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DATE September 18, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution amending a prior Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Westchester and Freedom Gardens for the Handicapped, Inc. to provide funds for the renovation of Unit #8, a two-bedroom apartment located at 1680 Strawberry Road, in the Town of Yorktown, in order to change the contract period and change the loan amount.

On November 21, 2019, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Freedom Gardens for the Handicapped, Inc. ("Freedom Gardens"), to provide a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG") and a loan from the CDBG Property Improvement Program in order to renovate an existing two-bedroom rental apartment ("Unit #8") located at 1680 Strawberry Road, in the Hamlet of Mohegan Lake and the Town of Yorktown. The amount of the grant is \$137,500 and the amount of the loan is \$117,985 with a term of fifteen years at zero percent interest, for a total funding assistance amount of \$255,575, pursuant to an approved budget. The term of the grant is December 16, 2019 to December 15, 2020. This agreement has not been executed.

It is necessary to amend prior Resolution in order to change the loan amount from \$255,575 to \$255,485 and the contract period from December 16, 2019 - December 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020 – July 14, 2021 in order to be in compliance with all of HUD's requirements. All other terms and conditions of the prior Resolution will remain the same.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to create a fair and affordable rental unit that is safe, secure, and energy efficient for a household where at least one member has a physical disability. This project will relieve a physically disabled tenant from the burden of the high cost of rental housing in Westchester County. The Westchester County Department of Planning Staff will monitor and track the renovation to ensure all contractual requirements are met and will continue to monitor Unit #8 to ensure compliance with the affordability requirements.

This procurement is in compliance with the County of Westchester Procurement Policy Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)xvi, which states that contracts with recipients for disbursement of grants or loans under the Community Development Block Grant Program are exempt.

Act # 37-2019, adopted March 11, 2019, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to submit an Urban County Application under the Federal Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Programs, including a FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and to accept such Grants.

On May 30, 2019, the Board of Acquisition and Contract approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept a grant totaling \$3,544,891 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

NVD/cp
Attachment

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