

A RESOLUTION

23-368

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

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. 2018-LRSP-06A with SCATTERED SITE III, LLC for program units at Anna Cooper House, located at 1338 R Street, 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. 2018-LRSP-06A Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

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 sponsor-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 2017, DCHA participated in a request for proposals issued by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Of the total proposals received, 7 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. 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.

(c) There exists an immediate need to approve the ALTSC with SCATTERED SITE III, LLC under the LRSP in order to provide long-term affordable housing units for extremely low-income households for units located at 1338 R Street, N.W.

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(d) The emergency legislation to approve the contract will authorize an ALTSC between the District of Columbia Housing Authority and SCATTERED SITE III, LLC with respect to the payment of a rental subsidy and allow the owner to lease the rehabilitated units at the Anna Cooper House and house 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. 2018-LRSP-06A Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.