

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 321

EFFECTIVE September 28, 2020

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.

West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation  
(Healthy Communities Office)

\$7,500.00

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEP 17 2020

READ AND PASSED

*Sabina Mats*  
PRES.

*Tina L. Mastroianni*  
CLERK

ACTING

Effective without the Mayor's Signature

*Tina L. Mastroianni*

Tina L. Mastroianni  
Acting City Clerk

Office of the Internal Auditor  
City of Providence



July 29, 2020

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:

- **Healthy Communities Office:**
  - Award to **West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation** for emergency food in the amount of **\$7,500.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (b) (2);
- **Human Resources:**
  - Award to **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island** for the Stop Loss Contract in the amount of **\$871,356.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);
- **Public Property:**
  - Award to **American Alarms** in the amount of **\$11,058.60** to provide services to maintain security for city buildings in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2);
- **Public Works:**
  - Award to **Woodco Machinery** for services rendered for Highway Front Loader in the amount of **\$8,962.51** (invoice date 6/17/2020) in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina M. Costa".

Gina M. Costa  
Internal Auditor

Cc: Rachel Newman Greene, Deputy Director, Healthy Communities Office  
Stephen C. Boyle, WSOC Executive Director  
Kevin Mahoney, Acting Director of Public Property  
Leo Perrotta, Director of Public Works  
Alejandro Tirado, Associate Director of Purchasing  
James J. Lombardi, III, Treasurer/Senior Advisor to City Council



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES OFFICE  
Mayor Jorge O. Elorza | City of Providence

July 23, 2020

The Honorable Jorge O. Elorza  
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply  
City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: **West Elmwood Housing Emergency Food**

ID: 29486

Dear Mayor Elorza,

The Healthy Communities Office respectfully requests an emergency vendor award to **West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation**, 224 Dexter Street, Providence, RI 02907 for emergency food in response to COVID-19. This is funded through the City of Providence Healthy Communities Office's department budget, and a total of no more than \$7,500 will be paid out of account 101-917 no later than November 15, 2020.

There is very limited availability of fruits and vegetables available through the existing COVID-19 emergency food response programs, and limited availability of foods that meet the dietary needs and cultural practices of our city's diverse community. Local growers from Providence's immigrant and refugee communities present an opportunity to meet those needs from within Providence's network of urban growers. COVID-19 has threatened those growers' incomes, due to reduced usage of the City's farmers' markets. These funds will enable West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation to provide 480 bags of culturally appropriate, locally-grown produce to families identified through its 02907 Health Equity Zone partnerships. Through its Sankofa Initiative and 02907 Health Equity Zone, West Elmwood Housing is uniquely positioned to connect Providence growers who sell at its Sankofa World Market with some of the most food insecure families in the city.

West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation  
224 Dexter St  
Providence, RI 02907

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Newman Greene, Deputy Director  
Healthy Communities Office

Financial Approval

Minority Participation:  
0% MBE, 0% WBE

Account Code:  
101-917-53500-3018

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