

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		Department of Health and Human Services	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Nancy Tan/Ryan Roberts/Jennifer Levesque	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		Multiple See Attachment	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	Multiple See Attachment	Advantage CT / RQS #:	Multiple See Attachment
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	8/1/2020	Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:	11/15/2020	New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Multiple See Attachment	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		COVID-19 Health Equity Improvement Initiative	

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
X	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project	X	L. Other Authorization: COVID-19

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Please respond to ALL of the following:	
1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.	
<p>As part of the Keep Maine Healthy initiative, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has created the 2020 COVID-19 Health Equity Improvement Initiative. The goal of this Initiative is to encourage community-based organizations to implement their own culturally competent COVID-19 prevention, education and support plans in partnership with DHHS. Eligible organizations that submit plans approved by DHHS will be reimbursed for costs associated with approved public health education, prevention, and support activities during the funding period from August 1 through November 15, 2020.</p> <p>Community-based organizations (CBOs) led or run by members of their community may be best positioned to reduce the disproportionate spread and impact of COVID-19 among racial and ethnic groups in Maine. Such organizations can provide culturally and linguistically appropriate education on how to protect individuals and families from the disease and prevent the spread of the disease, such as using face coverings. They can promote an understanding of the value of early detection, testing, quarantine or isolation as warranted, and</p>	

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treatment. They can provide or facilitate connection with the types of services and supports needed to maintain quarantine, isolation, or treatment. And, they are positioned to help people in their communities affected by COVID-19 to recover. In addition to providing emergency support to disproportionately impacted communities, this initiative will help the Department identify interventions that can have a lasting impact on reducing systemic disparities.

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the end date of each agreement to 1/31/21 and adding one months' worth of funding.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

Providers were selected through the RFA process.

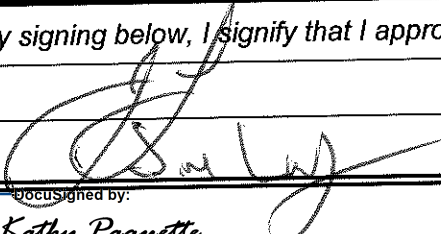
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The costs associated with these services have been reviewed by the Department for fairness and allowability. The funding was, in part, based on the number of cases in the geographic region served by the agencies, the population served, i.e. greater exposure for contracting the Coronavirus due to occupation, underlying health disparities, or high-density living arrangements, and geographic considerations.

4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.

These are one-time contracts; the Department does not intend to competitively bid.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
Printed Name:		Date:	<i>13 Jan 21</i>
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	<small>41C2BA36FAF44CD...</small> Kathy Paquette	Date:	1/26/2021

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Service Group: COVID-19 Health Equity Improvement Initiative
Start Date: 8/1/2020 **Revised End Date:** 1/31/2021

Contract Number	CT NO.	Legal Name in Advantage	Amendment Amount	Revised Contract Total
OFI-21-2001B	CT 10A 20200909*0849	NEW ENGLAND ARAB AMERICAN ORGANIZATION	\$3,915.00	\$19,575.00
OFI-21-2003B	CT 10A 20200910*0908	AFRICAN WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT	\$7,074.12	\$35,370.58
OFI-21-2004B	CT 10A 20200909*0873	NEW MAINERS PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVE	\$10,775.82	\$53,879.10
OFI-21-2005B	CT 10A 20200910*0909	FOUR CARDINAL POINTS	\$3,625.00	\$18,125.00
OFI-21-2006B	CT 10A 20200909*0875	MAINE IMMIGRANTS RIGHT COALITION	\$32,912.10	\$164,560.50
OFI-21-2007B	CT 10A 20200909*0872	GATEWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES MAINE	\$10,316.32	\$51,581.58
OFI-21-2008B	CT 10A 20200910*0907	ALL INCLUSIVE dba WJZP COMMUNITY RADIO	\$10,875.00	\$54,375.00
OFI-21-2009B	CT 10A 20200909*0877	AZERBAIJAN SOCIETY OF MAINE	\$2,498.35	\$12,491.75
OFI-21-2010B	CT 10A 20200909*0882	MAINE COMMUNITY INTEGRATION	\$12,694.75	\$63,473.75
OFI-21-2011B	CT 10A 20200910*0910	MAINE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SERVICES dba MEIRS	\$27,829.85	\$139,149.25
OFI-21-2012B	CT 10A 20200909*0851	HAND IN HAND / MANO EN MANO	\$22,182.39	\$110,911.95
OFI-21-2014B	CT 10A 20200909*0886	PROSPERITYME: THE CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION dba CFL	\$16,865.24	\$84,326.20
OFI-21-2015B	CT 10A 20200909*0864	GREATER PORTLAND IMMIGRANT WELCOME CENTER	\$5,800.00	\$29,000.00
OFI-21-2016B	CT 10A 20200910*0899	CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL	\$38,642.50	\$193,212.50
OFI-21-2017B	CT 10A 20200909*0888	CROSS CULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$3,435.05	\$17,175.25
OFI-21-2020B	CT 10A 20200909*0889	UNITED SOMALI WOMEN OF MAINE	\$15,343.32	\$76,716.60
OFI-21-2022B	CT 10A 20200910*0891	MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR NEW AMERICANS	\$3,311.80	\$16,559.00
OFI-21-2024B	CT 10A 20200910*0896	MAINE ACCESS IMMIGRANT NETWORK	\$5,193.76	\$25,968.78
OFI-21-2025B	CT 10A 20200910*0897	MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE	\$7,882.64	\$39,413.18
		Total	\$241,172.99	\$1,205,864.95