



Board of Commissioners
Resolution
B2021-278

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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Sponsor: Financial Assistance Services

Meeting Date: 12/21/2021

Title: Financial Assistance Service Department Annual Authority for Procurement Requests

File Number: 2021-700

Background and Rationale:

A proposed change from past practices includes the creation of separate requests for board action for the Social Services and Financial Assistance Services departments. This request for board action includes requests intended to improve and streamline the procurement processes for services the departments provides. Ramsey County Board approval will continue to be requested for changes in practices, policies, new grant applications or actions affecting complement, or revenues or appropriations relating to county levy, while maintaining an open, competitive selection process.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Authorize the County Manager, subject to review by the County Attorney's Office and the Finance department to do the following:

- A. Enter into agreements as a result of solicitations completed through December 31, 2022 and execute future amendments to the agreements, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, for the services listed below:

Financial Assistance Services Department

- Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Wait List Services
- Drop-in Child Care Center Services

- B. Enter into the following selected agreements without solicitation through December 31, 2022 and execute future amendments to the agreements, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the budget for the services listed below:

- 1) Providers when the Minnesota Department of Human Services has issued the solicitation for an existing service in the county and selected the contractor or when the Minnesota Department of Human Services has approved the contractor through a certification process.
- 2) Lead or host county contracts held by other counties in accordance with Minnesota Statute 256.0112.
- 3) Those contracts in which the county currently provides services and receives payments from external sources, such as health plans, the courts, other counties, and other parties, including payments for services already provided.

- C. Approve Actions Deemed Necessary for the orderly administration of contracts and agreements through December 31, 2022.

- 1) Approve acceptance of supplementary awards or rate adjustments the county may receive from funding sources other than county levy; and approve related County budget adjustments and execute amendments with funders and contractors.
- 2) Approve and execute amendments to agreements and contracts for inflationary adjustments, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

- D. For agreements approved by the Ramsey County Board through previous Health and Wellness Division Annual Authority for Procurement Requests that did not contain specific authority for amendments, allow future amendments to the agreements, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the budget through December 31, 2022.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board