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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: December 4, 2019

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc. to operate a Housing Resources for Adults Program (HRA) at Windham Residence in Yonkers for providing transitional shelter and related services for homeless employable single adults for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$125,246 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("Department"), to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc. to operate a Housing Resources for Adults Program (HRA) at Windham Residence in Yonkers, for providing transitional shelter and related services for homeless employable single adults for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$125,246 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The **public purpose** of the proposed agreement is to assist homeless, single adults to transition from homelessness to economic independence and self-sufficiency while providing them with shelter and supportive services.

The **goals and objectives** of the program are to provide immediate transitional housing to homeless, adults. This program also provides 24 hours on-site supervision, meals, supportive services to include assistance in finding permanent housing, job search and job placement services. Case management employees at both facilities form working linkages with local providers who supply substance abuse screening/treatment and mental health counseling.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interests of the County in terms of public health and public safety** as they are aimed at ensuring the health and safety of the targeted population by providing immediate transitional housing and onsite supervision. By placing individuals in transitional housing, the County increases the likelihood that these individuals will

participate and comply with appropriate programs to address their mental health, substance abuse, employment and permanent housing needs.

The goals and objectives are in the County's **best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the services provided assist the targeted population in finding permanent housing which is less costly than emergency housing. The opportunity to live in a supportive setting provides a greater likelihood of success for an individual's move from transitional to permanent housing.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The tracking and monitoring include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as direct contact with DSS staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the program's success. In 2019, 11 individuals received housing services under this program. Of the 11 participants, 3 obtained permanent housing.

This contract is exempt from the application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) (xiv), as the contract is for the purpose of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance. This contract is not subject to the competitive procurement requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (formerly, the Grants Management Common Rule) as there is no federal funding for this program.

Therefore, the County is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

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

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc., to operate a Housing Resources for Adults Program (HRA) at Windham Residence in Yonkers for providing transitional shelter and related services for homeless employable single adults for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$125,246 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release (s) or adoption (s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered 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
101	22		8900	5860	-----	\$125,246

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020

Start Date: 01/01/2020

End Date: 12/31/2020

(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 71%

State Aid: 29%

\$ 125,246

Federal Aid: 0%

(must match resolution)

Other: