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DATE: March 7, 2025

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Westchester and Lifting Up Westchester, Inc. to perform a Rapid Re-Housing program.

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Lifting Up Westchester, Inc. ("LUW"), pursuant to which LUW would perform a Rapid Re-Housing program, for a term commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025 (the "Agreement"). In consideration for services rendered, the County would pay LUW an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant funding, pursuant to an approved budget.

The Rapid Re-Housing program will provide essential services to homeless adults in emergency shelters. The services that may be provided will include, but not be limited to, rental application fees, security deposits, first month rents, moving costs, housing search and placement and housing stability case management.

The goals and objectives of this Agreement are to assist clients to find permanent housing and maintain stability to prevent them from re-entering the shelter system. The program will be monitored by the Westchester County Department of Planning staff, who will review all payment requests to ensure all contractual requirements are met.

In accordance to the County of Westchester's Procurement Policy and Procedures, on October 3, 2024 the Department of Planning issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking proposals specifically for organizations to apply for a "Turning the Corner" service contract to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis. the RFP was posted on the County's website. Seven agencies submitted proposals in response to the RFP. After a careful review of said proposals, LUW was recommended for an award in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Act # 20-2020, adopted March 9, 2020, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to submit an Urban County Application under the

Federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Program, including a FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and to accept such Grants.

On May 14, 2020, 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 \$311,203.00 in Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

BPL/am/je
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Lifting Up Westchester, Inc. (“LUW”), pursuant to which LUW will perform a Rapid Re-Housing program to provide essential services to homeless adults in emergency shelters in Westchester County, for an amount not-to-exceed of \$40,000.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant program funds, payable pursuant to an approved budget, for a period commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025; 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	215V	4380	T215	\$40,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2020 Start Date January 1, 2025 End Date December 31, 2025
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$40,000.00 Federal Aid \$40,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(must match resolution)

Other _____

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