

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 303

Approved June 25, 2024

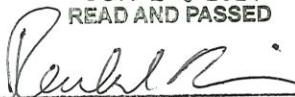
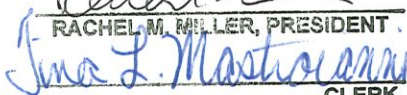
RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Rhode Island Public Health Institute  
(Department of Housing & Human Services)

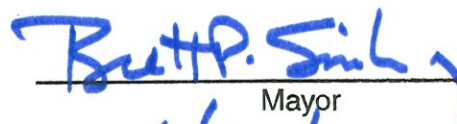
\$259,765.00

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 20 2024  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor  
Date: 6/25/24



OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR  
*City of Providence*

May 15, 2024

Ms. Tina Mastroianni  
City Clerk's Office  
City of Providence  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

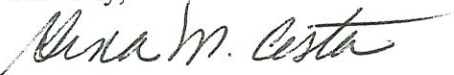
Dear Tina:

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

- **Department of Information Technology**
  - Requesting approval to pay Veridos America, Inc (formerly known as Valid USA) for Valid software support and licenses for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 In accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).
- **Department of Parks**
  - Request approval to pay Specialized Turf Services for Emergency Field Repairs from Flooding at Merino and Hopkins Parks in the amount of \$34,0434.75 accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).
- **Department of PVD Recovery Office**
  - Approval to amend the award for the City of Providence Mentoring Project with Mentor Rhode Island for total amount of \$820,000.00 in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (4).
- **Department of Public Property**
  - Requesting Approval of an encumbrance with PRISM Streetlights for monthly maintenance services and major repairs in the amount of \$100,000.00 in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (5).
  - Requesting Approval to piggyback the MHEC Contract #CO7-Firnishing & Accessories with WB Mason Company for Pleasant View Elementary School for FF&E in the amount of \$697,375.08 in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1).

- **Department of Housing & Human Services**
  - Requesting approval to enter into a contract with Rhode Island Public Health Institute to design Behavioral Health Screening Protocols for Community settings in the amount of \$259,765.00 in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).
- **Department of Public Works**
  - Requesting approval to amend Engineering Design, Consulting and Construction Management for Public Works projects in the amount of \$0.40 in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b)
  - Requesting approval to amend sidewalk, Road and Drainage construction in the amount of \$0.40 in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).

Sincerely,



Gina M. Costa  
Internal Auditor

Cc: John Arzoomanian, Department of Public Property  
Alejandro Tirado, Director of Purchasing  
Shomari Husband City Treasurer  
Patricia Coyne-Fague Director of Public Works  
Jim Silveria, Chief Information Officer  
Alex Gonzalez, Director of PVD Recovery Compliance  
Emily Freedman, Director of Housing & Human Services  
Wendy Nilsson, Superintendent of Parks



CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY

05/09/2024

The Honorable Brett P. Smiley  
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply  
City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: Requesting Approval to Enter into a Contract with the Rhode Island Public Health Institute to Design a Behavioral Health Screening Protocols for Community Settings.**

MinuteTraq ID Number: 45334

Minority Participation: 0 % MBE , 0 % WBE

Account Code(s): Enter (list of) account code(s)

1. ARPA 263-1041-22; 53420 \$150,000
2. ARPA 263-0044-22; 53420 \$109,765

Dear Mayor Smiley,

The Recovery Office respectfully requests approval to enter into a contract with the Rhode Island Public Health Institute to design a behavioral health screening protocol for Providence Recreation Centers and other trusted community settings in the amount of \$259,765.00 in Fiscal Year 2024.

The Department of Housing & Human Services, using ARPA funds, is seeking to develop a protocol for Behavioral Health screenings in Providence Recreation Centers and other trusted community settings. Designing this protocol requires a vendor with public health research and program design experience. The Rhode Island Public Health Institute's explicit purpose is to obtain and expedite competitive public health research, development, and projects.

In addition, the Rhode Island Public Health Institute is the sole vendor with these qualifications that is also a current Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grantee, in collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Health and The Providence Center, to develop an integrated behavioral health program within their primary care clinic. The work done under this grant, which is taking place in their Providence-based clinic, creates a critical foundation for designing a similar protocol for Providence Recreation Centers and other community settings. The ability to build on this concurrent work results in significant savings for the City of Providence because the Rhode Island Public Health Institute can maximize its resources and apply relevant research, partnerships, capacity, and experience to this ARPA-funded project.

Funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 are available in account 263-1041-22; 53420 and \$109,765 are available in account ARPA 263-0044-22 in Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025.

Rhode Island Public Health Institute  
7 Central Street  
Providence, RI 02907

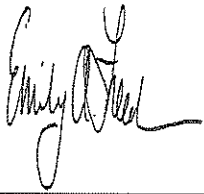
Respectfully Submitted,

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES**  
444 Westminister Street | Providence, Rhode Island 02903 | 401 680 8400  
www.providenceri.gov



Alex Gonzalez, Director of PVD Recovery Compliance

Financial Approval:



Emily Freedman, Director of Housing & Human Services



**RIPHI** RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
INSTITUTE



April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Implementing community-based behavioral health programs in Providence, Rhode Island**

Dear City of Providence,

Mental health illness is a major public health challenge in the United States, including in Rhode Island. Depression and anxiety among other mental health conditions disproportionately impact under resourced communities including African American/Black (AA/B) and Hispanic/Latino (H/L) individuals, as well as LGBTQ+ groups. Furthermore, mental health conditions have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Access to mental health care can be challenging. Barriers include limited behavioral health and clinical care programs focused on mental health, access to health care in general, stigma, and lack of awareness and education. The overall goal of the proposed project is to develop and implement a behavioral health screening and treatment program focused on providing services to underserved communities including AA/B, H/L and LGBTQ+ groups.

The proposed project will be led by the team at Rhode Island Public Health Institute (RIPHI) and Open Door Health (ODH). RIPHI is well positioned to take on this project, as ODH recently implemented an integrated behavioral health program which includes screening and behavioral health treatment for people with mental health illness. This program is funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, (SAMHSA), in collaboration with The Providence Center and the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Drawing on this new infrastructure, ODH will develop and help implement a screening and behavioral treatment program for residents of Providence, with a focus on Community Centers.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Chan, MD  
Chief Medical Officer  
Open Door Health || Rhode Island Public Health Institute