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DATE: December 22, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Agreement Between the County of Westchester and Ossining Children's Center to provide funds for scholarships to low and moderate income households, a portion of staff salaries and COVID-19 expenses.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Ossining Children's Center (the "Center") to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant will be used to provide scholarships to low/moderate income households, a portion of staff salaries and COVID-19 expenses (the "Project"). The amount of the grant is \$239,000, pursuant to an approved budget, and the term of the agreement is January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

The Ossining Children's Center, located in the Village of Ossining, serves low/moderate income families with infants, toddlers and preschoolers' who otherwise would not be able to receive affordable child care while their parents work. The Ossining Children's Center provides children from infancy to pre-teen with an educational environment and a safe, nurturing environment while their parents work to support their families or to improve their earning capabilities through schooling. The Center has been providing these services for over 110 years.

The Centers' new location will allow additional children to enroll. The scholarship subsidies will be provided to families who qualify for subsidies from the Westchester County Department of Social Services. The Project will include, but is not limited to, scholarships for fifty-five students, partial salary for the centers' cook and social worker, as well as COVID-19 related items including nursing staff salary, cleaning the facility and supplies.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to provide daycare services to fifty-five low/moderate income infant and children and reduce the COVID-19 related expenses incurred. The project will be monitored by the Department of Planning staff, who will review 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 # 20-2020, adopted March 9, 2020, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to submit an Urban County Application under the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Program, including a FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and to accept such Grants.

On May 14, 2020, 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 (HUD) to accept a grant totaling \$4,978,089 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

NVD/cp/
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/01/2021 - V. FERRER-SOLÍS, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ossining Children’s Center, through the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the amount of \$239,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for a period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. The grant will cover expenses that include, but is not limited to, scholarships for fifty-five students from low/moderate income households, partial salary for the Center’s cook and social worker, as well as COVID-19 related items including nursing staff salary, cleaning the facility and supplies, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/	Trust	
Fund	Dept	Or Unit	Sub Object	Account	Dollars
263	19	067V	4380	T067	\$239,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)

FY 2020 Start Date January 1, 2021 End Date December 31, 2021

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$239,000.00
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid \$239,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Other _____