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DATE: October 19, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement between the County of Westchester and Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc., in order to change the expiration date

On September 24, 2009, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc. (HDSW) 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. The amount of the grant is \$182,000.00, and the term is September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2011.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to amend the above referenced agreement in order to change the expiration date from August 31, 2011 to February 29, 2012. All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain the same.

The additional time will allow HDSW to provide approximately ten to twelve low income households with case management, rent arrears, security deposits and prevention of utility shutoff services as they are facing eviction due to non-payment of rent, mortgage and utilities.

This amendment will help prevent homelessness in Westchester County by providing eviction prevention assistance to households within the Westchester Urban County Consortium who are in jeopardy of becoming homeless. The program will be monitored by Department of Planning staff who will review the payment requests to make sure all contractual requirements are met.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

EB/cp
Attachment

