

DATE February 19, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement Between the County of Westchester and the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, Inc., for the Administration of an Eviction Prevention Program in the Westchester County Consortium Communities in Order to Increase the Dollar Amount.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to amend the agreement with the Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless of Westchester, Inc., to provide a grant from the Emergency Shelter Grant Program. The grant will be used for the administration of an Eviction Prevention Program in the Westchester Urban County Consortium communities. The amount of the grant is \$47,000.00, and the term of the agreement is July 15, 2009, to July 14, 2010. The amendment will increase the total of the agreement from \$47,000.00 to \$48,769.79, an addition of \$1,769.79. The additional funds are balances from different completed ESG projects; therefore, these funds are being awarded to Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, Inc., for a food pantry program, a new service. All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain the same.

The additional funds will allow the Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless of Westchester, Inc., to continue to provide assistance to the homeless population and those who are in imminent danger of becoming homeless. It is expected that at least an additional 200 persons/households will be assisted under the Food Pantry Program.

The agreement will serve the public purpose of helping to prevent homelessness in the Westchester Urban County Consortium Communities and promotes fiscal responsibility.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to help low-income families in imminent danger of becoming homeless within the Westchester Urban County Consortium. This organization serves as the clearinghouse for all the eviction prevention programs in Westchester County to assure that no family is assisted more than once in a twelve-month period. Families facing eviction usually turn to a local community-based non-profit for assistance. There are a handful of non-profits that provide excellent eviction prevention services. This agreement exhibits fiscal responsibility by providing funds from other non-County sources. The program will be monitored by the Department of Planning staff, who will review the payment requests to make sure all contractual requirements are met.

Should this agreement not be approved, an additional 200 families will very likely become homeless.

On June 18, 2009, this Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless of Westchester, Inc., for the administration of an Eviction Prevention Program in the Westchester Urban County Consortium communities.

Act # 46-2005 was adopted March 7, 2005, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and approved April 1, 2005, by the Board of Acquisition and Contract. This Act authorizes the County to accept and administer a \$251,892.00 grant under the Emergency Shelter Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This project will be funded from this fiscal year.

Act # 47-2007, adopted March 12, 2007, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to file an amendment to the Consolidated Plan application consisting of an Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2007 as an Urban County to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Act # 152-2005 authorized the County to enter into cooperation agreements with forty (40) municipalities participating in the program as the first step in qualifying these municipalities to receive these funds during Fiscal Year 2007.

On April 13, 2007, 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 for the thirty-second year grant totalling \$7,896,953.00 from HUD. The allocation for the Community Development Block Grant Program is \$5,862,732.00. This project will be funded from the thirty-second year CDBG allocation.

Act # 9-2008, adopted February 4, 2008, by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, authorized the County to file an amendment to the Consolidated Plan application consisting of an Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2008 as an Urban County to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Act # 152-2005 authorized the County to enter into cooperation agreements with forty (40) municipalities participating in the program as the first step in qualifying these municipalities to receive these funds during Fiscal Year 2008.

On May 8, 2008, 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 for the thirty-third year grant totaling \$7,667,000.00 from HUD. The allocation for the Community Development Block Grant Program is \$5,715,632.00. This project will be funded from the thirty-third year CDBG allocation.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

EB/dg
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 3/12/2010 - CLERK/SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

AMENDMENT

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

RESOLVED: That the County is authorized to amend the agreement for the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, Inc., through the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, in order to increase the dollar amount from \$47,000.00 to \$48,769.79, an increase of \$1,769.79, and it is 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	\$47,000.00
This Amendment	\$ 1,769.79
 TOTAL	 \$48,769.79
 AGREEMENT NUMBER	 C-ESG-09-94

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/	Trust	
Fund	Dept	Or Unit	Sub Object	Account	Dollars
263	19	215H	8000	T215	\$529.81
263	19	215I	8000	T215	\$1,116.51
263	19	215F	8000	T215	\$123.47

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2005, 2007, 2008 Start Date July 15, 2009 End Date July 14, 2010
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$1,769.79 Federal Aid \$1,769.79 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(must match resolution)

Other _____