitute a procurement and therefore, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply. Because this is a renewal grant, the Federal funding for this program is exempt from the Common Grant rules and the agreements may be renewed on a non-competitive basis pursuant to 24 C.F.R. 583.235(a). In addition, the agreements with the Providers are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(xiv) which exempts contracts with not-for-profit corporations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.

I certify that the 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 Grant Agreement **shall serve a public purpose** by assisting chronically homeless single individual adults and families in obtaining scattered site housing within the County and receiving supportive services.

The **goals and objectives** of the Grant Agreement shall be to provide scattered site housing units and mobile supportive services for at least 106 chronically homeless individuals and 8 chronically homeless families. The Providers shall provide fiscal oversight in providing the services.

The **goals and objectives** of the Grant Agreement is **in the County's best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as the Grant Agreement provides the funding for and operation of

the aforementioned Turning Point program that reduces homelessness and dependence on public assistance which not only improves the economic situation of the program participants but also of the County by reducing the County's public assistance expenditures.

The **goals and objectives** of the Grant Agreement is also **in the County's best interest** regarding **public health and safety** as the Grant Agreement provides the funding for and operation of the aforementioned program that provides housing and supportive services to the chronically homeless that correspondingly improves the program participants' physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment to such participants and the residents of Westchester County.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the Grant Agreement and the agreements with the Providers, as detailed above.

I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

KMM/CMC

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/06/2020 - DISINTEGRATED SECRETARY

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 (“Department”), is hereby authorized to enter into a Continuum of Care Program (CDFA #14.267) grant renewal agreement (“Grant Agreement”) with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a grant (Grant No. NY0988L2T041905) in the amount of \$3,046,573 (“Grant”), to provide a total of 114 units of scattered-site permanent housing and mobile support services to 106 chronically homeless individual adults and 8 chronically homeless families, through a program known as the “Turning Point;” and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department, is hereby further authorized to enter into five (5) separate agreements in the total aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,958,357, for a term commencing on August 1, 2020 and expiring on July 31, 2021, with the providers set forth below and in the amounts as follows:

Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc.	\$281,993
Family Service Society of Yonkers, Inc.	\$276,797
Lifting Up Westchester, Inc.	\$582,773
The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc.	\$589,634
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(collectively the “Providers”) to implement the Turning Point program pursuant to the Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his/her 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	929T	9852	T929	3,046,573.00
263	22	929T	4380	T929	2,958,357.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 8/01/20

End Date: 07/31/21

Funding Source
\$2,958,357 (expense)
\$3,046,573 (Revenue)
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:
State Aid
Federal Aid: 100%
Other: