

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:	Division of Juvenile Services			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Sonja Morse			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:				
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$200,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 03A 2021042200000002899	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	July 1 st , 2021	Proposed End Date:	June 30 th , 2022
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:	
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:	Restorative Justice Institute of Maine, 415 congress Street, Suite 320, Portland, ME 04101			
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:	Restorative Justice			

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
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
X	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		L. Other Authorization

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.
The Department of Corrections (DOC) is in continued need for Restorative justice services to all referred DOC youth in juvenile region 1. Restorative Justice is a prevention and intervention service that can impact reduction in recidivism rates in the juvenile justice system and prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system.

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

No other entity in the State provides the following restorative services in the region being served, as evident by the 0 responses to RFP 201804062:

- a. **Restorative Dialogue:** A conversation that occurs between a small group of people and focuses on a discreet incident of harm. Restorative questions are used, and this may or may not lead to a reparative agreement.
- b. **Restorative Circle-** Involving several people and often employing a talking piece, the circle is used to address incident of harm. The circle may lead to a verbal or written agreement. Restorative Circles are often called "Peacemaking Circles".
- c. **Restorative Mediation-** A process in which trained facilitators guide the parties through the dialogue process. The victim often asks the offender questions about the crime and tells the offender how the crime has impacted them physically, emotionally and financially. The offender has the opportunity to take responsibility for the crime, answer the victim's questions, apologize and develop options with the victim as to how they will be accountable in a way that is meaningful for both the victim and offender. This is also known as Victim Offender Mediation.
- d. **Restorative Conference-** Requires formal pre-conference preparation of participants. A conference aims to bring together those affected to work through a process culminating in a formal, signed and dated agreement for how harm will be repaired with someone tasked to track the follow through process. A restorative conference can also be referred to Family Group Decision Making.

In addition to the uniqueness of their services, RJIM's staff qualifications include degrees and certifications in social work, mediation, and facilitation.

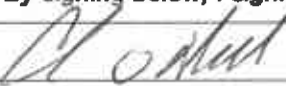
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

Comparative services do not exist in other State Departments or in the private sector. The fee is reasonable and expected in comparison to the Departments other restorative justice contracts, which are based on the number of youth being served. The department deems the costs fair and reasonable.

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

The department would consider issuing an RFP if this model is duplicated by other vendors in Maine's communities.

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:	Colin O'Neill	Date:	4-26-2021
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>William J.E. Allen</i>		
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Printed Name:	William J.E. Allen	Date:	5/4/2021

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