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DATE September 21, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the agreement between the County of Westchester and Hispanic Resource Center d/b/a Community Resource Center to provide housing relocation assistance to residents displaced by Hurricane Ida in Westchester Urban County Consortium municipalities.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement with Hispanic Resource Center d/b/a Community Resource Center to provide a grant from the Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") Program authorized by the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Rehousing Transition of Housing Act, enacted in 2009. The grant funds will be used assist residents with relocation assistance in need of permanent/temporary housing in Westchester Urban County Consortium municipalities impacted by Hurricane IDA. The amount of the grant is \$100,000, pursuant to an approved budget, and the term of the agreement is September 15, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Hispanic Resource Center d/b/a Community Resource Center will use the ESG funds to provide relocation assistance to households made homeless by Hurricane Ida in need of permanent and/or temporary housing. Services will include, but not be limited to relocation assistance to households in need of permanent and/or temporary housing. This entails identifying possible housing vacancies, case management services, landlord/tenant mediation and housing advocacy on behalf of tenants and to help eligible low-to-moderate income households at or below 50% of the Westchester County Area Median Income (AMI) to receive rent assistance and/or security deposit.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to prevent homelessness in Westchester Urban County Consortium municipalities. The program will be monitored by the Westchester County Department of Planning staff, who will review all payment requests to ensure all contractual requirements are met.

The County conducted procurement for 2021 Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention services through a Request for Proposals that was available January 28, 2021. Eleven organizations

submitted responses. Of the eleven, ten were found to be responsive of the RFP requirements. Hispanic Resource Center d/b/a Community Resource Center is the most local agency to the area impacted the most by Hurricane IDA. Elizabeth Office Services' proposal was incomplete and disqualified.

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.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

NVD/cp
Attachment

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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 Hispanic Resource Center d/b/a Community Resource Center, through the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, in the amount of \$100,000.00 pursuant to an approved budget, for a period beginning September 15, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022, to provide housing relocation assistance to residents displaced by Hurricane Ida in Westchester Urban County Consortium municipalities in order to prevent homelessness, 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 the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object	Trust	
Fund	Dept	Or Unit	Sub Object	Account	Dollars
263	19	215V	4380	T215	\$100,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2020 Start Date September 15, 2021 End Date March 31, 2022
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____

\$100,000.00
 (must match resolution) Federal Aid \$100,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Other _____

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