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County Executive

**Department of Social Services**

**Kevin P. Mahon**  
Commissioner

DATE: January 7, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin P. Mahon  
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting through and by its Department of Social Services, to enter into a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive and administer a Grant in the amount of \$58,546 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program for the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 and to enter into a separate agreement with the Renaissance Project, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$58,546 to be paid in accordance with an approved program budget for the same period to implement the aforesaid supportive housing program by paying the rental and operational expenses for two (2) apartments housing chemically dependent homeless adults being discharged from Renaissance's long-term residential program.

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The Westchester County Department of Social Services has been notified of a renewal of a grant award in the amount of \$58,546 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The funds from this grant will in turn be transferred to the

Renaissance Project, Inc. through a separate agreement with the Renaissance Project, Inc. for implementing a supportive housing program to pay rental and operational expenses for two apartments for housing chemically dependent homeless adults being discharged from their long-term residential program. The payments will be made in accordance with an approved program budget. This is a one-year grant renewal for the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

The **public purpose** of the proposed agreements is to provide housing as well as supportive services to persons who are homeless and chemically dependent as required by HUD regulations.

The **goals and objectives** are to house chemically dependent homeless adults being discharged from Renaissance's long-term residential treatment program. The project is to enable those for whom no appropriate residence has been identified and who lack the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing. The long term objective is to assist the individuals with obtaining and retaining permanent housing.

The goals and objectives are in the **best interests** of the County in terms of **public safety and health** as they address homelessness and the difficulties encountered in the day-to-day life experiences of formerly homeless persons and those with chemical dependencies. They are also in the County's best interest **fiscally** as the program will help the County reduce the number of people on public assistance and the associated costs as participants in the program will obtain and retain housing.

For the first year of the project, two apartments were rented which served four homeless adults who had completed long-term residential chemical dependency treatment. Three of the four were assessed as adequately equipped for independent living. Two of the four were employed or in adult education programs. In the second year, the two apartments were rented and served seven different homeless adults. Eighty-six percent were assessed as equipped for independent living, and 57% of the seven were employed or participating in an adult education program. For the first seven months of the third year, the two rented apartments served six homeless adults.

The **negative consequences** of not renewing this contract would be increased County costs for housing these individuals as the County would lose the opportunity to utilize the funding from HUD to provide the aforesaid services.

The **goals and objectives will be monitored** by HUD and the Department. All HUD contracts are required to submit Annual Progress Reports ("APRs") in order 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. If the reports are not submitted, HUD may withhold funding. The Department would be using the same standards in authorizing payments to the Renaissance Project, Inc.

The proposed agreements are exempt activities pursuant to Sections 3 (a) (iii) and 3 (a) (xiv) respectively of the Westchester County Procurement 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.

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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 1-21-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from Kevin P. Mahon, 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 a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive and administer a grant in the amount of \$58,546 to be used in implementing a supportive housing program for the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010; 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 separate agreement with the Renaissance Project, Inc. ("Renaissance Agreement") for the same period for an amount not to exceed \$58,546 to be paid in accordance with an approved program budget to implement the aforesaid supportive housing program by paying the rental and operational expenses for two (2) apartments housing chemically dependent homeless adults discharged from their long-term residential program; 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.

Accounts to be  
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	T688J	9852	T688	\$58,546
263	22	T688J	4380	T688	\$58,546

Budget Funding Year(s): 2009 (Grant Year) Start Date: 1/1/10 End Date: 12/31/10  
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars:
Revenue: \$58,546	State Aid
Expense: \$58,546	Federal Aid 100%
(Must match resolution)	Other