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Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner

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DATE: May 9, 2022

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Family Service Society of Yonkers, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$504,968.00 for the period from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 for the provision of housing and supportive services for physically disabled homeless adults.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with Family Service Society of Yonkers, Inc. (FSSY), in the amount not to exceed \$504,968.00 for the period from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 to continue to provide housing and supportive services for physically disabled homeless adults provision of housing and supportive services for physically disabled homeless adults under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's ("HUD") Homestead Program.

By Resolution approved by your Honorable Board on May 12, 2022, the County was authorized to enter into grant agreement with HUD pursuant to which HUD will provide funds in the amount of \$7,678,097.00 to the County for the renewal of multiple projects, including the Homestead Program.

Family Service Society of Yonkers ("FSSY") as sub-recipient of HUD's grant, will provide safe, accessible and secure permanent supportive housing for 28 physically disabled homeless adults as it has under the Homestead Program for the past 20 years. The supportive services FSSY will provide under the Agreement include, but are not limited to, case management, social work assessments referrals for physical and mental health services, life skills training, service coordination, relapse prevention and crisis intervention and home care services.

As this Agreement is funded through a grant from HUD, 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.) and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

FSSY is a sub-recipient pursuant to the County's grant agreement with HUD and therefore the Common Grant rules do not apply. The Agreement with FSSY is also exempt from the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a)(xi) and 3(a)(xiv) thereof.

The proposed Agreement will serve a **public purpose** by providing housing and supportive services to physically disabled homeless adults.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to provide safe, accessible and secure permanent supportive housing for 28 physically disabled homeless adults.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility and public health and safety, as the Agreement will be aimed at ensuring the well-being and safety of the targeted population and addressing the issues of homelessness in the County which can reduce the costs associated with social services provided by the County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department in accordance with the requirements of HUD. The Department will be required to submit Annual Progress Reports to HUD as a requirement of receiving the funding to be provided under the proposed agreement. These multi-page Annual Progress Reports capture statistical data on those served, the various categories they fall into, the milestones reached, the money expended, etc., which must match the program outlined in the Department's Technical Submission.

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

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Attachment

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, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Family Service Society of Yonkers, Inc. (“FSSY”) in the amount not to exceed \$504,968.00 for the period from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, to provide housing and supportive services for physically disabled homeless adults under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (“HUD”) Homestead Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his 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	929X	4380	T929	\$504,968

Budget Funding Year(s): FY2021 Start Date: 06/01/2022 End Date: 05/31/2023
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Fax Dollars:
 State Aid:
 Federal Aid: 100%
 Other:

\$ 504,968.00 (expense)
 (must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/19/2022 - RAYMOND SCULKS, SECRETARY