

Solicitation Summary

Date of Solicitation: 7/23/2024

Number of Proposals Received: 1

Review Team Agencies:

- Suzanne Tuttle, Social Services Deputy Director
- Sarah Reetz, Community Corrections Deputy Director
- Sarah Amundson, Washington County Community Services
- Lawrence Dickens, Social Services Deputy Director
- Roy Adams, Community Corrections Supervisor
- Matt Bauer, Community Correction Deputy Director
- Raymond LaCroix, Social Services Supervisor

Services Description:

Youth Shelter Support Services are provided in a licensed Children's Residential Facility. They are defined in and are subject to the standards of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 245A and Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0010 to 2960.0710. Shelter Care Services provide a residential program offering short-term, time-limited placements of 90 days or less to residents who are in a behavioral or situational crisis and need out-of-home placement. Dakota County and Washington County are partnering in this service. Temporary emergency housing and support services for youth ages 12 to 18 who do not have a safe place to stay.

Primary Deliverables:

- Provide a safe and secured shelter facility that operates 24/7/365.
- Provide a structured environment including therapeutic and recreational activities.
- Coordinate services for youth and/or refer youth and/or family for services and supports that promote the well-being of the youth.
- Reduce barriers and promote reunification of youth and family by conducting individualized case and transition planning with the youth's support team.

Solicitation Selection Criteria:

- Experience in providing shelter services and collaborating with County staff.
- Cost and programming provided.

Evaluation Results:

After a thorough review, the review panel recommended to award contracts with: Nexus Family Healing

Rationale of Recommended Vendor:

Nexus Family Healing had been providing shelter services at Aspen House since opening in October 2022. They have been willing to collaborate with County staff and provide supportive services to youth and their families when entering into shelter. Nexus Family Healing has been attending regularly twice monthly meetings and problem solving each situation with County staff and have been adaptable throughout the opening of the shelter to change when needed.