

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 12, 2016

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 15 years in support of the District's Local Rent Supplement Program to fund housing costs associated with affordable housing units for Contract No. 2013-LRSP-04A with Beacon Center Housing, LLC, for Local Rent Supplement Program units at The Beacon Center, located at 6100 and 6104 Georgia Avenue, N.W., and to authorize payment for housing services to be received under the contract.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Local Rent Supplement Program Contract No. 2013-LRSP-04A Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2016".

Sec. 2. (a) In 2007, the District passed Title II of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Support Act of 2006 ("BSA") to provide funding for affordable housing for extremely low-income households in the District. The passage of 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 sponsored-based LRSP affordable housing units. The BSA provided for the District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA") to administer the LRSP on 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 ("DHCD"). 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 between 0% and 30% of the area's median income, as well as the chronically homeless and individuals with mental or physical disabilities throughout the District. Upon approval of the contract by the Council, DCHA will enter into an agreement to enter into a long-term subsidy contract ("ALTSC") with the selected housing providers under the LRSP for housing services provided under the contract.

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(c) There exists an immediate need to approve the ALTSC with Beacon Center Housing, LLC, 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 for units at The Beacon Center, located at 6100 and 6104 Georgia Avenue, N.W.

(d) The emergency legislation to approve the contract will authorize an ALTSC between the District of Columbia Housing Authority and Beacon Center Housing, LLC, with respect to the payment of rental subsidy, and allow the owner to lease the rehabilitated units at The Beacon Center 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-LRSP-04A Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2016 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.