



County of Albany

112 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1547, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization for Social Services (Code Blue Shelter)

Date: 2/24/2020
Submitted By: Joseph J. DeAngelis
Department: Social Services
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 518-447-7583
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) Pass-through funding

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):

Albany County Dept. of Social Services
162 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless
176 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, NY 12210

Homeless and Traveler's Aid Society
136 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206

Council of Churches
646 State Street, Albany NY 12210

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$315,264

Scope of Services: The subject Providers and Albany County DSS will provide Code Blue shelter services to protect homeless individuals from inclement winter weather when temperatures decrease to 32 degrees or below.

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 CRR-NY 304.1

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

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6140 03640
Revenue Amount: \$315,264

Appropriation Account and Line: AA6140 44046
Appropriation Amount: \$315,264

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 0
State: 100%
County: 0
Local: 0

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2020
Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 236
Date of Adoption: 6/10/2019

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

18 CRR-NY 304.1 was established to protect homeless individuals from inclement winter weather when temperatures decrease to 32 degrees or below. The order requires homeless individuals are directed and offered to move to shelter during inclement winter weather thus avoiding hypothermia, serious injury and death. It also requires homeless shelters to extend their hours of operations so that those without shelter can remain indoors. Albany County Department of Social Services has several contracted shelters which historically provide these shelter services. With this Code Blue mandate, local social service districts must apply to NYS OTDA for reimbursement for Code Blue services. We are requesting to apply for and accept the NYS Code Blue supplement. Code Blue funds will be passed through to Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (\$188,632), Homeless and Traveler's Aid (\$30,632) and Council of Community Churches (\$70,000) who provide these mandated services.

During Code Blue, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) operates its low-barrier Safe Haven Shelter from mid-November through early April and serves homeless adults who have no other options for shelter and would otherwise be residing on the street, in abandoned buildings, or in other places not meant for human habitation. Safe Haven

provides overnight shelter, a hot meal, access to free laundry services, showers, clothing, and hygiene items, and case management services.

Additionally, Capital Area Council of Church's Emergency Overflow Shelter is contracted by DSS to operate a 19 bed shelter from November 1st through April 30th at a rate of \$33 per bed night. The majority of the men staying in this shelter are not Temporary Housing Assistance (THA) eligible and would otherwise have no other place to stay.

Homeless and Travelers Aid Society (HATAS) is contracted by DSS to make all shelter referrals during DSS non-business hours. HATAS also chairs the Albany Code Blue Subcommittee. During Code Blue, HATAS is responsible to support the Code Blue shelters (an additional 120 beds) with after-hours intake, referral and transportation assistance.

Funds will also be utilized by Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) (\$26,000) for expenses incurred for motel payments housing individuals who would not have been otherwise eligible for temporary housing assistance if not for code blue. These individuals were either do not admit at all shelters, disqualified from Temporary Housing Assistance (THA) due to multiple Independent Living Plan violations, or were found sleeping on the street and refused to come to DSS for shelter placement.