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February 26, 2021

TO: Honorable Members

Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Michael Orth, MSW

Commissioner, Department of Community Mental Health

SUBJECT: Authority to:

- 1) enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$9,648,830 under its Continuum of Care Program in support of the Rental Assistance Project for providing permanent supportive housing for homeless or formerly homeless adults with one or more disabilities including mental illness and/or chemical dependency disorders, for the period from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022;
- 2) enter into six (6) sub-recipient agreements with the six (6) agencies listed below for providing permanent supportive housing for homeless or formerly homeless adults with one or more disabilities including mental illness and/or chemical dependency disorders, for the period from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, in a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$9,468,484, in the individual amounts set forth below.

Authority is respectfully requested for the County, acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the "Department") to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$9,648,830 under HUD's Continuum of Care Program (the "Grant") in support of the Rental Assistance Project for providing permanent supportive housing for homeless or formerly homeless adults with one or more disabilities including mental illness and/or chemical dependency disorders, for the period from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 (the "Grant Agreement").

Authority is further requested to enter into six (6) sub-recipient agreements with the six (6) agencies listed below for providing permanent supportive housing for homeless or formerly homeless adults with one or more disabilities including mental illness and/or chemical dependency disorders, for the term commencing on March 1, 2021 and continuing through February 28, 2022, in a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$9,468,484, in the individual amounts set forth below:

Sub-recipient/Agency	No. of Units	Total Amount Not-to-Exceed 3/1/21 – 2/28/22
Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc.	140	\$3,226,508
Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc.	78	\$1,653,999
Lifting Up Westchester, Inc.	48	\$835,556
Westhab, Inc.	90	\$1,790,142
The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc.	34	\$687,758
The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc.	70	\$1,274,521
TOTAL	460	\$9,468,484

It should be noted that of the total amount of \$9,648,830 in funds that the HUD will provide to the County under the Grant Agreement, \$180,346 will be retained by the County to cover administration costs associated with the Grant.

The Rental Assistance Project, funded by HUD, provides permanent supportive housing for homeless or formerly homeless adults with one or more disabilities including mental illness and/or chemical dependency disorders.

The proposed agreements will serve a public purpose by providing permanent supportive housing for homeless or formerly homeless adults with disabilities (primarily those with serious mental illness and/or chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs) and their families who are or used to living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g., streets), drop-ins or in emergency shelters.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements are to provide housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless or formerly homeless persons with disabilities, (primarily those with serious mental illness and/or chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs) and their families who are or used to living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g., streets), drop-ins or in emergency shelters.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility and public health and safety, as those that are in need of housing will be able to find or keep housing that is in a safe and secure environment and not in the streets. This will assist those in transition to find affordable housing and lead productive lives in Westchester County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements will be tracked and monitored by requiring housing providers to complete the HUD Annual Progress Report (APR). Performance of providers is tracked using the following two outcomes:

- Increased residential stability
- Increased skill level and/or income

The Grant Agreement does not constitute a procurement and as such is not subject to the requirements of the County Procurement Policy.

The agreements with the agencies that implement the Rental Assistance Project are competitively bid at inception through the application process and have been approved by HUD. Therefore, they are specifically excepted from the Federal Common Grant Rules. The Department maintains documentation to substantiate HUD's approval of these agencies.

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) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The Agencies are reimbursed against actual expenses in accordance with the applicable regulations prescribed by HUD.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

MO/TP

Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health (the "Department"), is authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to accept a grant in the amount of \$9,648,830 under HUD's Continuum of Care Program in support of the Rental Assistance Project, for providing permanent supportive housing for homeless or formerly homeless adults with one or more disabilities including mental illness and/or chemical dependency disorders, for the term commencing on March 1, 2021 and continuing through February 28, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County, acting by and through the Department, is authorized to enter into six (6) agreements with the six (6) agencies listed below for the provision of providing permanent supportive housing for homeless or formerly homeless adults with one or more disabilities including mental illness and/or chemical dependency disorders, for the term commencing on March 1, 2021 and continuing through February 28, 2022, in a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$9,468,484, in the individual amounts set forth below:

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RESOLVED, that the County will retain \$180,346 of the grant to cover administration costs associated with the Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate 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	26	490W	4380	T490	9,468,484
2021	101	26	2000	Various		120,230
2022	101	26	2000	Various		24,046
	263	26	522W	Various		30,058
	263	26	522X	Various		6,012
	263	26	490W	9852	T490	9,468,484
2021	101	26	2000	9818		120,230
2022	101	26	2000	9818		24,046
	263	26	522W	9852	T522	30,058
	263	26	522X	9852	T522	6,012

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021-2022 Start Date: March 1, 2021 End Date: February 28, 2022
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$ _____
State Aid \$ _____
Federal Aid \$9,648,830 _____
Other _____
\$9,648,830
(must match resolution)