

DEAR PROSPECTIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNER,

THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE PROCESS FOR 2017 BUDGETING IS GETTING OFF THE GROUND HERE AT THE TRUSTEE'S OFFICE. IF YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED YOUR REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, THIS IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH THOSE REQUESTS.

AS YOU CAN PROBABLY IMAGINE, MOST AGENCIES ARE SEEKING INCREASES IN THEIR CONTRACT AMOUNTS, HOWEVER OUR TAX LEVY REMAINS THE SAME. WITH THE MASSIVE GOVERNMENTAL POLICY SHIFT TOWARDS PERMANENT HOUSING AND AWAY FROM TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ADDITIONAL PRESSURE IS PLACED ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND NOT FOR PROFITS TO FILL THE VOID.

WE CONTINUE TO SEEK THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY OF DELIVERING SERVICES WHILE BEING GUARDED TOWARD DUPLICATION OF SERVICES IN OUR AWARDING OF CONTRACTS . THAT BEING SO, WE ARE LESS LIKELY TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES THAT WE PERFORM SUCH AS REFERRALS, PAYEE PROGRAMS, RENT, FOOD AND NON-FOOD ITEMS, MEDICINE AND INSULIN, AND THE SERVICES PERFORMED BY OUR CURRENT PARTNERS.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WE ASK FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF CONTRACT FUNDS, WE ARE SIMPLY FULFILLING OUR OWN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY TO OUR OVERSIGHT AGENCIES. WE HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR FUNDS SPENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO OUR CLIENTS WHETHER DIRECTLY FROM US OR FROM OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS. WE ARE FURTHER LIMITED BY STATUTE TO WHAT WE CAN FUND.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSOCIATIONS WE HAVE FORMED AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED COOPERATION OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE PARTNERS IN DELIVERING THE BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE TO OUR CITIZENS.