

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:	DHHS		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Chris Moiles/Debbie Weston		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	CD6-20-5102		
Estimated Contract or Grant Amount:	\$ 80,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20200319*2548
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		New Start Date:
	Original End Date:		New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
ALL OTHER	Proposed Start Date:	3/1/2020	Proposed End Date: 08/31/2020
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Penobscot Valley Hospital, Lincoln, Maine		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Patient Navigation Services		

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

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS
Please respond to ALL of the following questions.
1. Provide a more detailed description of the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.
<p>Maine CDC, is responsible for protecting public health from drug overdoses and blood borne diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis B & C. Maine ranks 6th highest in the nation of opioid overdoses, people who inject drugs are at highest risk to be infected with HIV and hepatitis B&C. Connecting people with substance use disorder (SUD) to services is incredibly challenging, especially in Maine's rural counties. Providing Patient navigation services, connects people with SUD to a wide variety of needed services has been a proven method for addressing the opioid crisis. This contract will support Patient Navigation Services through the hiring of patient navigators in the most vulnerable counties in Maine, as determined by the State's Vulnerability Assessment for Opioid Overdose and Bloodborne Infections. Providing this service supports the Departments goal of preventing opioid overdoses and bloodborne infections.</p> <p>Maine CDC has obtained grant funding from the federal CDC, through the Overdose Data to Action Project</p>

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CDC-RFA-CE19-1904 Strategy 6, which is to be used to support Patient Navigators in providing linkage to care for persons with substance use disorders (SUD). Per the Governor's office, Director of Opioid Response and Maine CDC Director, funding used to address the opioid crisis should be directed at the 5 most vulnerable counties listed in the State's *Vulnerability Assessment for Opioid Overdoses and Bloodborne Infections Associated with Non-Sterile Injection Drug Use in Maine*, July 2019 (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/navtabs/documents/Maine-CDC-Vulnerability-Assessment-Report.pdf>). This contract provides support to one of the five most vulnerable counties; Penobscot County. The Department does not have staffing, resources, or expertise available within the State of Maine's government, or other governmental entities to conduct this work. This agreement will fund a local provider, Penobscot Valley Hospital (PVH), to perform these services. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment programs, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, and Behavioral Health programs, are three of the most ideal places to connect people with SUD to services. PVH, through its network of facilities, provides these services to rural Penobscot County, a particularly vulnerable area per the Vulnerability Assessment.

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

PVH meets the department's qualifications of providing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment programs, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, and Behavioral Health programs to provide patient navigation services through their network and is willing to provide these services. PVH in Penobscot County provides all these services through their network.

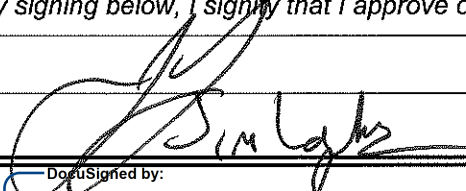
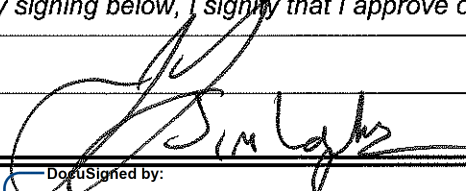
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

Maine CDC determined that the costs will be fair and reasonable for patient navigation services based on the rates of other patient navigation service providers in the State, such as Penobscot Community Health Care Centers in Penobscot County. Because patient navigation services can be cost prohibitive to health care organizations, most do not provide this service and instead rely on simple referrals to other services.

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

The Providers receiving funds for this service are willing and qualified and if other providers come forward to do this service, the Department will contract with them as well. The grant funding for patient navigation services is expected to last for 3 years, with grant periods ending August 31.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.		
Printed Name:		Date:	28-Apr-20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	Digitally signed by: 		
Printed Name:	41C2BA36FAF44CD... Kathy Paquette	Date:	5/22/2020