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DATE: August 4, 2025

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Caring for the Homeless Of Peekskill Inc., pursuant to which it will provide an 'Emergency Housing Assistance Program', consisting of the provision and operation of six (6) two-bedroom 'Emergency Housing Units' and the provision of related housing services, to customers deemed eligible for temporary housing assistance by the Department of Social Services, for the 'RISE' program, which concerns people made homeless by domestic violence and/or human trafficking, for the period from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$319,736.00, with the County having the option, in its sole discretion, to extend the term for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods on the same terms as the initial term, except for varying annual not-to-exceed amounts.

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Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement"; DSS3052-25) with Caring for the Homeless Of Peekskill Inc. ("CHOP"), pursuant to which CHOP will provide an 'Emergency Housing Assistance Program', consisting of the provision and operation of six (6) two-bedroom 'Emergency Housing Units' and the provision of related housing services, to customers deemed eligible for temporary housing assistance by the Department of Social Services ("DSS"), for the 'RISE' program, which concerns people made homeless by domestic violence and/or human trafficking, (collectively, the "Services") for the period from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 (the "Initial Term"), for an amount not-to-exceed \$319,736.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget, with the County having the option, in its sole discretion, to extend the term for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods (each an "Option Term") on the same terms as the Initial Term, except for varying annual not-to-exceed amounts, which shall be as follows for each Option Term:

First Option Term (8/1/26 – 7/31/27): \$326,131.00

Second Option Term (8/1/27 – 7/31/28): \$332,654.00  
Third Option Term (8/1/28 – 7/31/29): \$339,307.00  
Fourth Option Term (8/1/29 – 7/31/30): \$346,093.00

On July 14, 2025, the County, acting by and through DSS, issued a request for proposals that solicited proposals to provide the Services (the "RFP"). In response to the RFP, DSS received two (2) timely proposals. DSS had several individuals review the proposals and evaluate them based upon the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. The result of that review and evaluation was that the proposal from CHOP received the highest score and was, accordingly, ranked first. DSS staff further negotiated the proposed cost with CHOP, and their analysis of the negotiated proposed cost for the Services found that it is reasonable. Based on DSS's review of the proposal from CHOP, and CHOP's past performance under other agreements with the County, DSS is satisfied that CHOP is a responsible vendor for the Services.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing for the provision and operation of emergency housing units for victims of domestic violence and/or human trafficking.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is to provide for the provision and operation of emergency housing units for victims of domestic violence and/or human trafficking.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and safety, as providing for the provision and operation of emergency housing units for victims of domestic violence and/or human trafficking will ultimately help ensure the health and safety of such persons.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the staff of DSS.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

LGT/AM/pdm/nn

## **RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Social Services, be it hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement"; DSS3052-25) with Caring for the Homeless Of Peekskill Inc. ("CHOP"), pursuant to which CHOP will provide an 'Emergency Housing Assistance Program', consisting of the provision and operation of six (6) two-bedroom 'Emergency Housing Units' and the provision of related housing services, to customers deemed eligible for temporary housing assistance by the Department of Social Services, for the 'RISE' program, which concerns people made homeless by domestic violence and/or human trafficking, for the period from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 (the "Initial Term"), for an amount not-to-exceed \$319,736.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget, with the County having the option, in its sole discretion, to extend the term for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods (each an "Option Term") on the same terms as the Initial Term, except for varying annual not-to-exceed amounts, which shall be as follows for each Option Term:

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; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of the New York State Budget ("State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of the contracts. The Agreement shall contain a provision that 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 the 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 State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the contractor, then the contractor 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 is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

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**1. Account to be Charged/Credited:**

	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2025	101	22	8900	5860		\$133,223.00
2026	101	22	8900	5860		\$186,513.00

- 2. Budget Funding Year(s):** 2025-2026  
Start Date: 08/01/2025 End Date: 07/31/2026  
(must match resolution)

**3. Funding Source:**

Federal	0%	CFDA#(s)	N/A		
State	29%	State ID#(s)	N/A		
Operating/ Tax Levy	71%				
Capital	0%				

- 4. Total NTE:** \$319,736.00  
(must match resolution)