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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: September 22, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to (i) enter into a renewal grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a Supportive Housing Program grant in the amount of \$881,918.00 pursuant to HUD’s Continuum of Care Program; and (ii) enter into a subgrant agreement with Westhab, Inc., to provide permanent housing subsidies and case management services to approximately 32 parents between the ages of 18 and 24 and their families, and to 3 chronic homeless single youth, for the period from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021, in an amount not-to-exceed \$858,245.00.

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 a certain renewal grant agreement -- Grant No. NY0862L2T041908 (“Grant Agreement”), with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a Supportive Housing Program grant in the amount of \$881,918.00 (“Grant Funds”).

Authority is further requested to enter into a subgrant agreement (the “Agreement”) with Westhab, Inc. (“Westhab”) to utilize a portion of the Grant funds in the amount of \$858,245.00, for the provision of permanent housing subsidies and intensive case management services to approximately 32 parents between the ages of 18 and 24 and their families (wherein each of the families will have one or more disabled family members), and to 3 chronic homeless single youth, for the period from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021. The Department shall retain \$23,673.00 of the remaining Grant Funds to cover the Department’s administration cost.

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 does not constitute procurement. Accordingly, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply. Because this is a renewal grant, the Federal funding for this program is exempt from the Common Grant rules and the proposed Agreement with Westhab, Inc. 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 young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 and their families with a head of household recovering from mental illness or substance abuse and/or developmental issues and provide intensive supportive services to provide them with instruction in basic life skills and parenting skills.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to provide permanent housing to help young 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 youth 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.

KMM/CMC

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 a renewal grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to accept a Supportive Housing Program grant in the amount of \$881,918.00 (Grant No. NY0862L2T041908); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to enter into a subgrant agreement with Westhab, Inc. (“Westhab”) to provide permanent housing subsidies and intensive case management services to approximately 32 parents between the ages of 18 and 24 and their families (each of the families will have one or more disabled family members), and to 3 chronic homeless single youth, pursuant to HUD’s Supportive Housing Program in an amount not to exceed \$858,245.00 for the period from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021; 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	929V	9852	T929	\$881,918
263	22	929V	4380	T929	\$858,245

Budget Funding Year(s): FY20 Start Date: 12/01/20 End Date: 11/30/21
(must match resolution)

Funding Source
\$881,918 (Revenue)
\$858,245 (Expense)
must match resolution)

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