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DATE July 1, 2025

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Blanca P. Lopez, M.S.
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing a First Amendment to the agreement between the County of Westchester and Congregations Linked in Urban Strategy to Effect Renewal, Inc. (CLUSTER) to provide Homelessness Prevention Services, in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$65,000 to \$85,000, an increase of \$20,000.

By resolution approved on March 27, 2025, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Congregations Linked in Urban Strategy to Effect Renewal, Inc. (CLUSTER) to provide Homelessness Prevention Services to individuals and families residing in Westchester County communities that do not receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds (the "Project"). In consideration for these services, the County agreed to pay CLUSTER a total amount not-to-exceed \$65,000, pursuant to an approved budget. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

The parties now wish to amend the agreement to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$65,000 to \$85,000, an increase of \$20,000. These additional funds are necessary to continue supporting individuals and families with homelessness prevention services aimed at stabilizing their current housing. All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations delivering Homelessness Prevention Services to residents of Westchester County living in communities not receiving ESG funds. The program will be monitored by staff from the Westchester County Department of Planning, who will review all payment requests and ensure compliance with agreement's requirements.

Act # 141-2024, adopted August 5, 2024, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorizes the County to submit an Urban County Application under the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Programs, including a FY 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan to include the FY 2024 Action Plan and to accept such Grants.

On August 29, 2024, the Board of Acquisition and Contract approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept a grant totaling \$372,293.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

BPL/tf/am/je
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/10/2025 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend its agreement with Congregations Linked in Urban Strategy to Effect Renewal, Inc. (CLUSTER), through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, pursuant to which it agreed to provide Homelessness Prevention Services to individuals and families residing in Westchester County communities that do not receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, for a term commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025 for an amount not-to-exceed of \$65,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"), in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$65,000 to \$85,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original Agreement	\$65,000.00
This Amendment	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total	\$85,000.00

AGREEMENT NUMBER: C-ESG-24-136
Account to be
Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Fund	Dept	Or Unit			
263	19	215Z	4380	T215	\$20,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2024 Start Date January 1, 2025 End Date December 31, 2025
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$20,000.00
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid \$20,000 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Other _____