

State of Maine Procurement Justification Form

Department Office/Division/Program:		Maine CDC/ Rural Health & Primary Care Program		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles/Eliza Fielding		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		CD0-22-2253		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 500,000	Advantage CT / RQS #:	20210414000000002790	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2021	Proposed End Date:	6/30/2022
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:		Maine Primary Care Association Augusta, Maine		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Primary Medical, Behavioral Health and Dental Services		

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 127th State of Maine Legislature passed 22 M.R.S.A. § 259 "Support for Federally Qualified Health Centers". This provides for a total of \$500,000/year to be dispersed to the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). Per legislative determination funds will be used to support access to primary medical, behavioral health and dental services to residents of the State in rural and underserved communities and to assist with provider recruitment and retention.

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

The Maine Primary Care Association (vendor) has an exclusive relationship with Maine's Federally Qualified Health Center grantees and assists in clinical quality improvement initiatives. In representing all FQHC's, The Maine Primary Care Association (MPCA) will act as a fiscal agent to disperse the funds. Additionally, they will aggregate the data from services, specifically, primary care, oral health or behavioral health interventions as well as recruitment and retention of essential health care providers to support a state-level analysis.

The vendor has extensive experience providing technical assistance and training, housing relevant programs and services and advocating on behalf of Maine's FQHCs and the people these sites serve.

The vendor exists to:

- Strengthen Maine's Health Centers with programs and services ranging from advocacy efforts to clinical quality improvement initiative, from workforce development to community outreach, from health information technology to emergency preparedness planning from strategic planning to technical assistance.
- Amplify messages, shared among health centers.
- Bridge both medical practices and the public health sector.
- Provide the linkages to community, state and federal partners including allied health agencies and public health.

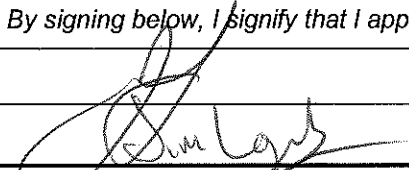
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The budget was determined by the 127th legislature and approved by Maine DHHS senior leadership and given the unique role of the Maine Primary Care Association as the membership organization responsible for providing Quality Assurance and Improvement technical assistance, they are the only entity capable of coordinating the required activities. The amount of four hundred and sixty thousand dollars will be disbursed, through the Maine Primary Care Association, to twenty federally qualified health centers providing each facility twenty-three thousand dollars. The remaining balance of forty thousand dollars will remain with the Maine Primary Care Association for payment processing and communications and marketing for all federally qualified health centers.

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

The Department does not intend to competitively procure the services at this time.

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:		Date:	5-May-21
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
Printed Name:	kathy Paquette	Date:	5/26/2021