

November 6, 2003

Edwin Mendez-Santiago
Commissioner
Department for the Aging
2 Lafayette Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: New York Foundation for Senior Citizens

Dear Commissioner Mendez-Santiago:

We are writing with regard to the proposal of the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens to operate a case management program for low-income, frail elderly in Community Board 4.

Our Board is extremely aware of the need for such services within our district and, in fact, has discussed with this organization and others that serve seniors in our district our concern about actual and potential unmet needs among our seniors, especially those who are low-income and/or non-English speaking.

While we do not have sufficient information or knowledge to fully or specifically assess the NYFSC's capacity to implement this particular proposal or their performance to date, we do recognize the urgent need for these services, are not aware of others who intend to respond to this RFP, have not received any complaints about New York Foundation's services in this area, and recognize that New York Foundation has received outstanding assessments from your agency's monitors. The organization's presentation to our committee described necessary and appropriate services and the presenters followed up very responsively to our request for additional information. Therefore, should DFTA find the organization's proposal acceptable, we have no objection at all to this contract being renewed. We have asked New York Foundation for Senior Citizens, as we have with other groups who request our support, that they keep us regularly posted on their activities and plans.

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Thanks for your attention. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Janice McGuire
Chair
Housing, Health & Human Services Committee

This letter was passed at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's November 5, 2003 full board meeting.

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Local elected officials
Applicant