

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

2018 WOMEN'S SHELTER GRANT Facility Improvement

Funding of up to \$58,000 Available

There will be no Bidders Conference for this RFP.

Questions are due: April 18, 2018

Each agency may apply for one (1) grant

Bids are due: May 1, 2018

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State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families 50 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Special Notice:

There will be no Bidders Conference for this RFP. Questions will be accepted in advance by providing them via email to <u>DCFASKRFP@dcf.state.nj.us</u> until April 18, 2018 at12PM. Technical inquiries about forms and other documents may be requested anytime.

Section I – General Information

A. Purpose:

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division on Women announces the availability of individual grants up to \$10,000 in funding for the purpose of providing facility improvement for Domestic Violence (DV) shelters in New Jersey. To be eligible, the facility for which an applicant is seeking funds must be licensed by the NJ Department of Community Affairs to provide shelter exclusively for victims of domestic violence.

The primary focus of this grant is to maintain, renovate and improve the physical structure of any domestic violence shelters facilities that provide services for children, women and families. The shelter must be licensed by the NJ Department of Community Affairs to provide shelter exclusively for

victims of domestic violence. Grants are intended to assist service providers in maintaining or improving and assuring the safety and wellbeing of the individuals and families.

B. Background:

The Department is charged with serving and safeguarding the most vulnerable children and families in the State and our mission is to ensure the safety, well-being and success of New Jersey's children and families. Our vision statement is" "To ensure a better today and even greater tomorrow for every individual we serve."

C. Services to be Funded:

The primary focus of this grant is to maintain, renovate and improve the physical structure of domestic violence shelter facilities for grantees that provide services for children, youth, women and families. Physical improvements may include but are not limited to new construction, improvement of DV shelters, site facilities, furnishings, appliances and/or equipment. Projects include but are not limited to replacement of mattresses, improving or upgrading security system, repair or replacement of appliances, pest control services, painting or carpet cleaning. Grants are intended to assist licensed providers in maintaining or improving and assuring the safety and well-being of the individuals and families receiving the department's services. The shelter must be licensed by the NJ Department of Community Affairs to provide shelter exclusively for victims of domestic violence.

All applicants are advised that any software purchased in connection with the proposed project must receive prior approval by the New Jersey Office of Information Technology.

Applicants are also advised that any data collected or maintained through the implementation of the proposed program shall remain the property of DCF.

<u>Organ and Tissue Donation:</u> As defined in section 2 of P.L. 2012, c. 4 (<u>N.J.S.A</u>.52:32-33), contractors are encouraged to notify their employees, through information and materials or through an organ and tissue awareness program, of organ donation options. The information provided to employees shall be prepared in collaboration with the organ

procurement organizations designated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1320b-8 to serve in this State.

D. Funding Information:

For the purpose of this initiative, the Department will make available individual grants of up to \$10,000 each (total up to \$58,000) in state funding. Each applicant may apply for one (1) grant for one location.

Funds must be obligated by June 30, 2018 for these projects.

Proposals that demonstrate emergent health, safety and well-being needs will receive additional consideration in the review process.

Funds awarded under this program may not be used to supplant or duplicate existing funding.

Any expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the contract will not be reimbursed by the Department of Children and Families.

E. Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. Applicants must be for profit or not for profit corporations that are duly registered to conduct business within the State of New Jersey.
- 2. Applicants must be in good standing with all State and Federal agencies with which they have an existing grant or contractual relationship.
- 3. If Applicant is under a corrective action plan with DCF (inclusive of its Divisions and Offices) or any other New Jersey State agency or authority, the Applicant may not submit a proposal for this RFP if written notice of such limitation has been provided to the Agency or authority. Responses shall not be reviewed and considered by DCF until all deficiencies listed in the corrective action plan have been eliminated and progress maintained to the satisfaction of DCF for the period of time as required by the written notice.
- 4. Applicants shall not be suspended, terminated or barred for deficiencies in performance of any award, and if applicable, all past issues must be resolved as demonstrated by written documentation.
- 5. Applicants that are presently under contract with DCF must be in compliance with the terms and conditions of their contract.
- 6. Where required, all applicants must hold current State licenses.

- 7. Applicants that are not governmental entities must have a governing body that provides oversight as is legally required.
- 8. Applicants must have the capability to uphold all administrative and operating standards as outlined in this document.
- All applicants must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. To acquire a DUNS number, contact the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or inquire on-line at: <u>http://www.dnb.com</u>
- 10. Any fiscally viable entity that meets the eligibility requirements, terms and conditions of the RFP, and the contracting rules and regulations set forth in the DCF Contract Policy and Information Manual (N.J.A.C. 10:3) may submit an application.

F. RFP Schedule:

April 18, 2018	Deadline for Email Questions sent to DCFASKRFP@dcf.state.nj.us
May 1, 2018	Deadline for Receipt of Proposals by 12:00PM

Proposals received after 12:00 PM on May 1, 2018 will **not** be considered. Applicants shall submit **one (1) signed original** and should submit **one CD ROM** as indicated below.

Proposals must be delivered either:

1) In person to:

Catherine Schafer, Director of Grants Management, Auditing and Records Department of Children and Families 50 East State Street, 3rd floor Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0717

Please allow time for the elevator and access through the security guard. Applicants submitting proposals in person or by commercial carrier shall submit **one (1) signed original** and should submit **one CD ROM** with all documents.

2) Commercial Carrier (hand delivery, federal express or UPS) to:

Catherine Schafer, Director of Grants Management, Auditing and Records Department of Children and Families

50 East State Street, 3rd floor Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0717

Applicants submitting proposals in person or by commercial carrier shall submit **one (1) signed original** and should submit **one CD ROM** with all documents.

3) Online:

DCF offers the alternative for our bidders to submit proposals electronically. Only a registered Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) or the designated alternate is eligible to send in a submission by submitting an AOR form.

AOR Registration forms and online training are available on our website at: www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/notices/

Forms are directly under the Notices section-See Standard Documents for RFPs

- <u>Submitting Requests for Proposal Electronically PowerPoint</u>
 (pdf)
- <u>Registration for the Authorized Organization Representative</u> (AOR) Form

We recommend that you do not wait until the date of delivery in case there are technical difficulties during your submission. Registered AOR forms may be received 5 business days prior to the date the bid is due.

G. Administration:

1. Screening for Eligibility, Conformity and Completeness

DCF will screen proposals for eligibility and conformity with the specifications set forth in this RFP. A preliminary review will be conducted to determine whether the application is eligible for evaluation or immediate rejection.

The following criteria will be considered, where applicable, as part of the preliminary screening process:

- a. The application was received prior to the stated deadline
- b. The application is signed and authorized by the applicant's Chief Executive Officer or equivalent
- c. The applicant attended the Bidders Conference (if required)
- d. The application is complete in its entirety, including all required attachments and appendices

e. The application conforms to the specifications set forth in the RFP

Upon completion of the initial screening, proposals meeting the requirements of the RFP will be distributed to the Proposal Evaluation Committee for its review and recommendations. Failure to meet the criteria outlined above, or the submission of incomplete or non-responsive applications constitutes grounds for immediate rejection of the proposal if such absence affects the ability of the committee to fairly judge the application.

In order for a bid to be considered for award, at least one representative of the Bidder must have been present at the Bidders Conference, if required commencing at the time and in the place specified below. Failure to attend the Bidders Conference will result in automatic bid rejection.

2. Proposal Review Process

DCF will convene a Proposal Evaluation Committee in accordance with existing regulation and policy. The Committee will review each application in accordance with the established criteria outlined in Section II of this document. All reviewers, voting and advisory, will complete a conflict of interest form. Those individuals with conflicts or the appearance of a conflict will be disqualified from participation in the review process. The voting members of the Proposal Evaluation Committee will review proposals, deliberate as a group, and then independently score applications to determine the final funding decisions.

The Department reserves the right to request that applicants present their proposal in person for final scoring. In the event of a tie in the scoring by the Committee, the bidders that are the subject of the tie will provide a presentation of their proposal to the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee will request specific information and/or specific questions to be answered during a presentation by the provider and a brief time-constrained presentation. The presentation will be scored out of 50 possible points, based on the following criteria and the highest score will be recommended for approval as the winning bidder.

Requested information was covered-	10 Points
Approach to the contract and program design was thoroughly and clearly explained and was consistent with the RFP requirements-	20 Points

Background of organization and staffing explained-	10 Points
Speakers were knowledgeable about topic-	5 Points
Speakers responded well to questions -	5 Points

The Department also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals when circumstances indicate that it is in its best interest to do so. The Department's best interests in this context include but are not limited to: State loss of funding for the contract; the inability of the applicant to provide adequate services; the applicant's lack of good standing with the Department, and any indication, including solely an allegation, of misrepresentation of information and/or non-compliance with any State of New Jersey contracts, policies and procedures, or State and/or Federal laws and regulations.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Department's intent to award a contract.

3. Special Requirements

The successful Applicant shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.

Applicants must comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27, the State Affirmative Action policy. A copy is attached as **Exhibit A**.

Applicants must comply with laws relating to Anti- Discrimination as attached as **Exhibit B.**

H. Appeals:

An appeal of the selection process will be heard only if it is alleged that the Department has violated a statutory or regulatory provision in awarding the grant. An appeal will not be heard based upon a challenge to the evaluation of a proposal. Applicants may appeal by submitting a written request to:

Office of Legal Affairs

Contract Appeals 50 East State Street 4th Floor Trenton NJ 08625

no later than ten (10) business days following receipt of the notification or by the deadline posted in this announcement.

I. Post Award Review:

As a courtesy, DCF may offer unsuccessful applicants an opportunity to review the Evaluation Committee's rating of their individual proposals. All Post Award Reviews will be conducted by appointment.

Applicants may request a Post Award Review by contacting: DCFASKRFP@dcf.state.nj.us

Post Award Reviews will not be conducted after six months from the date of issuance of this RFP.

J. Post Award Requirements:

Selected applicants will be required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Children and Families' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the <u>Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual and the Contract Policy and Information Manual</u>. Applicants may review these items via the Internet at www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/contracting/manuals

Selected applicants will also be required to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and statutes, assurances, certifications and regulations regarding funding.

Upon receipt of the award announcement, and where appropriate, selected applicants will be minimally required to submit one (1) copy of the following documents:

- Proof of Insurance naming the Department of Children and Families as an additional insured
- Board Resolution Validation
- DCF Standard Language Document and Signature Pages
- Current agency by-laws
- Copy of lease or mortgage (if applicable)
- Certificate of Incorporation
- Affirmative Action policy and certificate

- A copy of all applicable professional licenses
- Copy of the agency's annual report to the Secretary of State

The actual award of funds is contingent upon a successful Contract negotiation. If, during the negotiations, it is found that the selected Applicant is incapable of providing the services or has misrepresented any material fact or its ability to manage the program, the notice of intent to award may be rescinded.

Upon receipt of the successful awards letter, the agency will be contacted by Department of Children and Families to conduct as Initial Inspection of the proposed grant. Once this inspection has been conducted, the agency will receive the Initial Inspection Report which will give them approval to move forward with obtaining two more bids for the project. The DV Shelter is responsible to include one bid for the purpose of the RFP Application. Should the agency receive the grant there is an additional requirement for two like bids for the project. Once the agency has received the successful awards letter and the Initial Inspection has been completed, they will receive an Initial Inspection Report. The purpose of the report is to give the agency clear direction towards obtaining the final two bids. Receipts or documentation of completed project will be required.

Section II – Application Instructions

A. Proposal Requirements and Review Criteria:

All applications will be evaluated and scored in accordance with the following criteria:

The narrative portion of the proposal should be double-spaced with margins of 1 inch on the top and bottom and 1 inch on the left and right. The font shall be no smaller than 12 points in Arial or Times New Roman. There is a 5-page limitation for the narrative portion of the grant application. A one (1) point reduction per page will be administered to proposals exceeding the page limit requirements. Five (5) points will be deducted for each missing document. If the deductions total 20 points or more, the proposal shall be rejected as non-responsive. The narrative must be organized appropriately and address the key concepts outlined in the RFP. The Annex B-3 Budget/Expenditure Report, and attachments do not count towards the narrative page limit.

Proposals may be fastened by a heavy-duty binder clip. Do <u>not</u> submit proposals in loose-leaf binders, plastic sleeves or folders or staples.

Each proposal narrative must contain the following items organized by heading in the same order as presented below:

1. Need Justification (40 Points)

Each proposal should provide sufficient information to support the request for funding. Included in the justification, each applicant must describe the facility for which they are applying; and explain how the requested funds benefit clients. If there is an emergent need, describe the impact on service provision if not currently funded.

2. Ownership Status (10 Points)

An application will receive ten (10) points if the applicant owns the site to be improved with the funds and submits proof of ownership with the application. A mortgage document would be sufficient or a deed. An application will receive five (5) points if the applicant leases or rents the property to be improved with the funds.

3. Project Description (30 Points)

Each Applicant may apply for one (1) project. Projects may be focused on maintaining the existing facility in good operating condition or if applicable, proposals should describe how this grant increases capacity or enhances the health and safety of the residents beyond the minimum compliance standards.

4. Project Timeline

(5 points)

In table format, outline the action steps and timeline for the project implementation. This is to be included as an Appendix item.

5. Budget Narrative (15 Points)

The Department will consider the cost efficiency of the proposed budget as it relates to the project. Therefore, applicants must clearly indicate how this funding will be used to meet the goals and/or requirements. Provide a line item budget and a budget narrative for the total annual costs of the proposed project.

The budget should be reasonable and reflect the scope of responsibilities required to accomplish the goals of this project. If applicable, the budget should reflect a 12-month schedule. Please note that all funds must be committed to be spent by June 30, 2018. Complete and include the Annex B-3 Budget/Expenditure Report (Please see attachment). This is to be included as an Appendix item. All costs associated with the completion of the project must be delineated and the budget narrative must clearly articulate budget items including a description of miscellaneous expenses or "other" items.

B. Supporting Documents:

Applicants must submit a complete proposal signed and dated by the Chief Executive Officer or equivalent and should submit a CD ROM containing all the documents in PDF or Word format. There is a 5 page limitation for the narrative portion of the grant application. A one (1) point reduction per page will be administered to proposals exceeding the page limit requirements. Failure to submit any of the required documents requested in this RFP will result in a loss of five (5) points per item from the total points awarded for the proposal.

All supporting documents submitted in response to this RFP must be organized in the following manner:

	Part I: Proposal	
1		Proposal Cover Sheet – (signed and dated) Use the RFP forms found directly under the Notices section on Website: <u>www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/notices/</u> Form: <u>http://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/notices/Proposal.Cover.Sheet.doc</u>
2		Table of Contents – Please number and label with page numbers if possible in the order as stated in Part I & Part II Appendices for paper copies, CD and electronic copies.
3		Proposal Narrative in following order 5 Page Limitation a. Needs Justification

	b. Ownership Status
	c. Project Description
	d. Project Timeline
	e. Budget Narrative
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	Part II: Appendices
4	One Quote/Bid- The Applicant is responsible to include one quote/ bid from a contractor in support of the amount being requested for the purpose of the RFP Application. Should the agency receive the grant there is an additional requirement for two like quotes/bids for the project.
5	Project Timeline
6	Copy of Shelter license with the NJ Department of Community Affairs. The shelter must be licensed by the NJ Department of Community Affairs to provide shelter exclusively for victims of domestic violence.
7	DCF Annex B-3 Budget/Expenditure Report Forms
8	Job descriptions of the responsible party who will be the contact for the implementation of the project. Identify the individual if possible.
9	Copy of Deed, Mortgage or lease as proof of the ownership or occupancy of the Applicant.
10	Document showing Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number [2006 Federal Accountability & Transparency Act (FFATA)] Website: <u>http://www.dnb.com</u> Helpline: 1-866-705-5711
11	System for Award Management (SAM) printout (or Renewal) showing "active" status (free of charge). Website: <u>https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM</u>
12	Helpline: 1-866-606-8220 Business Associate Agreement/HIPAA, with signature under Business
	Associate [Version: Rev. 9-2013] Form: http://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/contracting/forms/HIPAA.doc
13	Affirmative Action Certificate -or- Renewal Application [AA302] sent to Treasury Website: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml</u> Form: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms/AA_%20Supplement.pdf</u>
14	Certificate of Incorporation Website: <u>http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/filecerts.shtml</u>

15	For Profit : NJ Business Registration Certificate with the Division of Revenue. See instructions for applicability to your organization. Website: <u>http://www.nj.gov/njbusiness/registration/</u> If not applicable, include a written statement.
16	Agency By-laws or Management Operating Agreement if an LLC
17	Tax Exempt Certification if a non profit organization Website: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/exemption.shtml
18	For Profit: Two-Year Chapter 51/Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification -and- Disclosure of Political Contributions (signed and dated) [Version: Rev 4/17/15]. See instructions for applicability to your organization. Website: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml</u> If not applicable, include a written statement.
19	Disclosure of Investigations & Other Actions Involving Bidder Form (PDF) (signed and dated) Form: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms/DisclosureofInvestigations.</u> <u>pdf</u>
20	Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran (PDF) (signed and dated) Form: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms/DisclosureofInvestmentActivitiesinIran.pdf</u>

* Standard forms for RFP's are available at: <u>www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/notices/</u> Forms for RFP's are directly under the Notices section. Standard DCF Annex B (budget) forms are available at: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/providers/contracting/forms/</u>

** Treasury required forms are available on the Department of the Treasury website at <u>http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml</u> Click on Vendor Information and then on Forms. <u>Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement</u> <u>Manual and the Contract Policy and Information Manual</u> may be reviewed via the Internet at: <u>www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/contracting/manuals</u>

C. Requests for Information and Clarification:

Question and Answer:

DCF will provide eligible applicants additional and/or clarifying information about this initiative and application procedures through a time-limited electronic Question and Answer Period. Inquiries will not be accepted after the closing date of the Question and Answer Period.

Questions must be submitted in writing via email to: <u>DCFASKRFP@dcf.state.nj.us</u>.

Written questions must be directly tied to the RFP. Questions should be asked in consecutive order, from beginning to end, following the organization of the RFP. All inquiries submitted to <u>DCFASKRFP@dcf.state.nj.us</u> must identify, in the Subject heading, the specific RFP for which the question/clarification is being sought. Each question should begin by referencing the RFP page number and section number to which it relates.

Written inquiries will be answered and posted on the DCF website as a written addendum to the RFP at: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/providers/notices/</u>

Technical inquiries about forms and other documents may be requested anytime through <u>DCFASKRFP@dcf.state.nj.us</u>.

All other types of inquiries will not be accepted. Applicants may not contact the Department directly, in person, or by telephone, concerning this RFP.

EXHIBIT A MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127) N.J.A.C. 17:27 GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval

Certificate of Employee Information Report

Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically available at <u>www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance</u>).

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Department of Children and Families, the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Department of Children and Families, the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27**.

EXHIBIT B TITLE 10. CIVIL RIGHTS CHAPTER 2. DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ON PUBLIC WORKS

N.J. Stat. § 10:2-1 (2012)

§ 10:2-1. Antidiscrimination provisions

Antidiscrimination provisions. Every contract for or on behalf of the State or any county or municipality or other political subdivision of the State, or any agency of or authority created by any of the foregoing, for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the acquisition of materials, equipment, supplies or services shall contain provisions by which the contractor agrees that:

a. In the hiring of persons for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or for the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under this contract, no contractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such contractor or subcontractor, shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;

b. No contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or engaged in the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under such contract, on account of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex;

c. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the contracting public agency, under this contract, a penalty of \$ 50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; and

d. This contract may be canceled or terminated by the contracting public agency, and all money due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for any violation of this section of the contract occurring after notice to the contractor from the contracting public agency of any prior violation of this section of the contract.

No provision in this section shall be construed to prevent a board of education from designating that a contract, subcontract or other means of procurement of goods, services, equipment or construction shall be awarded to a small business enterprise, minority business enterprise or a women's business enterprise pursuant to P.L.1985, c.490 (*C.18A:18A-51* et seq.).