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DATE: November 30, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Westchester and the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson for a Wi-Fi Infrastructure improvement project in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson.

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize an agreement between the County of Westchester (“County”) and the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (the “Village”) pursuant to which the County will provide the Village with a grant, in an amount not-to-exceed of \$100,000.00, from the Community Development Block Grant – CV (“CDBG-CV”) program. The grant will be used for a downtown Wi-Fi expansion project in the Village. The term of the agreement will commence on January 1, 2021 and continue through January 30, 2023.

The Village plans to make their current Wi-Fi system accessible to the downtown area of the Village. The current Wi-Fi system is limited to only Village properties. The expansion of the Wi-Fi system will give access to the entire downtown area of the Village.

The goal and objective of this Project is to provide Wi-Fi infrastructure improvements to this low/moderate area of the Village, in light of COVID-19’s impact on encouraging residents to work and school from home and to do more outdoors. The Project will be monitored by the Village and Westchester County Department of Planning staff who will make site visits to ensure all contractual requirements are met.

This procurement is in compliance with the County of Westchester Procurement Policy Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)xvi, which states that contracts with recipients for disbursement of grants or loans under the Community Development Block Grant Program are exempt.

Act # 20-2020, adopted March 9, 2020, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to submit an Urban County Application under the Federal Community

Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Program, including a FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and to accept such Grants.

On July 30, 2020, the Board of Acquisition and Contract approved a resolution authorizing the amendment to the agreement between the County of Westchester and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept additional funds to address the impacts of COVID-19.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

NVD/cp/sb
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester (“County”) is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (the “Village”), pursuant to which the County will provide the Village with a grant, in an amount not-to-exceed of \$100,000.00, from the Community Development Block Grant – CV (“CDBG-CV”) program, payable pursuant to an approved budget, for a Downtown Wi-Fi Infrastructure Improvement project in the Village to provide better internet access to residents impacted by COVID-19 (the “Agreement”); and be it further

RESOLVED: that the term of the Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2021 and will continue through January 30, 2023; 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

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	19	067V	4998	T067	\$100,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2020 Start Date January 1, 2021 End Date January 30, 2023
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
\$100,000.00 Federal Aid \$100,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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