



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-4613, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization for Social Services (Equinox)

Date: 9/18/2023
Submitted By: Joseph DeAngelis
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Title: Contract Administrator
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Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: Michele G. McClave

Purpose of Request:

- ☐ Adopting of Local Law
- ☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
- ☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- ☐ Bond Approval
- ☐ Budget Amendment
- ☒ Contract Authorization
- ☐ Countywide Services
- ☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
- ☐ Home Rule Request
- ☐ Property Conveyance
- ☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Contractual
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Fringe
- ☐ Personnel
- ☐ Personnel Non-Individual

☐ Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment

☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)

☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)

☐ Requirements

☒ Professional Services

☐ Education/Training

☐ Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

☐ Settlement of a Claim

☐ Release of Liability

☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

Equinox, Inc.

500 Central Avenue

Albany, NY 12206

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$169,681

Scope of Services: Equinox will provide Albany County with a 24-hour domestic violence hotline and in person assistance center. Equinox will also coordinate residential placements, information and referral, advocacy, counseling and outreach/education services to victims residing in the community or in non-domestic violence shelter facilities.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐

If Mandated Cite Authority: 18 NYCRR Part 462 (Core services only)

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6010 04610 AA6070 04615

Revenue Amount: \$38,846 \$130,835

Appropriation Account and Line: AA6010 44046 AA6070 44046

Appropriation Amount: \$38,846 \$130,835

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 100%

State:

County:

Local:

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending LitigationYes ☐ No ☒

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 412

Date of Adoption: 11/14/2022

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Core Services: Authorization is requested to contract with Equinox, Inc. to provide Non Residential Domestic Violence Services (NRDV). Equinox is a state-qualified provider of domestic violence hotline services, information and referral, advocacy, counseling services and community outreach and education services as mandated by NYS under 18 NYCRR Part 462. Equinox will provide continuation of existing core services including a case manager for triage/referral and coordination of domestic violence (DV) residential placements to Equinox and other shelters. Equinox is a 24/7 domestic violence operation and will provide immediate assessment, safety planning as well as ensuring that shelter needs of all legitimate victims are met. Equinox also provides case management services to DV victims including those in or transitioning out of residential shelters and/or motels. Funding for core services is \$130,835.

Non-core services and respective funding amount are outlined below.

TANF Services (non-Core Services): Expanded advocacy services will be provided to 25 TANF-eligible victims of domestic violence to ensure and enhance the safety of victims and to increase opportunities for self-sufficiency and violence-free living. Assistance to victims will be provided in the form of accompaniment to legal system entities, health care facilities, social welfare system agencies and other community service providers. Linkages to other specialized services will be provided consistent with developed safety and service plans. The current funding for the TANF services portion of the contract is \$38,846.

All funding for non-residential domestic violence providers is established by NYS. Authority is requested to pay the State-established funded amount, as reflected herein, or as subsequently promulgated by NYS.

Equinox helpline took 1,912 Hotline calls and 630 cases were opened from 7/1/22-6/30/23.