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DATE: March 8, 2017

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a grant amendment agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services in order to revise the grant budget and authority to enter into an agreement with HOPE Community Services, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 to provide housing for five self-identified LGBT youth between the ages of 18 and 24 and to amend an agreement with the Children's Village, Inc. to increase the amount of the agreement by \$50,454 to a total not to exceed amount of \$250,454 to provide the BraveLife Intervention Program as part of the Youth Homeless Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures for the term September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017.

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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 Amendment agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ("HHS") in order to revise the budget of a grant in the amount of \$670,000 (Award No. 90CA1837-02-00) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures – Phase Two for the period from September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017 (the "Grant Agreement"). Although the amount of this grant is not being changed by this amendment, the grant budget is being altered and HHS requires a grant amendment agreement.

Authority is further requested from your Honorable Board for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into an agreement with HOPE Community Services, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 to provide housing for five self-identified LGBT youth between the ages of 18 and 24 and to amend an agreement with the Children's Village, Inc. to increase the amount of the agreement by \$50,454 to a total not to exceed amount of \$250,454 to provide the BraveLife Intervention Program for the term from September 30, 2016 through September 30, 2017, pursuant to the Grant Agreement. The services to be provided by HOPE Community Services, Inc. include leasing scattered site units, and

providing supportive services to these clients which include assisting eligible participants with housing search, case management, crisis intervention, and life skills focused on maintaining housing.

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 HHS is not a procurement; therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply. Because the federal funding for the original grant is through a Non-Competing Continuation Grant, the agreements with HOPE Community Services, Inc. and with the Children's Village, Inc. may be entered into on a non-competitive basis because the awarding agency authorizes noncompetitive awards pursuant to 24 CFR 92.36(d)(4). The proposed agreements above are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the "Policy") pursuant to Policy Section 3(a)(xi) as County funding for this proposed Agreement is pursuant to the Grant Agreement.

The proposed Agreements **will serve a public purpose** by preventing youth homelessness within the County.

The **goals and objectives** of Westchester Building Futures ("WBF"), is a youth and community-driven second-year planning process to develop a detailed blueprint for transforming Westchester's system of public and private resources to prevent homelessness among youth emerging from our child welfare system that can be rigorously evaluated, thoroughly documented, and replicated nationwide.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement is **in the County's best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as it will reduce homelessness and dependence on public assistance that not only improves the economic situation of the program participants but of the County as well by reducing the County's public assistance expenditures.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement is also **in the County's best interest** regarding **public health and safety** as the operation of the program to obtain permanent housing and self-sufficiency that correspondingly improves the program participants' physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment.

The **performance measurement indicators** for the County WBF will cross four outcome areas: Stable Housing, Education and Employment, Permanent Connections, as well as Social and Emotional Well-being.

The **goals and objectives** of the Grant Agreement **will be tracked and monitored** by the County that will include performance measurement indicator results.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the Grant Amendment Agreement and the proposed agreements with HOPE Community Services, Inc. and Children's Village, Inc. I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

## R E S O L U T I O N

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 a grant amendment agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (“HHS”) in order to revise the budget of a grant in the amount of \$670,000 (Award No. 90CA1837-02-00) to provide Phase Two of a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled “Westchester Building Futures” for the period from September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017 (the “Grant Agreement”); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County is hereby further authorized to enter into an agreement with HOPE Community Services, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 to provide housing for five self-identified LGBT youth between the ages of 18 and 24 and to amend an agreement with the Children’s Village, Inc. to increase the amount of the agreement by \$50,454 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$250,454 to provide the BraveLife Intervention Program for the term from September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017, pursuant to the Grant Agreement, payable pursuant to an approved budget, as part of the Youth Homeless Prevention Initiative entitled “Westchester Building Futures”; 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	526R	4380	T526	\$90,454

Budget Funding Year(s): 2016 -17  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 09/30/16

End Date: 9/29 /17

Funding Source  
\$90,454  
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:  
State Aid:  
Federal Aid: 100%  
Other: