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DATE: August 26, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant Mitchell, M.D.
Acting Commissioner of Social Services

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 Award in the amount of \$48,530 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program called the "Life Bridges Program" to pay for the rental expenses for housing approximately sixteen (16) homeless youths transitioning out of foster care for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 and also to enter into a separate agreement with The Children's Village, Inc., for the same period, to operate the aforesaid program using the funds in the amount of \$48,530 made available through the aforesaid grant

The County of Westchester has been notified of a renewal of a grant award in the amount of \$48,530 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. The funds from this grant will, in turn, be transferred to The Children's Village, Inc. through a separate agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. to implement a supportive housing program called the "Life Bridges Program" to pay rental expenses for housing approximately sixteen (16) homeless youths transitioning out of foster care during the same period.

The County of Westchester is requesting authority 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 \$48,530 to be used to implement a supportive

housing program called the “Life Bridges Program” for housing approximately sixteen (16) homeless youths transitioning out of foster care for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 and also to enter into a separate agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc. for the same period to operate the aforesaid program using the funds in the amount of \$48,530 made available through the aforesaid grant.

The program to be operated pursuant to these agreements serves a **public purpose** because it is designed to assist the County’s most vulnerable children in becoming educationally proficient, economically productive and socially responsible members of their communities.

The **goals and objectives** of the aforesaid agreements are to implement a supportive housing program to help the targeted fragile youths while they are still young and impressionable and before they become entrenched in destructive and/or unproductive lifestyles. The aim is to help them avoid a life of dependency on Social Services and develop the skills and behaviors necessary to increase their chances at moving toward self-sufficiency.

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 expenses (for the individual and his or her family) and crime/judicial costs.

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 into which they fall, 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, 2010, Children Village’s Life Bridges program has provided transitional housing to 14 youth which accounts for 78% of the contract capacity. In addition, 14% of the residents secured permanent housing.

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 \$48,530 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program to pay rental expenses for housing approximately sixteen (16) homeless youths transitioning out of foster care for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 and to enter into a separate agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc., for the same period, to operate the aforesaid program using the funds in the amount of \$48,530 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	\$48,530
263	22	688K	4380	T688	\$48,530

Budget Funding Year(s): 2010(Grant Year) Start Date: 09/01/10 End Date: 08/31/11
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars:
\$48,530 (Revenue)	State Aid:
\$48,530 (Expense)	Federal Aid: 100%
(must match resolution)	Other: