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DATE: October 26, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant E. Mitchell, MD
Acting Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development (“HUD”) to receive and administer a Grant in the amount of \$113,749 and to enter into a separate agreement with Greyston Foundation for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 to utilize the funds in the amount of \$113,749 received under the grant agreement for supportive services, operating costs and administration costs related to five units of handicap accessible, affordable rental housing for individuals or couples who are disabled or living with HIV located in Philipsburgh Hall, 2 – 8 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York

Authority is requested for the County to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to receive and administer a Supportive Housing Grant in the amount of \$113,749 funded through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Number NY0623B2T040901), for the term September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. Authority is further requested for the County to enter into a separate agreement with the Greyston Foundation to utilize the funds in the amount of \$113,749 received under the grant agreement, for supportive services, operating costs and administration costs related to five units of handicap accessible, affordable rental housing for individuals or couples who are disabled or living with HIV, located in Philipsburgh Hall, 2 – 8 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York, for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. The funds will be used for supportive services including independent living counseling, treatment coordination, job training and development, as well as for expenses associated with operations and administration. The twenty-five (25%) percent cash match

for supportive services required pursuant to the grant agreement will be provided by Greyston Foundation, therefore there is no cost to the County for this project.

The **public purpose** of the proposed agreements is to provide housing as well as supportive services to persons who are disabled or living with HIV/AIDS, as required by HUD regulations. The goal and objective of providing housing, as well as supportive housing services to needy individuals and couples, will be monitored by the Department of Social Services through the performance measures guidelines.

The **goals and objectives** are in the best interests of the County as they address homelessness, joblessness and the difficulties encountered in the day-to-day life experiences of formerly homeless persons and those with disabilities.

The goals and objectives are in the **best interests of the County** in terms of **fiscal responsibility** as they are addressing the issues of homelessness and joblessness in the County. The program would help the County to reduce the number of people on public assistance, as many of the participants would find employment and retain housing. This would not only improve the economic situation of these families and individuals but also of the County, as the County will be spending less money on public assistance.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** by HUD and the Department. All HUD contracts are required to submit Annual Progress Reports (“APR’s”) in order 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. If the reports are not submitted, HUD may withhold funding. The Department would be using the same standards in authorizing payments to the vendor.

Over the course of the 2009-2010 agreement, Greyston’s counselor worked directly with **20** customers. The Department is able to report that the vendor achieved the following outcomes:

- 12 homeless customers were successfully placed in permanent housing
- 2 homeless customers increased their employment income during the program year
- 13 homeless customers resided in permanent supportive housing over six months

The proposed grant agreement and agreement with Greyston Foundation are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a)(iii) and 3(a)(xi) of the policy, respectively.

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 through and by its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement (Number NY0623B2T040901) with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“Grant Agreement”) to receive a Grant in the amount of \$113,749 for the term September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, that County of Westchester, acting through and by its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into a separate agreement with the Greyston Foundation to utilize the funds in the amount of \$113,749 payable in accordance with an approved budget with funds received under the HUD grant agreement for supportive services, operating costs and administration costs related to five units of handicap accessible, affordable rental housing for individuals or couples who are disabled or living with HIV (“Greyston Agreement”), located in Philipsburgh Hall, 2 – 8 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011; 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	4380	T688	\$113,749
263	22	688k	9852	T688	\$113,749

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

Funding Source Tax Dollars: _____

State Aid: _____

Federal Aid: 100%

\$113,749(expense)

\$113,749 (revenue)

(must match resolution)

Other: _____