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DATE November 9, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs, Commissioner
Department of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Westchester and Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., for an Equal Housing Opportunity 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. The grant was used to fund an Equal Housing Opportunity Program. The amount of the grant is \$79,000.00, 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 \$79,000.00 to \$112,000.00, an increase of \$33,000.00. 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 165 persons with investigative services of discrimination in housing, and providing fair housing education to all first time homebuyers 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 provide investigative services to minorities on cases of discrimination in housing and provide mediation when necessary (at least 75% of all other clients served will be low/moderate income persons). WRO will also train real estate professionals on fair housing laws. The program will be monitored by the Department of Planning staff, who will review all payment requests to ensure all contractual requirements are met. WRO will submit monthly reports detailing activities and accomplishments during the month.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

EB/cp
Attachment

