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DATE June 16, 2022

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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Accept Grants Under the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into grant agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to accept grants totaling approximately Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$5,729,693.00) in connection with the following grant programs and in the following amounts:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$4,164,264.00
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	\$1,201,419.00
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	<u>\$364,010.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,729,693.00

Act # 12-2022, adopted March 8, 2022, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorizes the County to submit an Urban County Application under the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solution Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Programs, amending the FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan to include the FY 2022 Action Plan, and to accept such Grants.

The County of Westchester wishes to receive these non-repayable federal Community Development Block Grant funds to complete an array of community development activities on behalf of the 30 participating municipalities in the Urban County Consortium; and the HOME Investment Partnership Program Grant will increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities for low and very low-income households. The term of these grant agreements will commence on May 1, 2022 and continue through April 30, 2023.

The acceptance of these grant funds will allow the County to develop and implement programs and projects that protect and improve the quality of life in Westchester County and not use county taxpayer resources. The goal and objective of accepting these grant funds will be to fund various physical and social services projects in the Consortium Communities. These projects include, but are not limited to, infrastructure

improvements, neighborhood revitalization, promotion of home ownership for income eligible residents, accepting this grant will allow Westchester County to become more fiscally responsible by securing funds for vital projects and programs from non-County resources. The grant funds will be monitored by Westchester County Department of Planning staff who will make site visits, review all grant applications, award only viable programs/projects in low/moderate Consortium Communities and provide follow-up review for all awards for adherence to contract specifications.

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 the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

NVD/cp
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/30/2022 - RAYMOND SCHEIDT, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to accept grants totaling approximately \$5,729,693.00 for the following grant programs and in the following amounts:

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TOTAL	\$5,729,693.00

;and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grants would be for a period beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2023, and will be used to conduct a complete array of community development programs in participating Urban County Communities, as well as homeless prevention activities under the Emergency Solutions Grant and increasing affordable housing opportunities under the HOME Investment Partnership Program, all programs that benefit low and very low-income households, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate purposes hereof, and be it further

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Fund	Dept	Or Unit			
263	19	067X	9852	T067	\$4,164,264.00
263	19	173X	9852	T173	\$1,201,419.00
263	19	215X	9852	T215	\$364,010.00

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

FY 2022

Start Date May 1, 2022

End Date April 30, 2023

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$5,729,693.00
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid \$5,729,693.00– U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Other _____