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DATE: February 27, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Westchester and the Housing Action Council, Inc., to provide technical assistance to not-for-profit developers of new fair and affordable housing developments

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Housing Action Council, Inc., (HAC) for the provision of technical assistance to not-for-profit developers of new fair and affordable housing developments. The amount of the agreement shall not exceed \$95,148.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget, and the term of the agreement is January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

HAC will facilitate the development and preservation of affordable housing by assisting not-for-profit organizations and/or local housing boards with nine affordable housing developments sponsored by such organizations through: grant application processes; determining financial feasibility; securing federal, state and private funds; and other matters related to the development, preservation and improvement of affordable housing.

HAC has been providing these services to the County for over ten years and has been deemed to possess the requisite skills and experience to meet the needs of those in our community who require these services.

In 2014, HAC exceeded all of their goals. They assisted eight organizations in order to further the development of fair and affordable housing. They also assisted fourteen organizations with twenty fair and affordable housing developments which resulted in eight units of housing completed and sixty-two units under construction and one hundred twenty-three in development.

In 2015, HAC will provide organizational assistance services such as, but not limited to, assisting various organizations with their housing development options, developing and educating boards of directors, helping to set or clarify housing goals and objectives and preparing applications for federal tax exemption under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. HAC will provide technical services such as, but not limited to, assessing the potential of housing development or preservation on specific sites; preparing preliminary development and operating budgets; presenting options on maintaining affordability; advising on zoning, site planning and other approvals; guiding through the acquisition and development processes; preparing loan and grant applications; and coordinating development and construction oversight.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to assist in the provision of fair and affordable housing in Westchester County. The organization assistance and technical services provided by the Housing Action Council, Inc., are essential to the provision of fair and affordable housing in Westchester County. The program will be monitored by Department of Planning staff who will review all payment requests to make sure all contractual requirements are met. HAC will submit quarterly reports to the Department of Planning.

Authority to exempt the agreement from the requirements of the County of Westchester Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof, has been requested from your Honorable Board by a separate resolution of even date herewith.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EB/cp
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/02/2015 - JOSEPH VIERA, SECRETARY

