

**RESOLUTION #2779**

**APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2016-17 CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM (CHSP) GRANT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$52,784**

**WHEREAS**, in 1981, the State of New Jersey Senate and General Assembly enacted the "Congregate Housing Services Act", which authorized and funded the Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP), a program of assistance for frail and at-risk seniors in subsidized housing for the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature has identified that due to the absence of specifically designed housing with supportive services, elderly persons suffering from short-term or permanent disability or the natural consequences of aging are often subject to inappropriate, premature or overextended institutionalization resulting in over-utilization of costly services and the negative impact of the institutional environment on the individual's emotional and physical well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to fill this gap in the housing continuum between independent living and institutionalization for those seniors who do not require highly intensive support systems yet cannot maintain a totally independent lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, Congregate Housing Services have proven to be a successful and cost effective means of fulfilling basic shelter and everyday service needs of elderly persons thereby enabling them to preserve their dignity and independence in a secure environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority has operated a Congregate Program at Adams and Finn Towers since April of 2001 and at Stern Towers since March 2002 with more than 57 participants receiving between 300 and 400 meals per month, as well as housekeeping and personal care services and Personal Shopping Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the state will be accepting grant renewal applications for the 2016-17 Congregate Housing Services Program by May 18, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has developed a Plan whereby they shall prepare a renewal application for the Congregate Housing Services Program for Adams, Finn and Stern Towers in an amount that will be determined by the June 2015 level of service at the current program sites and will not exceed the sum of \$52,784.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman and the Board of Directors hereby authorize the Executive Director of the Authority to execute the Application on behalf of the Authority, accept the award of funding if it is granted, sign the Letter of Agreement for the renewal grant and implement the Congregate Housing Services Program for July 1, 2016.

Motion to adopt Resolution #2779 moved by Commissioner Kenny and seconded by Commissioner Michelson and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Barbee Kenny Michelson Rosario Shah Briante Ficarra  
AYES: Kenny Michelson Rosario Shah Ficarra  
NAYS: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Barbee Briante

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution # adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge at their Regular Meeting of May 2, 2016.

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Donna F. Brightman, Secretary