

Department of Public Utilities

Ord. No. 804-2025

Divisions of Water, WPC and CPP

Request for Legislation

The Department of Public Utilities is seeking authority for a direct contract award to CHN Housing Partners, to administer energy, water, and sewer conservation programs for low-income residents, for a period of two years.

Council Summary

Background/Purpose:

CHN Housing Partners, formerly known as the Cleveland Housing Network, has over 30 years of experience in administering energy and weatherization services to low-income homeowners, completing over 120,000 jobs since 1981. This work has included whole-house insulation, water repairs, energy efficient lighting/appliances, high efficiency mechanical systems and other improvements related to health, safety and energy efficient housing.

The purpose of this program is to provide low-income Cleveland area homeowners with conservation devices and minor repairs to help reduce resource usage, resulting in cost savings on their utility bills, as well as ensuring the overall safety of their homes by correcting hazardous conditions. CHN is uniquely qualified to perform this work and has assisted over 1500 households under this program since January 2023.

Scope of Work/Commodities/Services:

For the Division of Water and the Division of WPC, the program will:

- Install water conservation devices
- Correct minor plumbing problems
- Repair or replace water service lines
- Replace broken main sewer lines
- Perform basement clean-ups in the event of sewer back-up
- Repair frozen water lines, including thawing lines

For Cleveland Public Power, the program will:

- Replace "energy hog" refrigerators with new energy efficient models to reduce energy consumption
- Perform critical electrical repairs in cases of unsafe wiring.
- Provide LED light bulbs to homeowners.

Anticipated Costs and funding source:

The Department of Public Utilities anticipates the total cost for this program to be \$900,000.00 for the first year. The funds will be dispersed as follows for year one and year two

\$500,000.00 will be funded by the Division of Water's operating budget.

\$150,000.00 will be funded by the Division of WPC's operating budget.

\$250,000.00 will be funded by Cleveland Public Power's operating budget.

The second year will be funded at the same amounts as above.

Schedule or Term of Contract:

This will be a direct award contract to CHN Housing Partners for a period of two years.

CSB Participation:

This is a direct award contract. CHN Housing Partners has demonstrated a good faith effort to meet the 10% CSB participation goal on current and previous contracts.

Current Contract:

Vendor Name	Vendor Address	Vendor Contact	OEO Participation	Contract Number	Contract Amount
CHN Housing Partners	2999 Payne Avenue, Suite 306 Cleveland, Ohio 44114	Rachel Rozsa, Project Manager	OEO determined that a good faith effort was made.	PS2025-0030 Contract Expiration Date – 01/31/2026	\$900,000.00

Previous contract:

Vendor Name	Vendor Address	Vendor Contact	OEO Participation	Contract Number	Contract Amount
CHN Housing Partners	2999 Payne Avenue, Suite 306 Cleveland, Ohio 44114	Monica Martello, Director of Energy Services Dept.	OEO determined that a good faith effort was made.	PS2022-289 Contract Expiration Date: 01/31/2024	\$1,825,000.00