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Department of Job and Family Services

Federal Fiscal Year 2023 **Benefit Bridge Support Services\*** Contract Recommendations

Utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Benefit Bridge (BB) and State General Revenue Funds (GRF)

\*Benefit bridge support services assist individuals experiencing rapid reductions in public assistance benefits, caused by increased household earnings as they transition to employment, known as the "benefits cliff". These services are necessary as often increased earnings are not enough to replace lost benefits (such as supplemental nutrition assistance program services (SNAP), cash assistance, Medicaid, housing and childcare subsidies) making it very difficult to maintain employment.

Provider	Fund Source	FFY 2023 Service Description	FFY 2022 Contract County Council Authorization	FFY 2023 Renewal Status	FFY 2023 Contract Amount
Asian Services in Action, Inc.	TANF	<b>Job readiness and placement services for work mandated refugee clients:</b> Services will be provided by bilingual staff with the goal of meeting work participation requirements, while securing and retaining employment. Services will include employability assessment, needs assessment, development of Individual Employment Plans to address barriers to self-sufficiency, job placement, case management, securing/monitoring community work experience sites and document translation.	Resolution 2021-258	First of two renewal options	\$180,000.00
Asian Services in Action, Inc.	TANF, BB, GRF	<b>Employment support services for English as a second language (ESL) clients:</b> Services will assist public assistance recipients transitioning to employment via an intensive case management model which will include: job readiness training, career assessment, job training/certification, financial literacy/budgeting, barrier removal support services (such as referral services, transportation, child care, work uniforms/tools/supplies), employer engagement, job placement, job coaching/mentoring and up to 18 months of job retention monitoring.	n/a	No renewal options	\$350,000.00
United Way of Summit and Medina	TANF	<b>Homeless prevention services through the Home Again Homeless Crisis Response Program:</b> Services will be targeted to low income, Summit County residents that are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless in less than 14 days, and will focus on preventing eminent homelessness and quickly re-housing through financial assistance and stabilization support. Financial assistance will include short term rental assistance, security deposits, utility payments and moving expense assistance. Stabilization services will include case management, housing search and placement, legal services and credit repair.	Resolution 2021-258	First of two renewal options	\$200,000.00

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United Way of Summit and Medina	TANF, BB, GRF	<b>Employment support services:</b> Services will assist public assistance recipients transitioning to employment via an intensive case management model which will include: job readiness training, career assessment, job training/certification, financial literacy/budgeting, barrier removal support services (such as referral services, transportation, child care, work uniforms/tools/supplies), employer engagement, job placement, job coaching/mentoring and up to 18 months of job retention monitoring. Rent and utility payment assistance will also be provided as needed.	n/a	No renewal options	\$340,000.00
Greenleaf Family Center	TANF, BB, GRF	<b>Family Support Services:</b> Services will provide automobile repairs for recently employed participants and child safety support for pregnant women and parents of young children. Automobile repair services will include transportation case management, automotive education and facilitation of automobile repairs and maintenance. Child safety support will include safety awareness education, resource referral information regarding child safety and parenting support and distribution of child safety and basic needs items.	FY2022 services were provided under two separate contracts in 2022 authorized as follows: Resolution 2021-167 (child safety services) and Resolution 2021-141	First of two renewal options	\$450,000.00
Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry (OPEN M)	TANF, BB, GRF	<b>Job readiness program services:</b> Services will include case management, job readiness workshops, transportation and peer mentoring services to assist participants in overcoming barriers to obtaining and sustaining employment. Case management will assist participants in removing employment barriers and identifying/applying for jobs. Job readiness workshops will provide skills training in employer expectations, application techniques, conflict resolution and financial literacy. Transportation services will include bus passes and OPEN M van services for up to six months post program completion, including transportation to and from work. Peer mentoring will include weekly support provided by previous public assistance recipients that have attained self-sufficiency.	Resolution 2021-258	First of two renewal options	\$375,000.00
The Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio, Inc.	TANF, BB, GRF	<b>Employment support services for work mandated clients:</b> Service will be provided using and intensive case management model with the goal of meeting work participation requirements, while securing and retaining employment. Services will include; employability assessment, needs assessment, development of Individual Employment Plans to address barriers to self-sufficiency, job placement and work support items (such as tools, uniforms, background check fees, driver's license fees, work attire, computers).	N/A	No renewal options	\$125,000.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$2,020,000.00</b>