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**DATE:** February 17, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Kevin M. McGuire  
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**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a shelter located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, NY for homeless, single males for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in a total amount not to exceed \$1,270,922 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

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The County of Westchester requests authorization to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a shelter located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, NY for homeless, single males for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in a total amount not to exceed \$1,270,922 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The **public purpose** of the proposed agreement is to provide a 19 bed, 24-hour shelter for single males, who have been referred by the County's Department of Social Services, as well as to provide a sleep site during the night hours for single men who are not current referrals to the Westchester County shelter system.

The **goals and objectives of the program** are to provide immediate emergency shelter to eligible homeless single males. The Sharing Community Shelter-Hudson Street program also provides 24 hours on-site supervision, meals and counseling. The programs' supportive services include assistance in finding permanent housing, linkages

to outside agencies for job training, drug/alcohol programs, and medical treatment, education and life skills. This program is mandated in accordance with NYCRR 18 part 491.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interest of the County in terms of public health and public safety** as they are aimed at ensuring the health and safety of the targeted population by providing immediate emergency housing, onsite supervision and referrals to necessary, appropriate services.

The goals and objectives are in the **best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the services provided assist the targeted population in finding permanent housing, which is less costly than transitional housing. Additionally, these shelter residents have access to employment services to support them in securing employment, enabling them to move toward economic independence.

**The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The tracking and monitoring include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as direct contact with the Department staff in order to evaluate the performance of the vendor and the effectiveness of the program. The Department is able to report that in 2015, two hundred nineteen (219) individuals received homeless shelter services through this program.

This agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xiv) thereof which exempts contracts with not for profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance. This contract is not subject to the competitive procurement requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (formerly, the Grants Management Common Rule) as there is no federal funding for this program.

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

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

