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DATE: January 9, 2025

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the County of Westchester and Caring for The Homeless of Peekskill D/B/A Caring For The Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. to provide food and supplies to Fred's Pantry.

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the Caring For The Homeless of Peekskill D/B/A Caring For The Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. (the "CHHOP"), pursuant to which CHHOP will provide food and supplies to Fred's Pantry using Community Development Block Grant Program funding to assist low mod clientele who are food insecure. In consideration for providing such services, the County will provide funding for the program in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, pursuant to an approved budget. The term of the agreement will commence on November 1, 2024 and continue through December 31, 2025.

Fred's Pantry is administrated by CHHOP, and is a critically needed support system to alleviate the hunger of children, seniors, individuals and families and to prevent additional families from falling into homelessness due to their inability to pay rent or mortgages while providing food for their children.

Since opening in 2010, Fred's Pantry has served more than 13,000 families, 37,200 individuals and 2,452 seniors and provided over 30,630 meals. The need for food has continued to increase, with a 5% increase from year to year. Without the food pantry, these families would be forced to allocate the money that they might need for housing, to their food needs, and many would fall victim to homelessness, a direct correlative to disintegration of family units. Fred's Pantry directly assists families in their fight to obtain, and retain, self-sufficiency.

CHHOP will provide food and supplies to Fred's Pantry. The goal and objective of this Project is to provide food to income-qualified individuals/families who are food insecure.

The Project will be monitored by CHHOP and Westchester County Department of Planning staff who will ensure all contractual requirements are met.

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

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 \$4,438,390.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

BPL/am/je
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/23/2025 RAYMOND S. DUKAKIS SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with Caring For The Homeless of Peekskill D/B/A Caring For The Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. (the "CHHOP") to provide food and supplies to Fred's Pantry for a period beginning on November 1, 2024 and continue through December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: that in consideration for performing said services, the County shall pay the CCHOP an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant Program funding, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; 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	067Z	4380	T067	\$50,000

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

FY 2024

Start Date

November 1, 2024

End Date

December 31, 2025

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$50,000
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid \$50,000 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Other _____

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