



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-5877, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorizing an Agreement with Brightside Up, Inc. for Child Care Registrar Services

Date: 09/23/2024
Department: Social Services
Attending Meeting: Erin M. 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:

Brightside Up, Inc.
91 Broadway
Menands, NY 12204

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 1/1/2025 -12/31/2025
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$292,983

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

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

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6010 04610
Revenue Amount: \$292,983
Appropriation Account and Line: AA6010.44046
Appropriation Amount: \$292,983

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Social Services Law Section 365-F
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: Resolution 24/Adopted 02/12/2024

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

NYS selected Brightside Up, Inc. as a subcontractor to complete family day care home registration applications and school age childcare registration applications; inspections and safety assessments of family daycare homes and school-age child care programs; and investigations of complaints against registered programs. As a NYS-selected provider of service, an RFP is not required.

In Albany County, Brightside Up completes registration and inspection of all childcare providers; and conducts comprehensive evaluations and reviews of health and safety requirements, criminal history checks, and child abuse and maltreatment checks. In addition, Brightside Up conducts investigations and tracks complaints against providers; and provides outreach to low income neighborhoods, in a focused effort to network and continually develop family day care providers. Brightside Up also assists families in finding safe and qualified childcare, and provides training to providers and parents on topics such as early learning and development, and nutrition and physical activity.

The Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) seeks approval to use Office of Children and Family Services pass-through funding to renew a contract with Brightside Up, Inc. to perform the aforementioned services in an amount not to exceed \$292,983.

As the current provider, Brightside Up Inc. is satisfactorily meeting the required performance target expectations. There are currently 520 active childcare providers for 1,082 Albany County families (a total of 2,312 children) receiving assistance.