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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

**ONBASE # 85759**

DATE: May 27, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard G. Townes  
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into five (5) agreements with (i) Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill Inc., (ii) Family Service Society of Yonkers, (iii) Lifting Up Westchester, Inc., (iv) The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc., and (v) Westhab, Inc., for a total aggregate amount of \$3,201,701 in federal funds, under the "Turning Point" program (Grant No. NY0988L2T042006), to provide a total of 114 units of scattered-site permanent housing units and mobile support services to 103 chronically homeless individuals and 11 chronically homeless families, for the period from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

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By way of background, on May 20, 2021 ("May 20<sup>th</sup> Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into a certain Multiple Projects Renewal Grant Agreement (the "Grant Agreement") with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in order to accept grant funds in the total amount of \$7,631,669, under the HUD's 2020 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program ("the Grant"). The Grant will be used by the County to fund ten (10) separate projects, including the "Turning Point" program (Grant No. NY0988L2T042006) in the amount of \$3,289,977.00 ("Turning Point Grant Funds"). The Turning Point Grant Funds will be used by the County to provide units of scattered-site permanent housing units and mobile support services to chronically homeless individuals and families, pursuant to title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq. ("Act") and the HUD's CoC Program rule ("Rule"), as amended from time to time, and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Non-competitive Funding Notice, Notice CPD-21-01.

Authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into five (5) separate agreements (collectively, "Agreements") under the "Turning Point" program with (i) Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill Inc., (ii) Family Service Society of Yonkers, (iii) Lifting Up Westchester, Inc., (iv) The Guidance

Center of Westchester, Inc., and (v) Westhab, Inc. (collectively, the “Providers”), to utilize a portion of the Turning Point Grant funds in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,201,701, to provide a total of 114 units of scattered-site permanent housing and mobile support services to 103 chronically homeless individual adults and 11 chronically homeless families, in accordance with the Act and the Rule. Each of the Agreements will be for a term commencing on August 1, 2021 and expiring July 31, 2022. The Providers will have case managers to provide housing need assessments, home visits, referrals, advocacy, life skills training, services coordination, relapse prevention and crisis intervention services.

The proposed Agreements will be entered into with the Providers set forth below and in the following not-to-exceed amounts:

Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc.	\$304,238
Family Service Society of Yonkers	\$299,102
Lifting Up Westchester, Inc.	\$629,411
The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc.	\$638,146
Westhab, Inc.	\$1,330,804

The Department shall retain \$88,276.00 from the Turning Point Grant Funds to cover the Department’s administration costs in connection with administering the Turning Point program. Matching funds, as required by the Grant, will be provided by the County and the Providers in in-kind services, therefore entering into the Agreements will be at no cost to the County.

Because the Grant Agreement is a renewal grant, the Federal funding for the “Turning Point” program is exempt from the Common Grant rules and the Agreements may be renewed on a non-competitive basis pursuant to 24 C.F.R. 583.235(a). In addition, the agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(xiv) which exempts contracts with not-for-profit corporations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.

The Agreements **shall serve a public purpose** by assisting chronically homeless single individual adults and families in obtaining scattered site housing within the County of Westchester and receiving supportive services.

The **goals and objectives** of the Agreements shall be to provide scattered site housing units and mobile supportive services for at least 103 chronically homeless individuals and 11 chronically homeless families. The Providers shall provide fiscal oversight in providing the services.

The **goals and objectives** of the Agreements are **in the County’s best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as the operation of the aforementioned Turning Point program by the Providers will help reduce homelessness and dependence on public assistance which not only improves the economic situation of the program participants but also of the County by reducing the County’s public assistance expenditures.

The **goals and objectives** of the Agreements are also **in the County’s best interest** regarding **public health and safety** as the Agreements will permit the Providers to provide housing

and supportive services to the chronically homeless that correspondingly improves the program participants' physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment to such participants and the residents of Westchester County.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the Agreements, as detailed above.

I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

LGT/CMC

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/08/2021 - LISAMRIJAS SECRETARY

**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 (“Department”), is hereby authorized to enter into five (5) separate agreements (“Agreements”) in the total aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,201,701 in federal funds, under the “Turning Point” program (Grant No. NY0988L2T042006), in accordance with the Multiple Project Renewal Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), under the HUD’s 2020 Continuum of Care (CoC) program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that each of the Agreements will be for a term commencing on August 1, 2021 and expiring on July 31, 2022, with the providers set forth below and for the following not-to-exceed amounts:

Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc.	\$304,238
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to implement the Turning Point program pursuant to the grant; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, or his/her 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	929W	4380	T929	\$3,201,701

Budget Funding Year(s): 2021-2022  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 8/01/21

End Date: 07/31/22

Funding Source  
\$3,201,701 (expense)  
(must match resolution)

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