



# County of Albany

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## Legislation Text

**File #:** TMP-6939, **Version:** 1

### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorization for Contract Renewal between Social Services and IPH to Operate the Safe Haven Code Blue Shelter

Date: 10/01/2025  
Department: Social Services  
Attending Meeting: Erin Stachewicz, Commissioner  
Submitted By: Maggie Skarlis  
Title: Contract Administrator  
Phone: 518-447-7583

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization    Enter text.

### CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:  
IPH (formerly Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless)  
176 Sheridan Ave.  
Albany, NY 12206

Term: (Start/end date or duration)    11/1/2025-4/30/2026  
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee:    \$578,482

### BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

### Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:    Enter text.    County:    Enter text.  
State:    100%    Local:    Enter text.

### County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:    A6010.03610  
Revenue Amount:    \$578,482  
Appropriation Account and Line:    A6010.44046  
Appropriation Amount:    \$578,482

**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: 595 / 10.15.2024

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

IPH operates the low-barrier Safe Haven Shelter located at 26 South Swan Street in Albany, NY during Code Blue months (November thru April) for adults experiencing homelessness who would otherwise be residing on the street, in abandoned buildings, or other locations not meant for human habitation.

Safe Haven provides overnight shelter, hot meals, and access to free laundry services, showers, clothing and hygiene items, as well as case management services. The Shelter is open every night from 4:30pm-8:30am and is staffed by at least four (4) IPH employees during the evening shift and two (2) overnight. IPH is also open over weekends, as needed, during extreme weather conditions.

IPH employs a lead attendant who serves as Safe Haven's onsite supervisor, monitors safety and security concerns for staff and guests, and contracts with "Watchmen" who provide security when the shelter is open. The Shelter serves an average of 45 individuals each night (maximum based on NYS OTDA spacing regulations) and served a total of 303 different individuals during the 2024-2025 Code Blue season. Individuals served by Safe Haven face a range of barriers in successfully accessing traditional shelters, including active substance use disorders, untreated mental illness, behavioral challenges, shelter sanctions, and a general mistrust of providers. Safe Haven provides a safe, supportive and flexible alternative to ensure the most vulnerable members of the community are protected during the coldest months of the year.