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DATE: August 26, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant Mitchell, M.D.
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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to renew a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive and administer a Grant in the amount of \$105,000 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program to provide transitional housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence for the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 and also to enter into a separate agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. for the same period to operate the aforesaid program using the funds in the amount of \$105,000 made available through the aforesaid grant

The Westchester County Department of Social Services has been notified of a renewal of a grant award in the amount of \$105,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 to implement a supportive housing program to provide transitional housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence for the same period.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to renew a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive and administer a Grant Award in the amount of \$105,000 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program to provide transitional housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence for the period November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 and also to enter into a separate agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. for the same period to operate the aforesaid program using the funds in

the amount of \$105,000, made available through the aforesaid grant.

The program to be operated pursuant to these agreements serves a **public purpose** because it is designed to provide victims of domestic violence with a safe haven from their abusers as well as needed support services.

The **goals and objectives** of the aforesaid agreements are to implement a supportive housing program to provide transitional housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence

The goals and objectives are in the **best interests of the County** in terms of **public health and safety** as they are aimed at ensuring the well being and safety of the targeted population. The goals and objectives are also in the **best interests of the County** in terms of **fiscal responsibility** as they are addressing the issues of homelessness and welfare dependency in the County. The results of successful engagement and program participation reduce the burden on the County in terms of long term social service expenses.

The **goals and objectives will be monitored** by HUD and the Department. All HUD contracts are required to submit Annual Progress Reports as a requirement to receive funding. These multi-page reports capture statistical data on those served, the various categories they fall into, the milestones reached, the money expended, etc, which must match the program outlined in the Technical Submission.

The Department is pleased to report that under the current contract through August 31, 2010, My Sisters' Place Transitional Housing Program has nine (9) approved transitional housing units. The objectives and performance measures are reported as follows:

- 11 Families received transitional housing, service referrals and participated in the development of individual housing stabilization plan
- 2 (or 18%) Families received permanent housing
- 2 (or 18%) Families exited the program with increased income

The proposed agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a)(iii) and 3(a)(xii) of the Policy, respectively.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into the aforesaid agreements for the purposes stated above.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to renew a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to receive and administer a Grant Award in the amount of \$105,000 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program to provide transitional housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence for the period November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 and to enter into a separate agreement with My Sisters’ Place, Inc. for the same period to operate the aforesaid program using the funds in the amount of \$105,000 made available through the aforesaid grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his 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	688K	9852	T688	\$105,000
263	22	688K	4380	T688	\$105,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2009(Grant Year) Start Date: 11/01/10 End Date: 10/31/11
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:

\$105,000 (Revenue)

\$105,000 (Expense)

(must match resolution)

Federal Aid: 100%

Other: