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Agenda: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REIMAGINING JUSTICE, INC. TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY JUSTICE WORKSHOPS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, PURSUANT TO RFP-25-019 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, ET SEQ.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS REQUESTED BY:
 HUMAN SERVICES

REVIEWED BY:



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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



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Health and Human Services

COMMITTEE NAME

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WHEREAS, the County of Passaic (the “County”) is a government body incorporated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:18-1, et seq. and vested with all rights contained therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-1 the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Passaic (hereinafter the “Board”) are vested with decision-making powers on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (hereafter “Department”) is an umbrella social service agency concerned with planning and funding services for disadvantaged and homeless citizens; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 authorizes the County to utilize competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specialized goods and services, the price of which exceeds the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(b)(2) specifically authorizes the County to utilize competitive contracting to procure services related to the operation, management or administration of social service programs, under which this program falls; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3, the Board approved Resolution R-23-0876, dated September 26, 2023, authorizing the Department to initiate the RFP process to procure social services to youth involved with, at risk of involvement with, and re-entering from involvement with the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2025, the Purchasing Agent issued RFP-25-019: Community Justice Programs in Passaic County Schools Grant Administered by The County Department of Human Services (hereafter “RFP-25-019”), responses to which were unsealed on March 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the law, a Review Committee was convened to review the responses to RFP-25-019, and issued a memorandum, attached to and made part of this Resolution, recommending an award of contract to Reimagining Justice, Inc. to provide its Neighborhood Healers Teaching Mediation and Interrupting School Violence Program to high school students in the County, from April 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, for a total amount not to exceed fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000.00); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process, specifically, the request for proposals for the projects under RFP-25-019 was publicly advertised, awarded under a process that provides for public solicitation of qualifications, established the basis of an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to any solicitation, and is publicly opened and announced when awarded; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60-1, et seq., Reimagining Justice, Inc. executed the Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus Certification, attached hereto and made part of this Resolution, certifying that it is not involved in prohibited activities in Russia and Belarus, and the County confirmed said vendor is not identified on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list created by the Office of Foreign Assets Control; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account No. G-01-41-820-025-213 or any other account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds has been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer subject to sufficient funds being appropriated by the Board in the 2025 and/or subsequent years’ County budget(s), which is attached to and made part of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, this matter was discussed at the April 15, 2025, meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee and is being recommended to the Board for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.,

the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Passaic (hereafter "Board") is authorizing contract award to Reimagining Justice, Inc. under RFP-25-019, to provide its Neighborhood Healers Teaching Mediation and Interrupting School Violence Program to high school students in the County, from April 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, for a total amount not to exceed fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000.00).

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk to the Board shall print, in the official newspaper, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract to Reimagining Justice, Inc., and maintain a copy of the Resolution on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board, Director of the Board, and County Counsel are authorized to take any other steps necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

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April 22, 2025