

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below. All responses (except signatures) must be typed; no hand-written forms will be accepted. See the guidance document posted with this form on the Division of Procurement Services website (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	Department of Public Safety		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Althea Harris		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	SU-01-19		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$151,926.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20200302*2419
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	01/01/2020	Proposed End Date: 5/31/2021
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	01/01/2020	Effective Date: 03/25/2021
	Previous End Date:	05/31/2021	New End Date: 05/31/2022
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Kennebec County 125 State Street Augusta, Maine 04333		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	The <i>Southern Kennebec County Diversion and Support Program</i> (SKCDSP) is an initiative aimed at coordinating best practice community-based pre-arrest and post-arrest diversion programming which provides care coordination and diverts low-level drug cases from jail and prosecution, with the goal of reducing recidivism. In the current Covid-19 environment, these services are critical to assist this vulnerable population and to keep the number of inmates in our jails as low as possible and reduce the risk of spreading the disease.		

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	X	G. Grant
	B. Amendment	X	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
X	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	X	J. Willing and Qualified
X	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project	X	L. Other Authorization – Covid Related

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Please respond to ALL of the following:

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1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

Effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) have been destabilizing and deadly across the country. Maine has experienced a significant increase in Opioid related deaths. The current emergency highlights the need to provide funding to ensure the SKCDSP is operational and providing services throughout the pandemic. The program brings together existing diversion efforts into a central program that facilitates a cross-system diversion collaborative for individuals with SUD who come in contact with the criminal justice system. The project increases access to services for low-level drug offenders with SUD and intercepts them from the legal system at the earliest possible point while ensuring public safety. The collaborative effort between local law enforcement, mental health and substance use services, and consumers and community services providers will:

- Utilize the Sequential Intercept Model as the standard for providing diversion at all points of the criminal justice system.
- Improve communication, collaboration, and the delivery and support services among justice professionals, treatment and related service providers, and governmental partners.
- Use best-practice jail diversion services for suspects facing low-level drug offenses with substance use or co-occurring mental health disorders that are reflected in well-defined outcome measures.
- Provide a centralized data network to effectively inform all jail diversion and prevention efforts.

The primary objective of this project is to reduce substance use and recidivism by providing therapeutic treatment, case management, and care coordination service.

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

The Covid-19 pandemic and the Opioid epidemic have created an environment that is impacting individuals who suffer from SUD. Lives are being lost at an alarming rate and programs such as the SKCDSP are critical to providing services and support for this vulnerable population. In order to ensure these services, continue throughout the pandemic, funding will be awarded to the SKCDSP through a sole source contract which is needed due to the current situation. This second year of funding will allow for the program to get well established and continue to provide services which save the lives of Maine citizens.

- Services will be provided by Crisis & Counseling Center (C&C) as a subgrantee to Kennebec County. C&C is a well-established multi-service Mental Health and Substance Use Agency.
- C&C provides targeted case management and correctional behavioral health care and medication management services.
- C&C has a fully licensed staff.
- Using the Sequential Intercept Model and an award-winning jail diversion program which incorporates best practice standards to safely reduce legal involvement of people with SUDs or co-occurring disorders.

Aggressive Goals and evaluation criteria have been established.

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

In FY20, proposals were solicited and awarded based on a request for proposal process. As the awards were being processed, the Covid-19 pandemic hit the State of Maine and resulted in a delay in getting the SKCDSP program operational. Due to the impact of Covid-19 and the emergency situation due to the current Opioid Epidemic being experienced in Maine, and the need to get the funding to the program as quickly as possible, funding will be allocated based on last year's application.

- Costs were detailed and easy for evaluators to understand.
- Reasonable costs for the services proposed.

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

In FY22, the funding for this grant decreases from \$750,000 to \$500,000 per year. The process that will be implemented to award FY22 funding will be through a competitive request for application process. We are requesting to move this forward as a sole source emergency contract due to the current Covid-19 and Opioid Epidemic and the deadly impact this environment is having on our citizens.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>Michael Sauschuck</i>		
	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
Printed Name:	Michael Sauschuck	Date:	Apr 7, 2021
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	<small>41C2BA36FAF44CD...</small> Kathy Paquette	Date:	4/7/2021