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DATE: October 3, 2013

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with Family Resource Center of Peekskill, Inc. to manage and operate scattered site transitional housing units for homeless families for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$300,634 by changing the end date of the contract from June 30, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and by increasing the total not to exceed amount by \$150,317 from a total not to exceed amount of \$300,634 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$450,951

By resolution approved on September 6, 2012, your Honorable Board authorized an agreement with Family Resource Center of Peekskill, Inc. to manage and operate (8) scattered site transitional housing units for homeless families for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$300,634 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The contract was subsequently executed.

Authority is now requested to amend the agreement with Family Resource Center of Peekskill, Inc. by changing the end date of the contract from June 30, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and by increasing the total not to exceed amount by \$150,317 from a total not to exceed amount of \$300,634 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$450,951 to be paid monthly based on utilization at per diems that are set for each unit pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The Department is working on a Request For Proposal ("RFP") for the provision of this service. This extension is being requested to continue providing services to the targeted population until a new vendor will be selected. The additional funding will be used to cover the cost of services to be provided during the extended term.

The services to be provided pursuant to the proposed agreement serve a **public purpose** by assisting the County in providing immediate emergency shelter to eligible homeless families.

The **goals and objectives** of the program are to operate and manage temporary scattered site apartments for families currently living in shelters. The program will provide life skills and budget management training; case management services to address the barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing; information and referrals; jobs and permanent housing for customers through coordination with community agencies.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interests of the County in terms of public health and public safety** as they are aimed at ensuring the health and safety of the eligible participants. This program creates safe havens for the targeted population by providing housing which will reduce their risk of becoming victims of crime and/or developing the general health related issues that result from inadequate and inappropriate shelter.

The goals and objectives are in the County's **best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the services provided assist homeless families in finding permanent housing, which is less expensive than emergency housing or shelters. Additional services including, but not limited to, budget management training and job referrals promote self-sufficiency and economic independence.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. The tracking and monitoring include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as through direct contact with the Department's staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the program's success.

The Department is able to report the following for the 2012-2013 contract period:

- 3 (12%) families secured permanent housing
- Average length of stay was 419.9 days

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain the same.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is seeking authority from your Honorable Board to amend the aforesaid agreement with Family Resource Center of Peekskill, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

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

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Family Resource Center of Peekskill, Inc., to manage and operate scattered site transitional housing units for homeless families for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$300,634 by changing the end date from June 30, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and by increasing the not to exceed by \$150,317 from a total amount not to exceed of \$300,634 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$450,951 to be paid monthly based on utilization at per diems that are set for each unit pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this contract is subject to County Appropriation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby empowered to execute all documents and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original Contract Amount:	\$300,634
This Amendment:	<u>\$150,317</u>
Total	\$450,951

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2013	101	22	8900	5850	-----	\$117,586
2013	101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$ 32,731

Budget Funding Year(s) 2013
(must match resolution)

Start Date: N/A

End Date: 12/31/2013

Funding Source

\$150,317
(must match resolution)

	<u>5860</u>	<u>5850</u>
Tax Dollars:	71%	1%
State Aid:	29%	0%
Federal Aid:	0%	99%
Other:		

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/31/2013 - OMAR VERA, SECRETARY