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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: July 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. d/b/a Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill to assist victims of domestic violence with housing and emergency needs, for a term commencing on July 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2022, for an amount not-to-exceed \$54,054.00

By a resolution approved on July 8, 2021, your Honorable Board authorized the County, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence ("OPDV") pursuant to which the County will accept a grant awarded to it by OPDV under the Safe Housing Options Grant Program (the "Grant"), in the amount of \$54,054.00, in order to enhance survivor-centered housing services for survivors of domestic violence throughout Westchester for the period from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 (the "Grant Agreement").

Authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into an agreement with Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. d/b/a Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill ("CHHOP"), pursuant to which CHHOP will assist victims of domestic violence with housing and emergency needs in Westchester, for a term commencing on July 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$54,054.00, 100% of which is grant funded, payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing assistance for eligible victims of domestic violence with housing and emergency needs.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is for CHHOP to provide assist victims of domestic violence with housing and emergency needs. CHHOP is dedicated to alleviating homelessness and hunger in Peekskill and its neighboring communities and to promoting self-sufficiency by providing temporary and permanent housing, food and access to clinical and

vocational services to those in need. These services will be expanded throughout Westchester under the proposed Agreement.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of the public health, safety and general welfare, as many domestic violence victims who flee from their abusers do not have a place to go or the funds to secure housing for themselves and possibly their children. This assistance may prevent victims from becoming homeless.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xiv) thereof, which exempts contracts with not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.

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 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.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (“County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. d/b/a Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (“CHHOP”), pursuant to which CHHOP will assist victims of domestic violence with housing and emergency needs in Westchester, for a term from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$54,054.00, 100% of which is grant funded, payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is also subject to County Appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the CHHOP, then the CHHOP shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions 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	Funding Year(s)
263	11	W038	4380	G038	\$54,054	2021-2022

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021-2022 **Start Date:** 7/1/2021 **End Date:** 9/30/2022
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source:

\$54,054 Tax Dollars _____
 (must match resolution) State Aid _____
 Federal Aid \$54,054
 Other _____