

LARIMER COUNTY PROPOSAL #14-11
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
NOVEMBER 4, 2014 2:00 P.M.

Proposals to consider contracting with a vendor to provide Blind and Visually Impaired Services for persons 60 years of age and older for the Larimer County Human Services Department were accepted on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in the Purchasing Department. Proposals were accepted by Les Brown, Purchasing Agent I and recorded by Sarah Brightman, Department Specialist I. The following proposals were received:

VENDOR

Disabled Resource Services
Ensign Skills Center
American Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired

No decision of award was made pending review and recommendation by the Larimer County Human Services Department.

The Larimer County Human Services Department reviewed the proposals and recommends accepting the proposal from Ensigns Skills Center in the full amount requested of \$15,410.00 as per the attached departmental recommendation.

The Larimer County Purchasing Department concurs with the above recommendations.



Kathryn Rowe
Purchasing Director



Carol L. Block, Financial Services Director
For the Board of Larimer County Commissioners



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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TO: Lynda Meyer, Office on Aging Program Manager
FROM: Les Brown, Purchasing Agent I
DATE: 11/4/2014
SUBJECT: Request for Proposal #14-11, Office on Aging - Grant Funded Services Vision Services

Transmitted for your review and recommendation, are the proposals received to consider Grant Funded Services for Blind and Visually Impaired persons 60 years of age and older. Please fill in this form and return it to me via interoffice mail or fax.

The following criteria must be used to evaluate the proposals:

1. Service Plan – 40 Points
2. Cost/Service Units – 25 Points
3. Vision – 20 Points
4. Organizational Capabilities – 15 Points

This document will be considered a public record and open to inspection. The individual committee score sheets, comment sheets and other evaluation notes are DELIBERATIVE PROCESS records and not public records. Please keep these documents in your files.

Explain why you want to award the work to a particular vendor and the dollar amount of the award.

The evaluation committee unanimously chose to award the full amount requested, \$15,410.00, as proposed by Enights Skills Center for the following reasons:

- Enight plans to use the grant moneys to expand existing services into underserved areas throughout rural Larimer County.
- Enight uses a large Sprinter van that is outfitted with an examination lane and standard material aids to provide Onsite Low Vision Assessment Programs that is used for outreach and patients that do not have access to transportation.
- Enight's low vision rehabilitation program began in 2001 in Larimer County and has existing local collaborations and partnerships that strengthens services provided.
- Enight's has a solid organizational structure and provided a clear and precise Objective and Action Steps in their proposal that the committee believed to be realistic based on the time frame and funding available.

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The Larimer County Human Services Department reviewed the proposals and recommends accepting the proposal from Disabled Resource Services (DRS) for the remaining grant funded amount of \$11,813.00 as per the attached departmental recommendation.

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The Office on Aging received a grant in the amount of \$27,233.00 to provide Vision Services for persons 60 years of age and older. The evaluation committee unanimously chosen to fund the entire proposal from Ensign Skills Center in the amount of \$15,410.00. The evaluation committee further unanimously chose to fund the remaining grant funded amount of \$11,813.00 to Disabled Resource Services (DRS) for the following reasons:

- DRS started providing services back in 1978 and in 1992 they started a program called Vision Matters After 55 (VMA55) where they provide equipment/assistive devices that improves low income seniors independence and quality of life.
- DRS perform most of their services in the senior's homes or living facilities while also providing offices in Fort Collins and Loveland if needed.
- DRS have an established local partnerships and a good knowledge of existing resources and outreach opportunities.
- DRS plans to use the grant funds to help the low income seniors living in rural and urban areas within Larimer County by providing eye exams, low/high tech devices, and other assistive technologies. Once the devices/equipment is ready, DRS will make a home visit to set up and train the senior on how to use, care for, and maintain the devices/equipment.

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