**Environmental Review for Continuum of Care Project that is Exempt or Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5**

**Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.34(a) and 58.35(b)**

For use with First Steps:

Project name: **First Steps**

*The First Steps program provides permanent housing subsidies and intensive case management to 32 parenting young adults (ages 18-24) and their children. Many of these young parents have mental health, substance abuse, and/or developmental issues.*

*The young adults receive a housing subsidy to obtain 1-bedroom apartments and receive intensive case management with a robust case manager-to-resident ratio of 1:16. The Case Managers are trained in Positive Youth Development and have expertise in the unique issues facing young adult parents. Our Case Managers complete a comprehensive assessment of each family that identifies the parent's strengths, interests, and service needs. The Case Managers work with residents to develop an Independent Living Plan that includes specific, incremental, and realistic goals relating to education and vocational needs, accessing services and entitlements, personal health, and independent living skills. The Independent Living Plans fully address the children's educational and other service needs. The Case Managers maintain frequent contact with each family, including frequent home visits, to help swiftly identify and resolve any problems that arise.*

Funding Information  
1. Grant Number: NY0862L2T041605

2. HUD Program Continuum of Care (CoC) – First Steps  
3. Funding Amount: $723,735  
4. Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: $723,735  
5. Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds): $761,634  
6. Program Type – Permanent Housing - Leasing  
7. Responsible Entity: Westchester County

8. Grant Recipient: Westchester County DSS  
9. Project Location (MUST include apt #): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. Intended lease date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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