

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 1984-72

No. 574 **AN ORDINANCE** AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1984-53, APPROVED JULY 20, 1984, BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$17,568.00) FROM COUNCIL CONTINGENCIES TO JUNCTION HUMAN SERVICE CORPORATION.

Approved October 23, 1984

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1984-53 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as approved July 20, 1984, entitled: "An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of One Hundred Seventy One Million Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Fifty Seven Cents (\$171,056,177.57) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985," is hereby amended by transferring the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$17,568.00) from Council Contingencies to Junction Human Service Corporation.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its Passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 4 1984
FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED

IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 18 1984
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

James R. Stravato PRESIDENT

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

APPROVED
OCT 23 1984
[Signature]
MAYOR

No.

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**THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE**

**Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance**

Green Mendocino
Club Chairman
Sept 17, 1974

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JUNCTION HUMAN SERVICE CORPORATION

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August 22, 1984

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Ms. Carolyn F. Brassil, Chairperson
Providence City Council Finance Committee
c/o 311 City Hall, City Clerk's Office
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Councilwoman Brassil:

As per our telephone conversation several weeks ago, and on behalf of the Junction Human Service Corporation, I would like to respectfully request to be heard before the City Council Finance Committee concerning the continuation of a 5 percent cash match from the City of Providence.

We provide our services through an annual allocation from the Federal and State governments, which requires a 5 percent cash match. This policy was instituted by the Federal government in Fiscal Year 1981-1982. Over the last two years, the City of Providence has provided these match funds through the general revenue account.

This year (July 1, 1984 through August 1, 1985) we have requested \$17,568, which is the exact amount for the 5 percent matching funds. The City Council Finance Committee has recently transferred out our annual match allocation. It is essential that this be restored.

I have included some general program information for your review. If any additional information is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Major
Executive Director

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CC: City Council Finance Committee
David G. Dillon, Vice-Chairperson
Nicholas W. Easton
Evelyn F. Fargnoli
Malcolm Farmer, III

Over the last eleven years, the J.H.S.C. has provided a myriad of programs and services for the residents of the City of Providence. Our target population for the Greater Providence area is approximately 250,000 people. Based upon information available to us, we estimate that approximately 75,000 people in this catchment area are at-risk, and one-third of these can be categorized as a high-risk population.

Our services reach and serve people from 8 to 80 years of age with special emphasis on youth, families, women and the minority populations. They are as follows:

Outpatient (drug-free) counseling and strong supportive services are through 175 available treatment slots. Our dynamic annual client capacity serves over 350 individuals and their families each year. Individual, family, group, and couples counseling are provided by licensed, certified counselors. The South Providence Outpatient Program is the only minority drug program in the State of Rhode Island. Our recent move to a modern 6,000 square foot building on Broad Street emphasizes our standing commitment to the entire South Providence/Washington Park/Elmwood and Fox Point/East Side communities. Our outpatient services are also provided through two other locations, including our main office in Olneyville Square. This office serves the surrounding neighborhoods of Mount Pleasant/Manton/Olneyville; Silver Lake/Hartford Park; Federal Hill/West End. This effort is the largest of its kind in Rhode Island.

Outpatient (alcohol-free) provides individual, family, group, and couples counseling with supportive services utilizing the alcohol-troubled person model of treatment. Presently, there are 100 clients and their families participating in

treatment. Our dynamic capacity on an annual basis is approximately 225. Through linkages with the business community we have offered an "Employee Assistance Program" for workers in need of such.

Adolescent Day Program services are provided on a daily basis for up to 32 Providence adolescents, male and female, ages 13 to 17, who are experiencing interconnected school, family, and substance abuse problems. This service provides a full daily academic program, coordinated with the Providence School Department, as well as a full counseling program for each student and his/her family. This program offers a daily self-help, alternative education and counseling service to children who are having difficulty adjusting to the regular school system as well as to adolescence and other related family problems. It has been our intent to work with them as individuals and with their families.

It is our goal to raise their level of academic skills over a full school year so they can compete with their peers in the regular school system and succeed in grade promotion. We also work with them to correct any negative behavior patterns they are developing or have developed. We accomplish this through clear-cut, no-nonsense, lines of communication, with a foundation of love, trust and respect. These children regularly participate in recreational activities such as sports, camping, fishing, and such. For many of our kids, this is the first opportunity to do so in their lives.

We have been recognized in Time Magazine and Readers Digest as one of the few viable successful alternatives for young people in the country.

Early Intervention/Prevention. This service reaches and serves hundreds of Providence residents through regular presentations in the public and private sector. Our speaking/ audio-visual program has addressed most of the schools in Providence as well as P.T.A.s, multi-service centers, community groups, businessmen's associations, etc.

A very special part of this component provides services to elementary-aged school children who have indicated having problems. We reach and serve them before they become unmanageable and require a more intensive and expensive form of treatment. This effort provides two distinct but well-integrated services: tutoring and counseling on a one-to-one basis for academic and behavior problems; and home visitations by a counselor to assess family problems and help reduce truancy. This effort utilizes volunteer students from Brown University and Rhode Island College without which this service would not be possible. The program has been extensively evaluated and praised by the Council for Community Services.

Our goal is to keep children in school and off the streets and to raise the quality of family interaction and their support for children.

All of our programs are buttressed by psychiatric and psychological services and are evaluated and licensed by the State of Rhode Island, and have successfully served thousands of individuals and their families in Providence over the past ten years.

Other. Our involvement with the community is extensive. As part of such groups as the Olneyville Businessmen's Association, we have worked together on important community revitalization.

Our staff are very active in serving on various boards and commissions such as the Vietnam Era Veterans Association, Providence Head Start, Pro-Cap, Nickerson House, Council on Substance Abuse, Association of Program Directors, etc. Our daily cross-referral efforts in a linkage with other institutions include the network of multi-service centers, Butler Hospital, Brown University, area hospitals, Family Court, the Department for Children and Their Families, Providence School Department, Family Services, Minority Alcohol Program, Talbot House, Marathon House, C.H.I.C., area parishes, Opportunities Industrialization Center, Urban League, Providence Mental Health, and many, many more.

Our efforts with the Providence CETA Program in a combined effort with the U.S. Department of Labor and the National Institute on Drug Abuse has provided vocational training and jobs for dozens of handicapped and unemployed Providence residents. In addition to our clinical and educational services, the J.H.S.C. has realized that if we are going to develop programs geared to helping people cope with and substantially improve every part of their lives, attention to their work skills and job needs would have to be a fundamental part of our philosophy and our service. And so to that end, we offer the services of a "Job Club," a three-week career exploration and placement program geared to the individual employment needs of each participant. We have skilled and experienced staff that provides the training and counseling which is needed to turn educational achievement into career advancement. For those who are unemployed, our staff helps open new doors:

to greater self-esteem, to job search and employment interview skills, to better lives.

The Job Club, like all programs of the J.H.S.C., is non-discriminating. Our participants have been members of various minority groups; youth; high school drop-outs; substance abusers; women entering and reentering the job market; veterans; the handicapped; the elderly; or anyone looking for employment. The Job Club has established contacts with over 150 employers in the private sector. Professional employment/career counseling is available on a one-to-one basis to meet the individual needs of our participants. The Job Club offers a diversified socio-economic mix which enables participants to expand their own network and share job leads with other members of the Club. The Job Club has a 70 percent success rate.

Over the years we have also played a major role in the development of team and athletic sports. Organized football, baseball, and basketball leagues, as well as the Junction Junior Olympics, have been a major concentration. It is our belief that these activities go a long way toward preventing substance abuse.

September 5, 1984

Michael J. Major, Executive Director
Junction Human Service Corporation
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Dear Mr. Major:

I have been directed by Councilwoman Carolyn F. Brassil, Chairwoman of the Committee on Finance to invite you to attend its next scheduled meeting to be held Monday, September 17, 1984 at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in Committee Room "A", City Clerk's Department, City Hall.

At that time the members will review your correspondence dated August 22, 1984 in which you request an annual match allocation.

The members request you submit the information wherein it specifies a cash match of 5% must be received.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,
City Clerk

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