

DATE March 30, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Boroughs
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Westchester and New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation to Extend the Expiration Date and Increase the Dollar Amount for the Administration of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program for an Additional Amount of \$3,831,000.00.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Planning (the "Department") to change the expiration date and increase the dollar amount of the Grant Agreement with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation ("HTFC") through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant funds are increased from \$3,400,000.00 to \$7,231,000.00, an increase of \$3,831,000.00. The funds will be used to administer the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program. The expiration date is extended until such time that this contract extension is replaced with a revised contract to be executed by and between the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation and Westchester County. The total amount received will be based on actual lease-ups of families in housing units.

On May 21, 2009, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation to accept a grant for the administration of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program, FY 2009.

Since 1976, the Westchester County Planning Department, through the Division of Housing and Community Development, has administered the Section 8 Program throughout Westchester County. The Section 8 Program provides landlords with subsidies to enable low income tenants to reside in units which would otherwise be too costly for them. The assistance program has been extremely successful in helping low income families, single parents and senior citizens on fixed incomes to pay their rent. Each year, the New York Housing Trust Fund Corporation, through the Division of Housing and Community Renewal, contracts with the County to operate the housing assistance payments program.

The Grant Agreement will serve the public purpose of fiscal responsibility by securing grant funds in order to provide administrative support to the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program in Westchester County.

The goal and objective of the Grant Agreement is to provide financial assistance to approximately 4,582 households in order that the families may pay their rent in an existing housing unit. The program will be monitored by the Westchester County Planning Department's Section 8 office who will oversee the program to make sure all payments are issued in accordance with all requirements as set forth in the Grant Agreement.

Should this agreement not be approved, 4,582 households will not receive rent subsidies thus possibly causing them to be evicted from their homes, increasing the homeless population.

I recommend approval of this Amendment.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

AMENDMENT

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend the grant agreement with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (“HTFC”) through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant funds are increased from \$3,400,000.00 to \$7,231,000.00, an increase of \$3,831,000.00. The funds will be used to administer the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program. The expiration date is extended until such time that this contract extension is replaced with a revised contract to be executed by and between the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation and Westchester County, 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 authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

Original Agreement	\$3,400,000.00
This Amendment	\$3,831,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$7,231,000.00
AGREEMENT NUMBER	Section 8 Admin - FY 2009 Extension

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/	Trust	
Fund	Dept	Or Unit	Sub Object	Account	Dollars
263	19	305K	9853	T305	\$3,831,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2009 Start Date January 1, 2009 End Date Until contract extension is replaced with a revised contract
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$3,831,000.00 Federal Aid \$3,831,000.00 – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(must match resolution)

Other _____