WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago, through the Jane Addams Hull House Association (Hull House) located at Kennedy-King College, seeks to launch and operate a Center for Working Families, in conjunction with and financed by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, which is designed to increase the financial stability among students and low income residents in the Englewood, Washington Park, Auburn Gresham and Woodlawn communities;

WHEREAS, the Center for Working Families will offer participants, including community college students, access to the following services:

1. Employment Services including job preparation and job placement assistance, job retention support, career advancement services and enhanced access to education and training opportunities;

2. Financial Services including assistance with developing budgets, pulling and reviewing credit reports and creating individualized plans to help participants build credit, save and make strong connections to mainstream financial institutions;

3. Income Support Services including providing assistance with accessing benefits such as food stamps, child care subsidies, utilities assistance and subsidized housing; and

4. The operation of a FamilyNet Center which will provide internet tools, training, and expertise and expose participants to the economic and social power of the internet.

WHEREAS, one of the expectations of the operation of a Center for Working Families located at Kennedy-King College is that it will assist City Colleges of Chicago in realizing higher retention rates as a result of improved financial stability for its students who participate in the program;

WHEREAS, City Colleges of Chicago has entered into negotiations with Hull House to grant the organization a lease to operate the Center for Working Families at Kennedy-King College; and
WHEREAS, in exchange for the use of space at Kennedy King College which will also require alterations to the existing space to accommodate the program, Hull House has agreed to pay rent in the amount of $10,648 over a 12 month period to lease Rooms V 104-107 and a portion of the parking lot located on the premises exclusively for the Center for Working Families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute a lease agreement for a 12 month period and any and all documents necessary to operate a Center for Working Families through the Jane Adams Hull House at Kennedy-King College.

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