

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 17, 2014

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve an Agreement to Enter into a Long Term Subsidy Contract for a 15-year term to fund housing costs associated with affordable housing units for Contract No. 2013-007A with Phyllis Wheatley Residential, LP, for Local Rent Supplement Program units at Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, located at 901 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Local Rent Supplement Program Contract No. 2013-007A Approval Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) In 2007, the District passed Title II of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Support Act of 2006, effective March 2, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-192; 53 DCR 6899) (“BSA”), to provide funding for affordable housing for extremely low-income households in the District. The BSA created the Local Rent Supplement Program (“LRSP”), a program designed to provide affordable housing and supportive services to extremely low-income District residents, including those who are homeless or in need of supportive services, such as elderly individuals or those with disabilities, through project-based, tenant-based, and sponsor-based LRSP affordable housing units. The BSA provided for the District of Columbia Housing Authority (“DCHA”) to administer the LRSP of behalf of the District.

(b) In April 2013, DCHA participated in a Request for Proposals issued by the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development. Of the total proposals received, 18 developers were chosen to work with DCHA and other District agencies to develop affordable housing and permanent supportive housing units for extremely low income families making zero to 30% of the area’s median income, as well as the chronically homeless and individuals with mental or physical disabilities throughout Washington, D.C. Upon approval of the contract by the Council, DCHA will enter into an Agreement to Enter into a Long Term Contract (“ALTSC”) with the selected housing providers under the LRSP for housing services provided thereunder.

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(c) There exists an immediate need to approve a certain ALTSC with Phyllis Wheatley Residential, LP, under the District of Columbia Housing Authority's Local Rent Supplement Program in order to provide long-term affordable housing units for extremely low-income households in the District of Columbia for units at Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, located at 901 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.

(d) The emergency legislation to approve the contract will authorize an ALTSC between the District of Columbia Housing Authority and Phyllis Wheatley Residential, LP, with respect to the payment of rental subsidy, and allow the owner to lease the rehabilitated units at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA and house District of Columbia extremely low-income households with incomes at 30% or less of the area median income.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Local Rent Supplement Program Contract No. 2013-007A Approval Emergency Act of 2014 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.