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DATE: May 7, 2012

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 Freedom Gardens for the Handicapped, Inc., in order to change the expiration date

On June 17, 2010, your Honorable Board approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Freedom Gardens for the Handicapped, Inc., to provide a grant from the Federal HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). The grant will be used to supplement a portion of the construction costs for three affordable affirmatively furthering fair housing rental units for physically handicapped households at Freedom Gardens located at 1680 Strawberry Road in the hamlet of Mohegan Lake, Town of Yorktown. The term of the agreement is June 15, 2010 to June 14, 2012, and the amount of the grant is \$225,000.00.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to amend the above-referenced agreement with Freedom Gardens for the Handicapped, Inc., to change the contract expiration date from June 14, 2012 to April 30, 2013. The additional time is needed as construction is only close to 20% complete and is expected to be completed in early 2013.

The goal and objective of the original agreement is to create fair and affordable housing that is safe, secure and energy efficient. This project will relieve the physically handicapped tenants from the burden of the high cost of rental housing in Westchester County. Department of Planning staff will monitor and track this construction to ensure continued compliance with affordability requirements and fiscal responsibility.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

EB/cp
Attachment

