

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council

From: David Deutsch
City Manager

Subject: City of Bowie Consolidated Plan FY 09-13 and the “Agreement” to Accept Grant Funds from the Open Door Housing Fund of Silver Spring, Maryland

Date: February 1, 2010

On July 7, 2008 City Council adopted Resolution R-43-08 authorizing the city to accept grant funds from Open Door Housing Fund (ODHF) in the amount of \$250,000. The funds are provided to ODHF by the Community Legacy Program of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

The OPENDOOR HOUSING FUND (“ODHF”), a private investment fund dedicated to creating and sustaining affordable housing and stable communities in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, has received grant funds from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Legacy Fund to invest in Prince George’s County in a municipality with progressive policies on maintaining decent and affordable housing. ODHF has selected the City of Bowie and wishes to support its CDBG initiatives for Senior Housing Rehabilitation and the use of “Green” resources in the rehabilitation process to promote energy conservation and the use of renewable resources. ODHF has offered the City a grant of \$250,000 to support Senior Housing Rehabilitation and “Green” resources and technologies in the rehabilitation process.

ODHF and the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development have subsequently advised the City that the ODHF funds were provided to ODHF from DHCD as a “forgivable loan” and therefore must be recorded as such in the language of the agreement with the City. The City and ODHF have developed an “Amendment” to our current Agreement to reflect these terms and conditions.

CONCLUSION: Staff believes that the Amended Agreement between the City and ODHF is consistent with City Council’s approval of R-43-08 and the programs that are approved for the HUD Consolidated Plan FY 09-13, Community Development Block Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an Amended Agreement with Open Door Housing Fund and approve Resolution R-10-10.

Attachment:

ODHF Amended Agreement

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
APPROVING AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH OPENDOOR HOUSING FUND
OF SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City Council has passed Resolution R-43-08 authorizing staff to design programs to rehabilitate owner-occupied housing for Senior Citizens under the regulations of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY09-13 and to accept a grant from OpenDoor Housing Fund of Silver Spring, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the City is required by HUD to demonstrate its contributions in support of CDBG Entitlement funds; and

WHEREAS, OPENDOOR HOUSING FUND (ODHF) is a private investment fund dedicated to creating and sustaining affordable housing and stable communities in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area; and

WHEREAS, ODHF has received grant funds from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Legacy Fund to invest in Prince George's County in a municipality with progressive policies on maintaining decent and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, ODHF and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development have required the City and ODHF to revise their Grant Agreement to reflect terms in ODHF'S Agreement with DHCD; and

WHEREAS, ODHF and the City have developed an Amended Agreement to reflect the terms as provided by MD DHCD;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, that the Council approves the Amended Agreement with ODHF and the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with that company for the funds in a form mutually satisfactory to ODHF and the City.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on February 1, 2010.

WITNESS:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Pamela A. Fleming
City Clerk

G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor