State of Maine Master Score Sheet

RFA#202306128				
McKinney-Vento 1 (One) Year Subgrant				
	Bidder Name:	Saco-Biddeford School Department	MSAD 75	
Р	roposed Cost:	94,355	107,561	
Scoring Sections	Points Available			
Section I: Preliminary Information	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	
Section II: Prioritization Points	10	10	10	
Section III: Application	35	33	34	
Section IV: Program Evaluation	30	15	28	
Section V: Program Budget & Budget Narrative	25	25	22	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>94</u>	
	Bidder Name:			
P	roposed Cost:			
Scoring Sections	Points Available			
Section I: Preliminary Information				
Section II: Organization Qualifications and Experience				
Section III: Proposed Services				
Section IV: Cost Proposal				
TOTAL	<u>100</u>			

Award Justification Statement RFA#202306128

I. Summary

Through this Request for Applications (RFA), the Department intends to provide funding to School Administrative Units (SAUs) for projects to identify and support students eligible under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

II. Evaluation Process

The team is comprised of Maine Department of Education (DOE) staff members, including folks with expertise in McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Title I Part A, Cultural Responsiveness, Family Engagement, Attendance and Truancy, and Fiscal Requirements.

III. Qualifications & Experience

Both bidders submitted strong applications that show an in-depth knowledge of the unique communities they serve. Both bidders provided comprehensive reasoning and evidence to support their approach to serving students and families experiencing homelessness.

IV. Proposed Services

Biddeford-Saco received a score of 83/100 and MSAD 75 received a score of 94/100.

- Biddeford-Saco proposed funding a social worker position to support McKinney-Vento students.
- MSAD 75 proposed funding the position of Outreach Coordinator, along with materials, supplies, training, technology, and mileage.

V. Cost Proposal

Biddeford-Saco requested \$94,355 and MSAD 75 requested \$107,561.

VI. Conclusion

The committee decided that both bidders would be awarded. The amount to be awarded will be dependent on the number of subgrantees and the total available amount from the MDOE.



STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Janet T. Mills Governor Pender Makin Commissioner

August 16, 2023 Chris Indorf Biddeford School Department and Saco School Department 18 Maplewood Ave Biddeford, ME 04072

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under RFA#202306128 McKinney-Vento 1 (One) Year Subgrant

Dear Mr. Indorf,

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- Biddeford School Department and Saco School Department

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Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Amelia Lyons 99EF5DDCF4FA4A8...

Amelia Lyons Rukema McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Specialist Office of School and Student Supports Maine Department of Education 23 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0023

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August 16, 2023 Amanda Hersey MSAD 75 50 Republic Avenue Topsham, ME 04086

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SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Education **Name of RFP Coordinator:** Amelia Lyons Rukema **Names of Evaluators**: Melanie Junkins, Jon Monroe, Rita Pello

Pass/Fail Criteria	Pass	<u>Fail</u>
Section I. Preliminary Information (Eligibility)		
Meets definition of SAU	Y	
Does not already have a MV subgrant beyond 8/31/23	Y	
Scoring Sections	<u>Points</u> <u>Availabl</u> e	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarde</u> d
Section II. Prioritization Points - Will impact greater than 50 M-V students Will first address M-V students' social and emotional needs, basic safety and wellbeing, and mental health. Academic support will be secondary after these pieces are prioritized.	10	10
Section III. Application - Program Overview - Identification of Need - Program Description - Outreach Activities	35	33
Section IV. Program Evaluation	30	15
Section V. Program Budget & Budget Narrative	25	25
Total Points	<u>100</u>	<u>83</u>

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OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

Yes

EVALUATION OF SECTION II Prioritization Points

	<u>Points</u> <u>Availabl</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarde</u> <u>d</u>
Section II. Prioritization Points	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Over 150 students over the course of the year, and social work position

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Application – Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Availabl</u> <u>e</u>	Points Awarde <u>d</u>
Section III. Application - Proposed Services	35	33

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Program Overview
- Identification of Need
- The review team appreciates the joint application of services from two separate SAUs. They appreciate the focus on the unique needs of the M-V students in this community. The SAUs recognize their time, geographic restraints, and unique populations in their area. The team appreciated the specific mention of unforeseen asylum-seeking

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population and winter rentals. The SAUs identified needs related to transportation and linguistic needs.

- Program Description

The impact of hiring a social worker through student-community lens, for year-round position, seems valuable. The SAUs wrote with the specificity of understanding their community. Saco, OOB, and Biddeford, function in concentric circles for student mobility. The SAUs seem to have a strong understanding of where the gaps are. The SAUs present a strong rationale for why they need the position. The review team appreciates the Social Worker position because of the identified increased risk of mental health issues and brain development, health, and intercepting vicious cycle of homelessness. The social worker would be stepping into an established network of community providers.

The reviewers noticed that the SAUs did not provide many details on community of providers and how will collaborate.

- Outreach
- Activities

The description is not clear, not specific on how they will do the work, and particularly how they will handle developing the referral and outreach process.

EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Program Evaluation

	<u>Points</u> Availabl	<u>Points</u> Awarde
	e	d
Section IV. Program Evaluation	30	15

Evaluation Team Comments:

The reviewers observed that the goals do not match the measurement of their program overview. How will it be measured? The reviewers believed there to be unclear measurable outcomes. The program evaluation could be about the impact it's making. The reviewers felt the SAUs didn't state any measurable outcomes. If awarded, it would be necessary to rewrite the program outcomes so it's clear what they're reporting on to align with the rest of the grant for the contract.

EVALUATION OF SECTION V

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Program Budget & Budget Narrative

	<u>Points</u> <u>Availabl</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarde</u> <u>d</u>
Section III. Program Budget & Budget Narrative	25	25

Evaluation Team Comments:

The reviewers observed that the budget makes sense that it is on salary and benefit. The reviewers determined this to be understandable for the ask.

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SUMMARY PAGE

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Pass/Fail Criteria	Pass	<u>Fail</u>
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Meets definition of SAU	Y	
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OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

Yes

EVALUATION OF SECTION II Prioritization Points

	<u>Points</u> <u>Availabl</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarde</u> <u>d</u>
Section II. Prioritization Points	10	10

Evaluation Team Comments:

Yes and yes

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Application – Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Availabl</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarde</u> <u>d</u>
Section III. Application - Proposed Services	35	34

Evaluation Team Comments:

- Program Overview
 - The SAU seems to know their community well
 - Mental health/ suicidality concerns are very urgent needs, supported by the data
- Identification of Need

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- The SAU has well-defined needs
- Chronic absenteeism, mental health
- o Suicidality, hopelessness
- MIYHS data identified needs and connection to SEL components
- The SAU recognized that their population is even larger than who they serve, based on families not disclosing but what are they changing to address that?
- Program Description
 - The SAU shared this would be continuing a contract with Merrymeeting, which they have indicated has had successful results on family engagement, reducing chronic absenteeism, and the community is aware of them as a resource and leads to more referrals
 - The SAU appears to have strong wraparound services through this projec
- Outreach
 - School-based Health Center is a plus.
 - Partners with mid-coast pediatrics, many collaborations and established partners in this work.
- Activities
 - The review team is curious why they checked off all the boxes under activities for allowable uses. Not clear if they will be providing preschool services, based on the checkboxes? More details needed to fully understand the role of the coordinator – are they in the schools, or only at MYC, or both?

EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Program Evaluation

	<u>Points</u> <u>Availabl</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarde</u> <u>d</u>
Section IV. Program Evaluation	30	28

Evaluation Team Comments:

Strong evaluation. Very clear on student data, attendance, retention. Identified a need for increased outreach but did not set a goal for that. Very measurable and not overburdensome with existing infrastructure.

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Budget & Budget Narrative

	<u>Points</u> <u>Availabl</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarde</u> <u>d</u>
Section III. Program Budget & Budget Narrative	25	22

Evaluation Team Comments:

Need more details on transportation and what this amount is and what it entails. If it's mileage reimbursement for coordinator, or school of origin transportation, or student transportation to referrals or MYC.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Eligibility – Y/N Y Prioritization – Y/N Y I. Partners

Spurwink, collaboration between saco and Biddeford districts.

II. Program Overview

Program is complete as to McKinney-Vento requirements.

III. Program description (Services, Rationale, Collaborations, Youth voice)

Serves a highly variable (by season/school year). Number of homeless youth of 30-75 (Point in Time) of 200 annually. There are transportation needs, linguistic, etc... in addition to basic needs associated with homelessness. Includes asylum seeking families which can spike demand for services (Saco). District collaboration justified as response to travel of students/families. Will hire full time social worker to serve 30-35 (at 6 weeks per client). Will have access to a broad variety of partnerships.

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IV. Outreach

A little bit light on specifics. Will be relying on social worker to develop referral/outreach processes within existing network of resources.

V. Activities

A well thought out program with clear focus.

VI. Program Evaluation

Not clear as to measurement of progress or goals. Not stating measures.

VII. Program Budget / Narrative Focused. Reasonable.

RFA#: 202306128 RFP TITLE: McKinney-Vento 1 (One) Year Subgrant BIDDER NAME: Biddeford-Saco DATE: 7/25/23 EVALUATOR NAME: Melanie Junkins EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DOE

Individual Evaluator Comments:

Eligibility – Y/N Y Prioritization – Y/N Y

I. Partners

Spurwink Services, LLC Youthfull Maine

- II. Program Overview
 - Meet criteria as outlined under the McKinney-Vento Act
 - Increase in McKinney-Vento students
 - Joint application between SAUs
- III. Program description (Services, Rationale, Collaborations, Youth voice)

Hire full time social worker focused on McKinney-Vento. Impactful for supporting through a whole student/community lens. Collaborations with community organizations increase the likelihood of support.

- IV. Outreach
- V. Activities
- VI. Program Evaluation

Doesn't match activities period. Providing short and long-term mental health doesn't address the measurement use.

VII. Program Budget / Narrative

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Eligibility – Y/N **Y** Prioritization – Y/N **Y**

I. Partners Saco/Biddeford

Saco/Biddeford centralized effort to serve students in surrounding area. DOC, APEX, Boys and Girls Club, Youthfull, Learning Works, Catholic Charities.

- II. Program Overview
 - Full time social worker to serve homeless youth and families. ~150 students served in a given year.
- *III.* Program description (Services, Rationale, Collaborations, Youth voice)
 - Social worker to connect services, inform/train educators and partners
 - o Increased risk of physical and mental trauma
 - Many existing partnerships that they seem comfortable with
- IV. Outreach

How would new social worker plug into existing outreach efforts or create new ones?

V. Activities

In line with social worker they'd hire – more referrals for services, more education and information, as well as coordination. Is transportation a barrier?

- VI. Program Evaluation I would think they'd want some way to evaluate the work of the social worker. Are there increased referrals? More services received? Better attendance?
- VII. Program Budget / Narrative No questions here. Barrier – 1 year? Will they find someone for this kind of temporary position to fill high need?

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RSU 1 and Midcoast youth center.

II. Program Overview

McKinney-Vento program is complete with respect to all guidelines/criteria.

III. Program description (Services, Rationale, Collaborations, Youth voice)

Need indicated by rising chronic absenteeism among homeless population and decline of mental health indicators among general student populations services. Population will be about 74 students. Indicates a large non-identified population. Program will support continuation of contract with Merrymeeting Support Collaborative to build engagement with families. Past experience indicated this partner has capacity to serve the homeless population. Can address SEL needs, reduce chronic absenteeism and improve identification.

IV. Outreach

A little bit light on specifics. Will be relying on social worker to develop referral/outreach processes within existing network of resources.

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V. Activities

A well thought out program with clear focus.

VI. Program Evaluation

Not clear as to measurement of progress or goals. Not stating measures.

VII. Program Budget / Narrative Focused. Reasonable.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Eligibility – Y/N Y Prioritization – Y/N Y I. Partners

I. Partners

Merrymeeting Support Collaborative

- II. Program Overview
 - Absenteeism as a chronic correlation to McKinney-Vento students
- III. Program description (Services, Rationale, Collaborations, Youth voice)

Wraparound support

- Not clear beyond outreach

IV. Outreach

School based health center offering medical/dental services.

- V. Activities Are activities aligned with the goals?
- VI. Program Evaluation

Goals do not have detailed measurement or tool.

VII. Program Budget / Narrative Youth outreach coordinator as the main portion of the budget.

RFA#: 202306128 **RFP TITLE: McKinney-Vento 1 (One) Year Subgrant** BIDDER NAME: MSAD 75 **DATE:** 7/25/23 **EVALUATOR NAME:** Rita Pello EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DOE

Individual Evaluator Comments:

Eligibility – Y/N Y Prioritization – Y/N Y 1

Partners

RSU 1, Midcoast Youth Center

- 11. Program Overview
 - Indicates the importance of helping homeless youth who are more likely to commit suicide and experience violence.
- 111. Program description (Services, Rationale, Collaborations, Youth voice)
 - Youth outreach coordinator at MCA, daily transportation, wraparound services outside of school hours
- IV. Outreach Community navigator, outreach to connect services
- V. Activities Everything? Surprised because description doesn't seem to include all aspects but maybe partnership and MSAD 75 are able to achieve all of these activities.
- VI. Program Evaluation

Very measurable and does not feel overly burdensome with existing infrastructure.

VII. Program Budget / Narrative Feels accurate according to request.



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AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RFA# 202306128 McKinney-Vento 1(One) Year Subgrant

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