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DATE April 6, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the agreement between the County of Westchester and Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. in order to provide program delivery funding for eviction prevention services under the Community Development Block Grant – CV program to households impacted by COVID-19.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into an agreement with Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. (“WRO”) to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant - CV program. The grant funds awarded to WRO will be used to provide program delivery in the form of staff costs needed to assist households who have been adversely impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic. The amount of the grant is \$50,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, and the term of the agreement is December 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022.

WRO provides direct rental and utility arrears assistance to families impacted by coronavirus in order to avoid eviction. The County will assist in this endeavor by providing a portion of WRO’s program delivery expenses through Community Development Block Grant- CV program funding.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to help the low and moderate households of the Westchester Urban County Consortium avoid eviction as a result of COVID-19. The program will be monitored by the Westchester County Department of Planning staff, who will review all payment requests to ensure all contractual requirements are met.

The Department of Planning issued a Request For Proposals on June 15, 2020 on the County’s website, seeking proposals from nonprofit agencies who are 501(c)(3) organizations to apply for a grant from the Community Development Block Grant – CV. This program addresses the needs of nonprofit agencies as a result of COVID-19, focusing on those who provide daycare, housing, and mental health services. As of July 19, 2020 twenty (20) organizations submitted proposals; Washingtonville Housing Alliance, Inc., Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., Community Housing Innovation, Inc., The Bridge Fund of New York, Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York, Family YMCA at Tarrytown, Open Door

Medical Center, Inc., Port Chester Carver Center, Human Development Services of Westchester, Cardinal McCloskey Community Services, RSHM Life Center, Inc., The Brown Urban Mother Partners, Inc., Keeping Communities Safe, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Family YMCA at Tarrytown, El Centro Hispano, Inc., Neighbors Link, AJS Wellness Center Organization, Inc. The Salvation Army Tarrytown Corps, and The Salvation Army Port Chester Corps.

The following organizations will receive funding as they submitted comparable proposals, Washingtonville Housing Alliance, Inc. - \$50,000, Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., - \$50,000 Community Housing Innovation, Inc. - \$50,000, The Bridge Fund of New York- \$40,000, Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York- \$40,000, Family YMCA at Tarrytown - \$25,000, Open Door Family Medical Center, Inc. \$25,000, Port Chester Carver Center -\$25,000, Human Development Services of Westchester \$25,000, Cardinal McCloskey - \$25,000, RSHM Life Center, Inc. \$25,000.

Separate resolutions will be submitted for authority to enter into agreements with each organization. Those organizations awarded \$25,000 will receive short-form contracts.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

NVD/cp
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/15/22
USMARIJAS 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 the Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant - CV program in the amount of \$50,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, to assist households in preventing eviction as a result of COVID-19, for a term commencing on December 1, 2020 and continuing through April 30, 2022, 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

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/	Trust	
Fund	Dept	Unit	Sub Object	Account	Dollars
263	19	067V	4998	T067	\$50,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2020 Start Date December 1, 2020 End Date April 30, 2022
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$50,000.00 Federal Aid \$50,000.00 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(must match resolution)

Other _____