



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorizing Agreements with multiple providers to meet moving and storage needs for eligible Temporary Assistance clients

Date: 10/01/24
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:

Care N Errands Moving and Storage: 2345 Maxon Road Extension, Schenectady, NY*
Don's Moving & Storage: 897 Broadway, Albany, NY
Liedkie Moving & Storage: 2696 Curry Rd, Schenectady, NY

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 01/01/25-12/31/2025
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$150,000

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 32% County: 44%
State: 24% Local: 0%

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6109 04609 / AA6140 03640 / AA6142 03642
Revenue Amount: \$48,567 / \$19,874 / \$16,451
Appropriation Account and Line: AA6109 44046 / AA6140 44046 / AA6142 44046
Appropriation Amount: \$48,567 / \$68,531 / \$32,902

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No

If Mandated, Cite Authority: 18 NYCRR 352.6
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 No. 252 adopted 07/10/2023

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

Authorization is requested to renew (and enter into one new) agreements with Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) approved providers of moving and storage services for eligible Temporary Assistance recipients, when relocation and/or storage of household belongings are necessary. Department procedures require recipients to contact the three contracted providers to obtain the lowest quote for their moving and/or storage services.

Local Social Services districts (DSS) are required to provide for payment of moving services on behalf of a Temporary Assistance recipient when the client demonstrates the need and the relocation falls into any of the following categories:

1. The move is to a less expensive rental property, and the combined total for a security deposit and moving expenses is less than the amount of a two-year difference in rentals; or
2. The need to move is due to one of the following:
 - a) A disaster/catastrophe and/or a vacate order placed against the premises by a health or code enforcement agency
 - b) A serious medical or physical handicap condition. Need must be verified by specific medical diagnosis
 - c) Eviction from a shared residence by another occupant
 - d) The move is from temporary to permanent housing
 - e) The move is due to either loss of permanent housing (e.g., eviction by landlord, code violation/s) where the client resides to a contracted shelter or hotel/motel, or temporary housing with friends/family
 - f) The client is searching for an apartment and the time frame of obtaining permanent housing is contingent upon availability and affordability
 - g) The move is from one temporary accommodation to another when necessary due to the unavailability of permanent housing
 - h) The move is from a temporary or permanent placement to an approved cooperative apartment
 - i) Living situation is adversely affecting the mental or physical health of the individual or family, and the need for alternate housing is urgent, and not issuing a security deposit, moving expenses and/or brokers/finders' fees would prove detrimental to the health, safety and well-being of the individual or family

DSS is also required to issue an allowance for storage of furniture and personal belongings when necessary for circumstances such as relocation, eviction or entry to temporary shelter - as long as eligibility for public assistance continues and circumstances necessitating storage persist.

An RFP is not required - DSS contracts with all willing and authorized providers. In order to be a qualified bidder for moving services, the firm must possess a certificate as a common carrier of household goods by motor vehicle, issued by the New York State Department of Transportation.

A total of 58 individuals and/or families received moving and/or storage services between September 30, 2023 and August 31, 2024.