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DATE: October 17, 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 Congregations Linked in Urban Strategy to Effect Renewal, Inc. (CLUSTER) in order to change the expiration date and increase the dollar amount

On September 24, 2009, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with CLUSTER 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 for the benefit of the Westchester Urban County Consortium communities. The amount of the grant is \$208,000.00 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 to change the expiration date from August 31, 2011 to June 30, 2012 and to increase the dollar amount from \$208,000.00 to \$253,000.00, an increase of \$45,000.00. All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain the same.

The additional time and funds will allow CLUSTER to provide approximately an additional ten to fifteen low income households with case management, short-term rent arrears, security deposits and prevention of utility shut-off 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

R E S O L U T I O N

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED: that the County is authorized to amend the agreement with Congregations Linked in Urban Strategy to Effect Renewal, Inc (CLUSTER) through the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, in order to change the expiration date from August 31, 2011 to June 30, 2012 and increase the dollar amount from \$208,000.00 to \$253,000.00, an increase of \$45,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED: that all the other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain the same, and it is further

RESOLVED: that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate purposes hereof.

Original Agreement \$208,000.00
 This Amendment \$ 45,000.00

 TOTAL \$253,000.00

 AGREEMENT NUMBER C-ESG-09-102

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	19	9741	4380	T974	\$45,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2008 Start Date September 1, 2009 End Date June 30, 2012
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____

\$45,000.00 Federal Aid \$45,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (ARRA)
 (must match resolution) Other _____