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DATE: September 27, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Burroughs  
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Westchester and Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, Inc., for a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) to change the expiration date

On September 24, 2009, this Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Westchester Coalition For The Hungry and Homeless, Inc., to provide a grant from the Emergency Shelter Grant Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The grant will be used for a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program – Eviction Prevention Program for the benefit of the Westchester Urban County Consortium communities. The amount of the grant is \$200,000.00, and the term is September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2011. Based on the responses to a Request for Proposals, Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, Inc. was identified by the County as the most appropriate agency to provide this service.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to amend this agreement to change the expiration date from August 31, 2011 to May 31, 2012. Westchester Coalition For The Hungry and Homeless, Inc. needs additional time to fully expend all funds for the program by disbursing rent subsidy checks to landlords on behalf of existing HPRP clients and to determine that these clients will continue to be eligible to receive rental subsidies to maintain affordable and permanent housing.

The goal and objective of the original agreement is to help approximately 80-150 low-income families in imminent danger of becoming homeless within the Westchester Urban County Consortium communities. The agreement exhibits fiscal responsibility by providing funds from other non-County sources. The program will be monitored by Department of Planning staff who will review all payment requests to ensure all contractual requirements are met.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

EB/cp  
Attachment

