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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: May 31, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Providence House, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to seven (7) homeless families and/or mothers with small children and/or pregnant women at a facility known as Providence House located at 89 Sickles Avenue, New Rochelle, New York for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$268,256 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 Providence House, Inc., to operate a shelter for up to seven (7) homeless families and/or mothers with small children and/or pregnant women at a facility known as Providence House located at 89 Sickles Avenue, New Rochelle, New York for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$268,256 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. There has been no change in the amount requested for the 2011-2012 proposed agreement.

The services to be provided pursuant to the proposed agreement serve a **public purpose** by assisting the County to provide immediate emergency shelter to eligible mothers with small children and/or pregnant women. These services are aimed at improving the quality of life of the homeless population in the County by assisting the population served in achieving a successful transition from welfare to self-sufficiency and to economic independence, while providing them with shelter and supportive services

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement are to provide immediate emergency shelter to eligible mothers with small children and/or pregnant women and to provide 24 hour supervision, meals, counseling as well as supportive services, including assistance in finding transitional and or permanent housing, referrals to outside agencies for job training, drug/alcohol programs, medical treatment, education, and life skills.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interests of the County in terms of public health and public safety** as they are aimed at enhancing and ensuring the health and safety of the

targeted population. The program enhances and ensures safety by providing vulnerable young at-risk mothers with supervision and housing. This program creates a safe haven for the targeted population. Housing women and children will reduce the risk of them becoming victims of crime and developing general health related issues that result from not having appropriate shelter.

The goals and objectives are in the County's **best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the services provided assist young at-risk mothers in finding permanent housing thereby decreasing the cost associated with providing emergency housing. Additionally, program participants, through referrals to employment services, may result in program participants becoming gainfully employed thereby reducing their dependency on public assistance.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. The tracking and monitoring include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as through direct contact with the D.S.S. staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the program's successes.

The Department is able to report that the vendor's Performance Measurement Indicators reflect that the Providence House shelter program met its goal of housing eligible customers referred by the Department. The facility accepted 100% of appropriate referrals during the 2010-2011 contract period. This program effectively provided shelter and support services for 23 women and young at-risk mothers. As of 4/30/11, this program achieved the following outcomes:

- Average Length of Stay: 68.75 days
- 15 women secured permanent housing
- 2 women secured transitional housing

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 Providence House, Inc., for the aforesaid purpose.

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

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Providence House, Inc., to operate a shelter for up to seven (7) homeless families and/or mothers with small children and/or pregnant women at a facility known as Providence House located at 89 Sickles Ave., New Rochelle, New York for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$268,256 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement 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 authorized designee is empowered to execute any document necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2011	101	22	8900	5850	-----	\$134,128
2012	101	22	8900	5850	-----	\$134,128

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2012
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 7/1/11

End Date: 6/30/12

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

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State Aid:

Federal Aid: 100%

\$268,256
(must match resolution)

Other: