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**43414**

**DATE:** December 12, 2014

**TO:** Honorable 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 The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a shelter located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, NY for homeless, single males and to provide additional space, at the same location, to accommodate overflow homeless drop-in population from the 101 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY location for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 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 **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** the Vendor is providing emergency overnight housing to eligible customers and customers not referred through the Department. As of the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014, the average length of stay for a resident of the shelter was 47 days. Thirteen (13) residents secured permanent housing and twenty-six (26) residents secured transitional housing. The emergency overnight center had an average monthly count of 128.

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 Federal Common Grant Rules 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.

## 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 The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a shelter located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, NY for homeless single males and to provide additional space, at the same location, to accommodate overflow homeless drop-in population from the 101 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY location for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in a total amount not to exceed \$1,270,922 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget; 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 authorized designee is empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

Account to be  
Charged/Credited:

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2015	101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$1,270,922

**Budget Funding Year(s):** 2015      **Start Date:** 01/01/15      **End Date:** 12/31/15  
(must match Resolution)

**Funding Source**

\$1,270,922  
(must match resolution)

**Tax Dollars:** 71%  
**State Aid:** 29%  
**Federal Aid:**  
**Other:**

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 02/05/2015 - JOMAR VIEIRA SECRETARY