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DATE: October 20, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant E. Mitchell, M.D.  
Acting Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a transitional residence for up to fourteen (14) homeless single men and women at a facility known as **Travers House** located at 100 Vark Street, Yonkers, New York 10701 for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$515,705 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

The County of Westchester requests authorization to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a transitional residence for up to fourteen (14) homeless single men and women at a facility known as Travers House, located at 100 Vark Street, Yonkers, New York 10701, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$515,705 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. There has been no increase in the amount requested for the 2011 agreement.

The **public purpose** of the program is to provide temporary housing assistance to eligible homeless men and women in Westchester County as required by New York State law.

The **goals and objectives** of this program are to provide the following services:

- shelter to homeless men and women with 24 hour supervision
- counseling services
- assist individuals in finding permanent housing and employment
- help customers move from public assistance dependency to self-sufficiency and economic independence.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interest of the County in terms of public health, public safety and the environment**. The population served routinely suffers from various impediments such as substance and/or alcohol abuse, mental illness, chronic unemployment, poor work history/inability to maintain a job, etc. Many are burdened with multiple barriers to permanent housing which have resulted in their current homeless status. Through this contract, customers who are eligible for these emergency housing services are provided with direct supportive services and linkages to programs addressing their needs. Housing the targeted population will reduce their risk of becoming victims of crime, thereby ensuring their safety and well being. The shelter provides a safer environment for the homeless and keeps them off the streets.

Further, the program will reduce the general health-related problems that result from not having appropriate shelter.

These goals and objectives are in **the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as they are aimed at reducing the number of people on public assistance which will result in reducing the associated costs. This population will no longer be a burden to the County or taxpayer once they become employed and economically independent.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. They include submission of quarterly reports and meetings and other direct contact with D.S.S. staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the successful execution of the objectives and intents as detailed in the contract.

The **Department is able to report that** the aforesaid shelter program has met its goal of housing eligible customers referred by the Department. The facility accepted 100% of appropriate referrals during the 2010 contract period. As of 9/30/10, the program has secured permanent housing for 13 customers.

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) (xiv).

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. for the above said purpose.

An appropriate resolution is attached herewith requesting your Honorable Board's approval.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/09/2010 JOMARY VEIRA, SECRETARY

# R E S O L U T I O N

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a transitional residence for up to fourteen (14) homeless single men and women at a facility known as Travers House, located at 100 Vark Street, Yonkers, New York 10701, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$515,705 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Contract is subject to County Appropriation; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release (s) or adoption (s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is empowered to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2011	101	22	8900	5860	_____	\$515,705

Budget Funding Year(s): 2011  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/11

End Date: 12/31/11

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 50%

State Aid: 50%

**\$515,705**

Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

(must match resolution)

Other \_\_\_\_\_