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DATE August 3, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Westchester and Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc., for the Living Room Day Crisis Respite Program for low to moderate income individuals aged 18 and older who reside in Westchester Urban County Consortium Communities.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc., (“HDSW”) to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The grant will fund the Living Room: Day Crisis Respite Program for individuals 18 years and older with mental illness who are residents of Westchester Urban County Consortium Communities. The amount of the grant is \$75,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, and the term of the agreement is August 15, 2020 to August 14, 2021.

Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization that provides counseling services to approximately 300 low to moderate income households in Westchester County. The Living Room Day Crisis Respite Program is a voluntary program for individuals aged 18 or older with mental illness, including co-occurring disorders, who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis requiring immediate attention that may otherwise require hospitalization. The program space includes lounge areas, office for counseling services, exercise equipment, bathrooms with showers and a kitchen for meals and snacks. The program is available 7 days a week from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm and can serve up to 8 people at a time. HDSW projects that the grant funds will allow them to serve 300 additional Westchester Urban County Consortium community residents, 280 of whom will be low to moderate income individuals.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to provide a safe place for individuals experiencing mental health crises to receive counseling and to stay safe during the day. The program will be monitored by the Westchester County Department of Planning staff, who will review the payment requests to make sure all contractual requirements are met.

This procurement is in compliance with the County of Westchester Procurement Policy Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)xvi, which states that contracts with recipients for

disbursement of grants or loans under the Community Development Block Grant Program are exempt.

Act # 20-2020, adopted March 9, 2020, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to submit an Urban County Application under the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Program, including a FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and to accept such Grants.

On May 14, 2020, the Board of Acquisition and Contract approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept a grant totaling \$4,978,089 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

NVD/cp/jl
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/13/2020 USA IRISA SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. ("HDSW"), through the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the amount of \$75,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for a term beginning August 15, 2020 and ending August 14, 2021, for a Living Room Day Crisis Respite Program for individuals aged 18 or older with mental illness, including co-occurring disorders, who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis requiring immediate attention and can receive emergency behavioral health counseling services from HDSW Counselors. The individuals receiving these services will live in a Westchester Urban County Consortium Community, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	19	067V	4380	T067	\$75,000

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

FY 2020 Start Date August 15, 2020 End Date August 14, 2021

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$75,000
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid \$75,000 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Other _____