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Department of Social Services

Kevin McGuire
Commissioner

32454

DATE: February 7, 2013

TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authorizing the County to amend an Agreement with Providence House, Inc. for the operation of a shelter for homeless families and/or pregnant women at a facility known as Providence House for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (the "Agreement") in order to expand the number of units from seven (7) to ten (10); families being served from 20 to 28, effective October 1, 2012 and to increase the amount of the agreement by \$87,170 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$355,426 payable pursuant to an approved budget

The County entered into an agreement with Providence House, Inc. on or about July 11, 2012 to operate a seven-unit shelter serving up to twenty (20) homeless families and/or single homeless pregnant women at a facility known as Providence House located at 89 Sickles Avenue, New Rochelle, New York for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$268,256 (the "Agreement"), payable monthly pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is being requested to amend the Agreement to increase the number of units capacity from seven (7) to ten (10), the families being served from twenty (20) to twenty-eight (28) effective October 1, 2012 and to increase the not to exceed amount of the Agreement by \$87,170 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$355,426, payable pursuant to an approved budget. This amendment is being requested as the result of an increase in occupancy in family shelters and the resulting need for additional beds.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The services to be provided pursuant to the proposed agreement serve a **public purpose** by providing immediate emergency shelter to eligible single homeless pregnant women and high risk young mothers. 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.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed amendment include: providing 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, and medical treatment, education and life skills. These goals and objectives are in the **best interests of the County in terms of public health and public safety** because the proposed amendment would enhance and ensure the health and safety of the targeted population. The supervision and housing provided to vulnerable single homeless pregnant women and young at-risk mothers provide them with a safe haven. Housing these individuals will reduce the risk of their becoming victims of crime and developing health-related issues which would likely result from not having appropriate shelter.

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 DSS 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 the Providence House shelter program met its goal of housing eligible customers referred by the Department. In 2011, this program provided shelter and support services for 17 single women and young at-risk mothers. The average length of stay during this period was 83 days. In 2012, this program provided shelter and support services for 43 single women and young at-risk mothers. The average length of stay during this period was 77 days. In 2012, the program also achieved the following outcomes:

- 21 women secured permanent housing
- 9 women secured transitional housing

Your approval of the attached resolution to is respectfully requested.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Providence House, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to twenty (20) homeless families and/or single homeless pregnant women at a facility known as Providence House located at 89 Sickles Avenue, New Rochelle, New York for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$268,256 (the "Agreement") to increase the number of units from seven (7) to ten (10); serving families and/or single homeless pregnant women from twenty (20) to twenty-eight (28) effective October 1, 2012 and to increase the not to exceed amount of the Agreement by \$87,170 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$355,426, payable 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 all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

Original Agreement:	\$268,256
This Amendment:	<u>87,170</u>
TOTAL:	\$355,426

Account to be charged/credited
2013

FUND	AGENCY	CAPITAL PROJECT/ORG.	OBJECT/SUB OBJECT	TRUST ACCOUNT	ACTIVITY	DOLLARS
101	22	8900	5850	-----	-----	\$87,170

Budget Funding Year(s): 2013 Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A
(must match Resolution)

Funding Source

\$87,170
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: 1%
State Aid: _____
Federal Aid: 99%
Other: _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 4/04/2013 - NOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY