

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 112

Approved March 11, 2021

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council
hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of
Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b) of the Code of
Ordinances.

Prospect Chartercare St. Joseph Health Services (SJHC) (Department of Planning and Development)	\$91,024.50
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IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date: 3/11/21

Office of the Internal Auditor
City of Providence



January 28, 2021

Mr. Shawn Selleck
City Clerk's Office
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Shawn:

I am writing to request that the following requested contract awards be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

- **Information Technology Department:**
 - Contract extension with **Harris Govern** for Land Management Software and Support for a term of 36 months for an amount of **\$1,172,450.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (a);
- **Department of Planning & Development:**
 - Request approval to enter into a contract with **Environmental Training Institute Association** to provide Lead Hazard Reduction Worker Training for the City's Lead Safe Providence Program in the amount not to exceed **\$100,000.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (b).
 - Request approval to enter into a contract with **Community Action Partnership Providence CAPP** to assist in enrolling household and processing applications for the City's Lead Safe Providence Program in the amount not to exceed **\$444,196.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (b).
 - Request approval to enter into a contract with **Childhood Lead Action Project (CLAP)** to provide Lead Hazard Reduction Worker Training to assist in the execution of the City's Lead Safe Providence Program in the amount not to exceed **\$74,774.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (b).

- Request approval to enter into a contract with **Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI)** to assist in executing the City's Lead Safe Providence Program in the amount not to exceed **\$83,765.50** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (b).
- Request approval to enter into a contract with **Prospect Chartercare St. Joseph Health Services (SJHC)** to assist in executing the City's Lead Safe Providence Program in the amount not to exceed **\$91,024.50** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (b).

Sincerely,



Gina M. Costa
Internal Auditor

Cc: Brenda Almonte, Director of Public Property
Alejandro Tirado, Associate Director of Purchasing
James J. Lombardi, III, Treasurer/Senior Advisor to City Council
Jim Silveria, CIO
Bonnie Nickerson, Director, Department of Planning & Development



Department of Planning and Development
Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor | Bonnie Nickerson AICP, Director

January 21, 2021

Honorable Jorge O. Elorza
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Requesting Approval to Enter Into a Contract With Prospect Chartercare SJHSRI Services
ID Number: 30953

Dear Mayor Elorza:

The Department of Planning and Development is requesting approval to enter into a contract with Prospect Chartercare St. Joseph Health Services (SJHC), P.O. Box 846087, Boston, MA 02884 to assist in executing the City's Lead Safe Providence Program. A total amount not to exceed \$91,024.50 will be paid out of account 239-4020-53420-45 over the forty-two-month federal grant period ending July 3, 2024.

In September 2020, the City of Providence was awarded a \$5.7 million Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant to address lead-based paint hazards in Providence households. Children with an elevated blood lead level are referred to the SJHC for services. Office of Lead Hazard Control funds have been allocated for the agency to continue to provide services and assist in the program. SJHC was listed as a sub-recipient on this grant to provide home visits to families of children diagnosed with elevated lead blood levels and/or lead poisoning. At the home visit, the agency will conduct a visual assessment and provide education to parents on appropriate temporary lead safe measures that can be applied to the situation to prevent further harm to the child. At this time, they will also assess other needs of the family and refer them to the Lead Safe Providence Program and any other necessary resource organizations.

SJHC is the only firm that performs these services in Providence.

Total amount not to exceed: \$91,024.50

Funds available under account code: 239-4020-53420-45

Minority participation is 0%.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Nickerson, AICP
Director, Department of Planning and Development

Finance Approval: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – EXCERPT FROM THE GRANT PROPOSAL

C. Subrecipient and Subgrantee

Saint Joseph Hospital's Health Center, D.U.N.S. Number 781345251, will provide free blood lead testing, elevated blood lead level (EBLL) client referral, and other client referrals for the Program. Saint Joseph Hospital's Health Center has partnered with RI Department of Health to receive referrals of all City of Providence children under the age of 6 years old with a venous blood lead level of 5 µg/dl or above. To Be Hired, Lead Assessor/Clinical Health Worker (50% FTE) at the Health Center will conduct a home visit and provide: lead education using literature from the RI DOH, temporary lead safe measures are discussed, and referral information on the Lead Safe Providence Program and LSPP application assistance, is provided. The Health Center has been providing lead prevention home visits since 1997 and asthma home visits since 2008. The Health Center and home visiting program will be a key component of marketing and outreach to families.

Community Action Partnership of Providence, D.U.N.S. Number 078796458, is an established local Community Action Agency (CAA) that has strong experience as a current LHRD subgrantee and with operating federally funded DOE Weatherization Programs and other housing intervention programs. Milagros Valerio, (FTE 100%) and Ana Salazar, (FTE 100%) will serve as Resident Educators. The Resident Educators will be responsible for providing the following services: outreach and marketing; client recruitment and referrals; application assistance and client intake processing, pre-intervention health surveys, income verification, and resident education. Dayanarah Baez, (10% FTE) Director of Energy and Housing Stability Programs will oversee the daily operations of the Resident Educators, submit reports, administer

community meetings and perform other program related tasks. Additionally, the CAA will provide 50 leverage funded weatherization interventions.

As a sub-grantee, the **Childhood Lead Action Project (CLAP)**, D.U.N.S. Number 926696014 is an established non-profit with strong experience in education, and community outreach around lead hazards. TBH (FTE 25%) will be responsible for delivering lead training including lead related worker RRP training, lead poisoning prevention outreach through key events directly reaching residents in target areas and referrals.

The **Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI)** Rhode Island, D.U.N.S. Number 848138582 will conduct post intervention health surveys, maintain the database system, and program evaluation. The City of Providence's GHHI Outcome Broker Margarita Robledo Guedes (FTE 25%) is a community-based employee who will assist with client referrals, conduct training, provide post intervention program health assessments, and conduct data analysis and evaluation. Ms. Guedes will also provide project coordination to ensure that all leveraged housing intervention resources are integrated into any LSPP unit and will continue to help DCD advance its comprehensive, integrated intervention platform. All subgrantees and other vendors will be selected through a competitive bidding process. Please refer to Appendix 2 for resumes.

D. Partnerships

DCD's HUD funded LSPP has been leading the City's on-going efforts to eliminate childhood lead poisoning as a major public health threat and has increased the stock of lead-safe housing. From 1998 to 2020 DCD has managed nine successful, HUD LBPHC/LHRD Grants that funded 1,493 LSPP lead hazard reduction interventions in the City that helped reduce childhood lead poisoning by 84 % from 4,525 children in 2000 to 685 children in 2017 with EBLs of 5 µg/dl or higher. With ongoing and new HUD LHR grant support, the LSPP has

strengthened its collaboration with a network of state and city lead poisoning prevention partner organizations which have created positive impacts within the target areas including: improving the lead safety and housing stability of the homes where children under age 6 resided that were made lead-safe under the LSPP; increasing the number of referrals of EBLL children to the LSPP; increasing property owner compliance with the RI Lead Hazard Mitigation Law; increasing Lead Worker training and licensing for individuals while promoting job opportunities for low income residents of the target areas, increasing lead certified contracting capacity, and increasing contractor and owner compliance with the RRP Rule. The successful groundwork undertaken to establish partnerships with weatherization and rehabilitation intervention programs citywide has culminated in this new 2020 LSPP lead hazard reduction grant proposal that will expand an integrated housing intervention model throughout the City to produce holistic housing interventions where homes are cost effectively made lead-safe, healthy, code compliant, and energy efficient.

E. Contractor Capacity

The LSPP will contract with the Massachusetts Environmental Training Institute to provide bilingual minority contractor training to train housing rehab contractors on lead safe worker practices, and with CLAP to conduct Lead Worker and RRP Renovator classes. The LSPP will provide HUD funded scholarships for 120 Lead Worker Trainings to ensure an adequate supply of properly-trained workers. There are currently 11 accredited lead hazard reduction contractors on LSPP's approved contractor list that are available to work in the citywide target area. Through outreach and scholarships the LSPP will increase contractor capacity to meet the Program's production demand.