



**Date:** February 7, 2012

**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Reginald J. Johnson, Interim Director  
Department of Community Development  
**Subject:** Second Amendment to Durham County  
(ARRA) American Recovery Reinvestment Act -  
FY 2009-2012 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program  
Subrecipient Contract

### **Executive Summary**

On September 29, 2009, a performance base contract with Durham County was executed in the amount of \$789,101.00 utilizing Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds. Durham County Department of Social Services (DSS) was to provide comprehensive case management services up to 125 families that are at-risk of becoming homeless and to rapidly re-house up to 60 families who are experiencing homelessness. Additionally, DSS is providing financial assistance in the following forms: security deposit and rental payments, utility deposit and payments and moving costs. The First Amendment was to extend the contract term from November 14, 2011 to March 31, 2012, and to shift ten percent (10%) of funds among various line items within the budget. To date, Durham County has assisted 207 families and surpassing goal. However, the request to shift funds within the budget to exceed ten (10%) will allow Durham County DSS to transfer monies to Housing for New Hope to increase rapid re-housing efforts in assisting those who are experiencing homelessness and to expend all funds expeditiously to meet federal requirement. Therefore, the Second Amendment will extend the contract term from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012, and to allow line items within the budget to exceed 10%. The total contract amount remains unchanged.

### **Recommendation**

The Department of Community Development (DCD) recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment with Durham County, Department of Social Services (DSS) Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program extending the term of the contract from March 31, 2012 to June 30, 2012; and allowing line items within the budget to exceed 10% of the line item total.

### **Background**

Durham County was awarded the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) contract in 2009 to prevent citizens of Durham in from becoming homeless and subcontracted with Housing for New Hope, Inc (HNH) to rapid re-house those who were experiencing homelessness. As of today, Durham County DSS has assisted 142 households in the form of prevention to those at risk of becoming homeless and has rapidly re-housed 65

households that were experiencing homelessness in the City of Durham. To date a total of 207 households has received housing assistance and services.

Given the success of the HPRP over the past two years, Durham citizens have been able to maintain housing and the necessary tools of becoming sustainable. Along with the City of Durham, Durham County, Housing for New Hope and other homeless service providers, the funds will continue addressing the need to assist those who are at-risk of becoming homeless and those who are experiencing homelessness in Durham.

### **Issues and Analysis**

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program was intended to address those who were experiencing economic downfall and homelessness. Therefore, HPRP was a specific priority of the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Five-Year Plan. A request to shift funds within the budget to exceed ten (10%) will allow Durham County DSS to Housing for New Hope to increase rapid re-housing efforts in assisting those who are experiencing homelessness and to expend all funds expeditiously. Therefore, Durham County DSS and Housing for New Hope will continue its efforts in assisting up to 32 households who are at-risk of becoming homeless and those experiencing homelessness until all funds have been expended.

### **Alternatives**

City Council may elect not to approve the Second Amendment. Failure to approve the Second Amendment would hinder the amount of efforts to assist those who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homelessness and to allow all funds to be expended by July 21, 2012.

### **Financial Impact**

HPRP funds are budgeted and available for this project. The project will have no impact on the General Fund.

### **SDBE Summary**

SDBE requirements do not apply in this case