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Department of Social Services

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DATE: September 8, 2015

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 grant in the amount of \$329,915 to be used to implement the Stepping Stones program under HUD’s Continuum of Care Program and utilize those grant funds to enter into an Agreement with Children’s Village, Inc. to provide a transitional housing program for homeless young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 for the period from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$319,124.

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 Continuum of Care Program grant (Grant No. NY0864L2T041403) in the amount of \$329,915 (“Grant”). Authority is further requested to enter into an Agreement with Children’s Village, Inc. (“Children’s Village”) to utilize the Grant funds to provide a Continuum of Care program entitled Stepping Stones for up to twelve homeless young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 for the period from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$319,124 (the “Agreement”). The County will be keeping \$10,791 for administrative costs.

Matching funds in the sum of \$65,979, as required by the Grant, will be provided by Children’s Village and the Food Bank for Westchester. The Department has an MOU dated 01/08/2015 with Children’s Village and the Food Bank that covers the matching grant requirement and therefore the Agreement will be at no cost to the County.

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.

The grant agreement with HUD is not a procurement therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply. In 2012, the agreement with Children's Village was awarded pursuant to a Request for Proposals ("RFP") which was issued in September of 2012 by the Westchester County Partnership for the Homeless which coordinates the consolidated grant application annually to HUD's Continuum of Care for the Homeless program on behalf of the County, the City of Yonkers, the City of Mount Vernon, the City of New Rochelle and the City of White Plains. Because this is a Renewal Grant, the Federal funding for this program is exempt from the Common Grant rules and may be renewed on a non-competitive basis pursuant to 24 CFR 583.235(a).

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 \$329,915 (Grant No. NY0864L2T041403) and to enter into an agreement with Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") to provide Stepping Stones, a transitional housing program for up to twelve homeless young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 for the period from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016 pursuant to HUD's Supportive Housing Program in an amount not to exceed \$319,124; 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	688Q	9852	T688	\$329,915
263	22	688Q	4380	T688	\$319,124

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015 -16 Start Date: 12/01/15 End Date: 11/30 /16
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars:
 State Aid:
\$329,915 (Revenue) Federal Aid: 100%
\$319,124 (Expense)
must match resolution) Other: