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RE: Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) Conditional Award Extension

Dear ESSHI Awardee:

As New York faces unprecedented times with combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) Workgroup is granting all conditional awardees an extension of six (6) months. The Workgroup recognizes the challenges many providers have faced in keeping New Yorkers safe, and the enormous disruption the pandemic has caused. We anticipate this extension will afford agencies an opportunity to secure Capital resources as they become available. ESSHI Conditional Awards are now valid until May 18, 2021.

Awardees may request an additional extension past this date, for up to 6 months, in writing, under the following circumstances:

• If the opportunity to apply to an uncommitted capital financing source was not available during the 12-month period, or

• If the application is still pending consideration by the capital funder at the time the conditional award would otherwise expire.

The Workgroup reserves the right to establish the time frame for such extensions, and to grant extensions for other unforeseen reasons at its discretion to achieve the objectives of the State’s overall Housing Plan for Supportive Housing.

Sincerely,

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