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DATE: November 9, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Burroughs, Commissioner  
Department of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Westchester and Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., for a Mortgage Foreclosure/Default Program in the Westchester Urban County Consortium Communities in order to change the expiration date and increase the dollar amount

On November 18, 2010, this Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The grant was used to fund a Mortgage Foreclosure/Default Program. The amount of the grant was \$85,000.00 and the term of the agreement was July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to amend the above referenced agreement to change the expiration date from June 30, 2011 to December 31, 2011 and to increase the dollar amount from \$85,000.00 to \$120,000.00, an increase of \$35,000.00. All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain the same.

The additional time and funds will allow Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., to provide over 130 households with enhanced mortgage foreclosure counseling and legal services to income eligible homeowners in the Westchester Urban County Consortium that are going through and/or anticipate having a mortgage foreclosure/default case.

The goal and objective of the original agreement is to assist and provide mortgage foreclosure counseling and legal services to income eligible homeowners in the Westchester Urban County Consortium that are going through and/or anticipate having mortgage foreclosure/default problems. The program will be monitored by the Westchester County Department of Planning staff. WRO will submit activity reports with their voucher submissions.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

EB/cp  
Attachment

