

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)		\$93,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 03A 2021042200000002898
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:		Spurwink Services 901 Washington Ave, Suite 100 Portland, Maine 04103		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Diversion to Assets		

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, Division of Juvenile Services, has identified a large population of youth who are first-time offenders who need to be diverted to community supports and sanctions, rather than costly involvement with the courts and juvenile corrections. The DOC created the Diversion to Assets (D2A) pilot in 2008 through the existing Communities for Children and Youth (C4CY) initiative of the Governor's Children's Cabinet. The Director of C4CY identified 5 communities who were already engaged as members of this network who were willing to participate in the creation of a new approach to first-time juvenile offenders.

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

The purpose of the Diversion to Assets program is to divert youth away from involvement in sanctions using governmental resources. Rather, the purpose is to engage a wide range of local community partners and resources to redirect and support these youth. The specific contractor is the network of providers involved in Communities for Children and Youth—consisting of 30 local community coalitions throughout the State of Maine—that have identified themselves as partners with the Children's Cabinet in the work of prevention and positive youth development. There is no other such network in Maine, and the local communities involved include many non-profit and local governmental agencies in their local C4CY collaboration. The collaboration is open to any provider joining to expand the work already being performed. An example is the Greater Waterville Communities for Children and Youth: this coalition supports D2A through their partnerships with the Kennebec Valley Community Action Agency, the Alford Youth Center/YMCA, the South End Teen Center, the Waterville public schools, the Juvenile Community Corrections Officers and local law enforcement, particularly the school resource officers. It is essential that the Diversion to Assets program engage all of these partners in the delivery of this program because the purpose of the program is to connect the youth with natural community supports. The five communities involved in D2A have generated proprietary data about the youth they have been serving, which is being utilized to analyze the effectiveness of this unique form of diversion service. This data is significant only in its aggregate form and will be lost if the project does not continue to function in these communities that have made a commitment to significant in-kind resources.

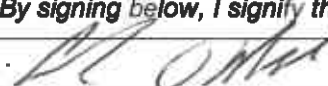
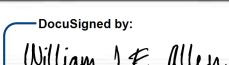
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The cost of the program has remained consistent over the past 3 years at \$90,000, the provider is asking for an additional \$3,000 to conduct an evaluation of the program. The department and provider negotiated costs and the department found that this rate was fair and reasonable at \$93,000.

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

It has been the Department's vision to continue to provide resources to this important service. The Communities for Children Network is the only such network in the state, and has taken 15 years to develop, it would not be possible for another contractor to step in and provide the same level of expertise.

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:	4-21-2021
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Printed Name:	William J.E. Allen	Date:	5/4/2021

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