Resolution # 23 -2013

Authorizing the Executive Director to Terminate Select Section 8 Vouchers
In the Event the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Does Not Provide the Housing Assistance Payment Funding
Required to Meet the Financial Needs of the Existing Vouchers

WHEREAS, The Salem Housing Authority (SHA), a public body created and organized pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of the State of New Jersey desires to continue managing its Section 8 Program as long as HUD continues to provide the necessary Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) needed to fund the program;

WHEREAS, the SHA's current HAP commitment is \$19,761/month.

WHEREAS, HUD has reduced its HAP funding to the SHA down to \$17,275/month leaving the SHA with a funding deficit.

WHEREAS, the SHA will have applied its entire surplus of Net Restricted Assets to prior period funding shortfalls by June 1, 2013.

WHEREAS, the SHA is projected to have HAP funding shortfall by July 1, 2013.

WHEREAS, the SHA has attempted to mitigate its monthly HAP shortfalls through established Section 8 Program guidelines and through the methods outlined in HUD's PIH Notice 2011-28.

WHEREAS, the SHA has requested frontload and emergency funding from HUD to cover all of its projected HAP shortfalls.

WHEREAS, the SHA will need to terminate some of its existing vouchers if HUD does not provide the requested frontload and emergency funding.

WHEREAS, federal regulations provide that "The PHA may terminate the HAP contract if the PHA determines, in accordance with HUD requirements, that funding under the consolidated ACC is insufficient to support continued assistance for families in the program. 24 CFR, section § 982.454.

WHERAS, the SHA, in keeping with 24 CFR, Section § 982.454, has determined that funding under the consolidated ACC is insufficient to support continued assistance for families in the program.

WHEREAS, the SHA has carefully considered all cost-savings measures and the impact such terminations will likely have on program applicants and participants.

WHEREAS, despite the fact that certain SHA voucher holders were issued to tenants outside of the City of Salem, the intent of the SHA's section 8 program was, and still is, to serve residents of the City of Salem.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners of the Salem Housing Authority that the Executive Director is authorized to terminate Section 8 vouchers in such quantity to offset any shortfall in HUD HAP funding IF, AND ONLY IF, HUD does not provide the requested emergency funding.

In selecting vouchers for termination, the Executive Director will start with the oldest vouchers issued to residents residing outside the City of Salem, NJ.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SHA shall notify the HUD field office and its financial analyst at the Financial Management Center prior to issuing notices of termination actions due to insufficient funding.

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