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January 27, 1999

Erie County Legislature
25 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant Program Contracts

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying letter and a proposed resolution pertaining to the 1999 contracts between Erie County and Child and Family Services, Inc., Compass House, Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Buffalo, Inc. and Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc. All contracts pertain to funding assistance through the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

Please refer this to the Health and Mental Health Committee. A representative of the Department of Environment and Planning will be present to answer any questions the committee may have.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis T. Gorski", is written over a horizontal line.

DENNIS T. GORSKI
County Executive

DTG/RMT/ss
Enclosures

cc: Richard M. Tobe
REF: E&PEECN1.plg

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MEMORANDUM

- A. **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:** It is recommended that the Legislature approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute four contracts as they relate to the County's 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In summary, the resolution approves the following:
- Contract with Compass House for an amount not to exceed \$31,500. The funds would be used for renovation of transitional housing facility for homeless teens at 370 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY.
 - Contract with Child and Family Services, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$28,475. Funds would be used to implement a safe home network program for women and children of domestic violence within the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Consortium area.
 - Contract with Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$33,075. Funds would be used to rehabilitate their transitional housing for homeless individuals recovering from alcoholism or other chemical addictions at 9136 Sandrock Road, Eden, NY.
 - Contract with Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Buffalo, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The funds would be used for essential services for homeless families throughout the Interfaith Hospitality Network Service area.
- B. **FISCAL IMPACT:** There are no County cash matching funds required; however the agencies are required to provide an equal amount of funds from in-kind sources or other revenue within their budget.
- C. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:** The County anticipates receiving a federal grant award of \$119,000 in 1999. The funds will help address a serious need within the County as pertains to the homeless population. The selection of the grantee agencies was subject to a consultant selection process as required under Section 19.08 of Erie County Administrative Code. Results of the process are attached to the resolution.
- D. **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:** Erie County would have to find other eligible shelter providers within a very limited federal time frame.
- E. **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION:** Upon receipt of federal funds, the Department of Environment and Planning will execute contract documents with the parties noted above.



RICHARD M. TOBE, Commissioner
Department of Environment and Planning

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Compass House, for an amount not to exceed \$31,500 for the purpose of offsetting renovation cost associated with the Compass House transitional housing facility for homeless teens at 370 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Child and Family Services, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$28,475 for the purpose of implementing a safe home network program within the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Consortium serving women and children who are victims of domestic violence, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$33,075 for the purpose of rehabilitating the agency's transitional home for homeless individuals recovering from alcoholism or other addictions at their facility in the Town of Eden, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Buffalo, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for essential services for homeless families, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract authorizations are contingent on the receipt of 1999 federal Emergency Shelter Grant funding assistance through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the request for proposal provision of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code was complied with for the use of federal homeless monies and a summary of the request for proposal process is attached to this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and the Department of Environment and Planning.

ERIE COUNTY 1999 EMERGENCY SHELTER PROJECT EVALUATION	Thomas I. Dearing, Community Planning Coord., Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning	Deborah Goldman, Coord., of Mental Health Services EC Dept. Of Mental Health	James Notaro, Chairman, Erie County Homelessness Commission	Joseph Kulger, Head Welfare Examiner, E.C. Dept. Of Social Services	Total
NAME OF ORGANIZATIONS					
Cazenovia Recovery Systems	55.5	57.5	48.5	41.5	203
Community Action Organization	45.5	43.5	46.5	41.5	177
Community Services	43	52	33	45	173
Compass House	51	48	46	51	196
Haven House (Child & Family Services)	45	42.5	45.5	47	180
Homespace Corp.	40	49	33	46	168
Housing Assistance Center	41	32	34	40	147
Interfaith Hospitality Network	49	49.5	47.5	50.5	196.5
Learning Disabilities Association	22	0	33	33.5	88.5
St. Augustine's Center, Inc.	33	32	34	47	146
The Salvation Army	39.5	30	34	41	144.5
The Franciscan Center	44	42	34	45	165
TRY	44	23	34	43	144
VIVA	43	34	35	36	148
WHRD, Inc.	37	27	35	43	142

In my opinion in recommending Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Buffalo, Inc., Compass House and Child and Family Services, Inc., the Department of Environment and Planning has complied with all applicable provisions of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code. Scoring sheets and other material related to this matter are available for review at the Department of Environment and Planning Office during regular business hours.


 RICHARD M. TOBE, Commissioner
 Department of Environment and Planning