

DATE April 20, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Agreement Between the County of Westchester and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Accept a Grant Under the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Shelter Grant

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept a grant of approximately Eight Million, Four Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$8,473,589.00) attached to the following programs:

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| Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) | \$6,378,239.00 |
| HOME Investment Partnership Program | \$1,845,350.00 |
| Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) | 250,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$8,473,589.00 |

Act # 11-2010, adopted March 15, 2010, 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 2010 as an Urban County to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Over the past 34 years, the County of Westchester has received over \$176 million of non-repayable Federal Community Development Block Grant funding for a complete array of community development activities on behalf of the 40 participating municipalities in the Urban County Consortium. This 35th year grant begins May 1, 2010, and ends April 30, 2011.

The Grant Agreement will serve the public purpose of fiscal responsibility. The acceptance of these grant funds will allow the County to develop and implement programs and projects that protect and improve the quality of life in Westchester County and not use county taxpayer resources.

The goal and objective of accepting these grant funds will be to fund various physical and social services projects in the Consortium Communities. These projects include, but are not limited to, infrastructure improvements, neighborhood revitalization, promotion of home ownership for income eligible residents, provision of financial assistance to families who are homeless or in imminent danger of becoming homeless, and increasing the number of affordable housing units and rental units in Westchester County. Accepting this grant will allow Westchester County to become more fiscally responsible by securing funds for vital projects and programs from non-taxpayer resources. Those grant funds will be monitored by the Westchester County Department of Planning staff who will make site visits, review all grant applications, award only viable programs/projects in low/moderate Consortium Communities and provide follow-up review for all awards for adherence to contract specifications.

Should this agreement not be approved, these grant funds will be forfeited causing the 40 participating municipalities in the Urban County Consortium to be unable to have access to this revenue in order to implement public safety upgrades, provide infrastructure improvements, promote homeownership,

provide financial assistance to families who are homeless or are in danger of becoming homeless and other programs & projects.

Pursuant to Act No. 11-2010, prior to disbursement of any grant funds received by the County in connection herewith, any recipient must commit in writing to affirmatively further fair housing (“AFFH”) within its borders. Pursuant thereto, such recipient shall agree to certify in writing to the County that it is in compliance with the following terms and conditions, as appropriate, in connection with its commitment to AFFH, in that it will actively further implementation of the Settlement Agreement and Order in *United States of America ex. rel. Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York, Inc. v. Westchester County, NY* through recipient’s land use regulations and other affirmative measures to assist development of affordable housing, under such terms and conditions as approved by the County Attorney.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 4-29-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that through the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and Emergency Shelter Grant Programs, the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to accept a grant of approximately \$8,473,589.00 for the following program amounts:

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for a period beginning May 1, 2010, and ending April 30, 2011, to conduct a complete array of Housing and Community Development Programs in participating Urban County Communities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate purposes hereof, and be it further

Account to be Charged/Credited

| Fund | Dept | Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit | Object/ Sub Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
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| 263 | 19 | 067K | 9852 | T067 | \$6,378,239.00 |
| 263 | 19 | 173K | 9852 | T173 | \$1,845,350.00 |
| 263 | 19 | 215K | 9852 | T215 | \$250,000.00 |

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2010 Start Date May 1, 2010 End Date April 30, 2011
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
\$8,473,589.00
(must match resolution) Federal Aid \$8,473,589.00— U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Other _____