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DATE August 25, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Burroughs  
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Westchester and the Interfaith Council for Action, Inc. (IFCA) for a housing rehabilitation project at 223 Spring Street in the Village of Ossining

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Interfaith Council for Action, Inc., to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant will be used to rehabilitate the vacant six-family home located at 223 Spring Street in the Village of Ossining. The amount of the grant is \$320,000.00, and the term of the grant is September 15, 2011 to December 31, 2012.

Interfaith Council for Action, Inc., (IFCA) was formed in 1968. IFCA's mission is to foster, promote and sponsor better housing, recreational, educational and social conditions for the less privileged members of the community. IFCA provides affordable/workforce housing for more than 200 adults, children and seniors. The agency has rehabilitated 23 buildings since 1972 and currently has 84 rental units and 14 owned and operational properties. 223 Spring Street is one of these properties. This property has six units of housing - two studio units, two one-bedroom units, and two two-bedroom units.

IFCA plans to rehabilitate the property as it is uninhabitable and in need of the rehabilitation of the bathrooms, kitchens, heating system, electrical system and plumbing. The renovations will include, but not be limited to, masonry, metals for framing, thermal insulation and finishes to create six new rental units.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are to provide a safe environment and an energy efficient building for the residents of 223 Spring Street. The rehabilitation will also ensure the building will be sanitary and safe for future low income families. The project will be monitored by Department of Planning staff who will make site visits as well as review all payments to make sure all contractual requirements are met.

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

Act #11-2010, adopted March 15, 2010, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to file an FY 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan application consisting of an Action Plan for Fiscal

Year 2010 as an Urban County to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

On April 29, 2010, 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 for the thirty-fifth year grant totaling \$8,473,589.00 from HUD. The allocation for the Community Development Block Grant Program is \$6,378,239.00. This project will be funded from the thirty-fifth year CDBG allocation.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EB/cp  
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/15/2011 - JOMAR VERBA, SECRETARY

R E S O L U T I O N

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 Interfaith Council for Action, Inc., through the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the amount of \$320,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for a term beginning September 15, 2011 and ending December 31, 2012, for the rehabilitation of a six-family home at 223 Spring Street in the Village of Ossining. The renovations will include, but not be limited to, masonry, metals for framing, thermal insulation and finishes to create six new rental units, 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	067K	4380	T067	\$320,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010 Start Date September 15, 2011 End Date December 31, 2012  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

**\$320,000.00**  
 (must match resolution) Federal Aid \$320,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_