



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-5817, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALTAMONT PROGRAM HOMELESS WARMING STATION

Date: 08/26/2024
Department: Social Services
Attending Meeting: Erin Stachewicz, Acting Commissioner
Submitted By: Maggie Watson Skarlis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 518-447-7583

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization Enter text.

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

The Altamont Program, Inc.
428 Duane Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12304

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 11/01/2024 - 04/30/2025
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$402,200

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐
Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☐ No ☒

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	0%	County:	71%
State:	29%	Local:	0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6010.03610
Revenue Amount: \$116,638
Appropriation Account and Line: AA6010.44046
Appropriation Amount: \$ 402,200

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐

If Mandated, Cite Authority: 18 NYCRR 304.1
Request for Bids / Proposals:
Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes ☐ No ☒
of Response(s): Enter text.
of MWBE: Enter text.
of Veteran Business: Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: 612 - 12/04/2023

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Permission is requested to contract with The Altamont Program to operate a warming center to meet mandated emergency measures and provide a low-barrier shelter option to augment existing homeless program(s) during the winter months. The Warming Station, located at 45 South Ferry Street, can serve up to 25 individuals. Year-round, the Altamont Program operates a family shelter (Schuyler Inn) and a single women's shelter (Thornton Ave) for the County and works with the Department of Social Services (ACDSS) on an ongoing basis.

ACDSS must support 'Code Blue' regulations regarding housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness during extreme winter weather regardless of circumstance or eligibility.

A 'Code Blue' alert is called when temperatures are expected to fall below 32°F (with wind chill) for at least two consecutive hours, based on the local forecast issued by the National Weather Service for the city, town or village within the district known to have the largest population of unsheltered homeless persons. The Warming Center will provide temporary respite shelter in such circumstances - with the approval of ACDSS.

The Warming Center will operate from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., seven days per week during Code Blue Season (November 15th through April 15th) and will serve single male and female adults 18 years and older who present as homeless and are unable or unwilling to engage with established shelter services through the Albany County Department of Social Services or who experience difficulty finding accommodations within the established shelter system (shelter or motel) due to past or potential circumstances, most often relating to mental health or substance use.

During Code Blue Season 2023-2024, a total of 234 Albany residents were served.