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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: September 29, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: Request for authority to (1) enter into an Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to accept a grant in the amount of \$49,499 to be used to implement a supportive housing program for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015, and (2) to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc. (“Children’s Village”) pursuant to which Children’s Village will operate a supportive housing program to pay rental expenses to house approximately six (6) youth who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care as part of its Life Bridges Program for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$49,499

Authority is hereby requested 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”) to accept a grant in the amount of \$49,499 to be used to implement a supportive housing program to help pay rental expenses for housing youths who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 (the “Grant Agreement”)

Authority is also requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc. (“Children’s Village”) to operate a supportive housing program to pay rental expenses to house approximately six (6) youth who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care as part of its Life Bridges Program for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$49,499 (the “Agreement”). It is to be noted that this program would be funded through the Grant Agreement.

Children's Village was named as a sub-recipient of the grant funds. 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).

The program serves a **public purpose** by providing adequate housing for youth during their transition from foster care into the adult community.

The **goals and objectives** of the aforesaid agreements are to implement a supportive housing program to help homeless youth transitioning out of foster care to obtain adequate housing, thus helping 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 they fall into, the milestones reached, the money expended, etc, which must match the program outlined in the Technical Submission.

The Grant Agreement does not constitute procurement and as such the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply. The Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xi) of the policy.

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.

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) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

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, 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”) to accept a grant in the amount of \$49,499 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program to pay rental expenses for housing youths who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc. (“Children’s Village”) to operate a supportive housing program to pay rental expenses to house approximately six (6) youth who are homeless and/or transitioning out of foster care as part of its Life Bridges Program for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$49,499; 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	688P	4380	T688	\$49,499
263	22	688P	9852	T688	\$49,499

Budget Funding Year(s): (Grant Year):2014 Start Date: 09/01/2014 End Date: 08/31/2015
 (Must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:

\$49,499 (revenue)
 \$49,499 (expense)
 (must match resolution)

Federal Aid: 100%

Other: