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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

**23281**

**DATE:** November 30, 2011

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a shelter for homeless single males at a facility known as the Sharing Community Shelter located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$922,701 and to provide additional space at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York to accommodate any overflow homeless drop-in population from 101 North Broadway for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$130,256 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,052,957 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 shelter for homeless single males at a facility known as the Sharing Community Shelter located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$922,701 and to provide additional space at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York to accommodate any overflow homeless drop-in population from 101 North Broadway for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$130,256 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,052,957 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The requested amount remains the same as that of last year.

The **public purpose** of the proposed agreement is to ensure the health and safety of some of Westchester County's most vulnerable population. This is accomplished by assisting homeless single males to transition from homelessness to economic independence and self-sufficiency while providing them with shelter and supportive services. Additionally, the emergency

overnight drop-in shelter will 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, counseling, supportive services to include assistance in finding permanent housing, linkages to outside agencies for job training, drug/alcohol programs, 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 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 by providing immediate emergency housing and onsite supervision. This program creates a safe haven for the targeted population, thereby reducing 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 the targeted population in finding permanent housing which would in turn decrease the cost associated with providing emergency housing. Additionally, the customers, through referrals to employment services, may become gainfully employed, thereby reducing their dependency on public assistance. Further, eligible customers accessing the drop-in center are provided information, referrals, counseling services and linkages to community based organizations that are available to combat their homelessness.

**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 tools include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as direct contact with the D.S.S. staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the program's success.

The **Department is able to report that the Vendor's Performance Measurement Indicators** reflect that the Sharing Community Shelter –Hudson Street program met its goal of housing eligible customers referred by the Department. The facility accepted 100% of appropriate referrals during the 2011 contract period. As of 9/30/11, this program effectively provided shelter and support services for 77 single homeless males. The program has succeeded in securing transitional housing for 20 single men and permanent housing for 11 single men. The average length of stay was 54 days. During the same period, the Hudson Street Drop-In Center provided services to 215 homeless males and had an average daily census of 11.6 homeless males.

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

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.

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## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department 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 shelter for homeless single males at a facility known as the Sharing Community Shelter located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$922,701 and to provide additional space at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York to accommodate any overflow homeless drop-in population from 101 North Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$130,256 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,052,957 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
2012	101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$1,052,957

Budget Funding Year(s): 2012  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/12

End Date: 12/31/12

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 71%

State Aid: 29%

\$1,052,957  
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid:

Other:

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