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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: August 30, 2013

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a renewal grant in the amount of \$124,096 to be used to implement a program under HUD’s Supportive Housing Program and to enter into an Agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. for the provision of a Family Supportive Services Program in the amount of \$124,096 for the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the “Department”), to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a renewal grant in the amount of \$124,096 (Grant No. NY0480L2T041205). Authority is further requested to enter into an Agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. (“HDSW”) to utilize the Grant funds to provide family supportive services to a minimum of sixteen families, including assisting homeless families headed by a parent recovering from mental illness and families whose children are in foster care to secure and maintain permanent housing pursuant to HUD’s Supportive Housing Program for the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the “Grant Terms”), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) and will comply with all of the Grant Terms. In addition, the Federal funding for this program is exempt from the Common Grant rules as this is a Renewal Grant, which may be renewed on a non-competitive basis pursuant to 24 CFR 583.235(a).

In addition, the grant agreement with HUD is not a procurement and the agreement with HDSW is exempt from the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a)(xi) and 3(a)(xiv) thereof.

The proposed agreement will serve **a public purpose** by providing permanent housing and supportive services to homeless families with a head of household recovering from mental illness to assist in having children remain in the home and return to the home if they are in foster care.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are to provide permanent housing to help homeless households avoid dependency on social services, and develop the skills necessary to increase their chances at moving toward self-sufficiency.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as the proposed agreement will make available to the County the funds necessary to implement the aforementioned program. The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are also in the best interests of the County in terms of both fiscal responsibility and public health and safety as the programs funded by the proposed agreement will be aimed at ensuring the well being and safety of the targeted population and addressing the issues of homelessness and welfare dependency in the County which can reduce the costs associated with social services provided by the County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department in accordance with the requirements of HUD. The Department will be required to submit Annual Progress Reports to HUD as a requirement of receiving the funding to be provided under the proposed agreement. These multi-page Annual Progress 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 Department's Technical Submission.

I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$124,096 (Grant No. NY0480L2T041205) and to enter into an agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. ("HDSW") to provide family supportive services, including assisting homeless families headed by a parent recovering from mental illness and families whose children are in foster care, to secure and maintain permanent housing pursuant to HUD's Supportive Housing Program in an amount not to exceed \$124,096, each agreement for the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014; 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	688N	9852	T688	\$124,096
263	22	688N	4380	T688	\$124,096

Budget Funding Year(s): 2013 Start Date: 06/01/13 End Date: 5/31 /14
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$124,096 (Revenue)

\$124,096 (Expense)

(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:

Federal Aid: 100%

Other: