



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
 STATE OF MAINE

PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

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 intranet site (Form's page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:		DHHS/OCFS Jessica Wood / Maryanne Livingstone	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles / Patricia Wall	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		Crisis Stabilization-CFS SFY 21/22	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	Template Total: Original: \$2,541,489.50 Amend: \$637,138.22 Revised: \$3,178,627.72	Advantage CT / RQS #:	Multiple, See Attached
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	7/1/2020	Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:	6/30/2022	New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Multiple, See Attached	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Strengthen Children's Crisis Services - Pilot Project expanded statewide	

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

Please respond to ALL of the questions in the following sections.

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.**

In collaboration with the Children's Cabinet and Fund for a Healthy Maine, OCFS began piloting enhanced aftercare and crisis stabilization services to assist children in crisis to remain with their families and in their communities, safely and on a more consistent basis, effectively preventing the need for higher levels of care. The pilot expands aftercare and stabilization services for families in their homes, supporting children as they transition home from Hospitals (Emergency Departments and psychiatric in-patient units), Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs), or Residential Treatment facilities. The additional support is intended to bridge children to community resources and decrease the length of unnecessary stays.

The enhanced services provided through the Crisis Aftercare pilot includes provision of therapeutic interventions and continued crisis stabilization in the home, including in-home clinical support from a licensed clinician. The family is assigned a Child & Family Support Specialist who works closely with the clinician to help the family understand the recommendations for treatment, assists the family with referrals and obtaining the treatment that is needed, attends to barriers such as transportation, and supports families during the initial meetings with health providers to explain the child's needs and develop safety plans. The Department believes that supporting children and families through the pilot will decrease the amount of time children are pending appropriate discharge from identified hospitals.

The outcomes of the pilot will inform MaineCare policy development; specifically, if the CASii service intensity disposition tool is effective in determining service intensity need, it could potentially be included in various Children's Behavioral Health policies. If the intensive in-home support of a Crisis Responder and Clinician is effective in maintaining children and families in their community and keeps them from accessing higher levels of care, there is potential to incorporate National Best Practice in this section of MaineCare as well. The Department's hope is that having this service available to families in crisis, will decrease the utilization of higher levels of care.

The Crisis Aftercare pilot started in Aroostook County, the Department's District 8, as data showed that is where the need for Crisis Aftercare services was most prevalent. Eventually the pilot expanded, as review of additional data sources from across the state, showed that two (2) other areas, Districts 3 and 6 of the state had notable extended Emergency Department waits, and many of the children in these districts who were pending discharge required the assistance of the Program Coordination team as well as the CBHS Medical Director. When MHBG Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) funding became available, Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 were added, effective 7/1/2021. A subsequent amendment was done to continue the crisis aftercare services and data collection in District 8 for an additional year; expand pilot services and data collection in all other Department Districts (1-7); and add an additional data collection requirement.

The purpose of this Amendment is to extend the pilot through 3/14/2023, to allow the District sites to spend down funding received through the CRRSA and ECOVID grants. The CRRSA grant expires on 3/14/2023, giving reason for the extension through that date. The agencies have experienced difficulty in spending down the funding because they have been unable to hire qualified Crisis After Care Providers. Because the need for Crisis Aftercare Services is prevalent in all Districts, including a waitlist in some, this amendment will also allow the agencies to utilize their existing Mobile Crisis Providers who meet the qualifications to deliver these services, to fill in when short-staffing issues arise.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

Aroostook County, District 8, was selected as the target for this pilot since crisis data from the six (6) months preceding the Agreement indicated that District 8 has the largest number of children waiting in Emergency Departments, and for the longest amount of time, statewide.

Each of the other providers for this statewide pilot was selected through a competitive bidding process/RFP. Each is the only crisis provider in the Department district in which it is located.

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

The costs were estimated based on the current funding structure and rates for the statewide crisis contracts, as well as the average wage for clinical support.

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

The Department does not intend to RFP this service.

Data collected during this pilot program will be used to assess the effectiveness the CASii service intensity disposition tool, as well as whether the expansion for aftercare and crisis stabilization services will assist children in remaining safely with their families and in their communities more often, effectively reducing the need for higher levels of care. The outcomes of the pilot will inform MaineCare policy development.

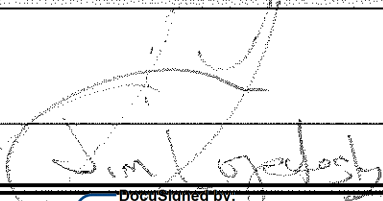
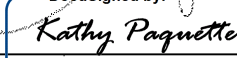
PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

- Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).
- No – If No, proceed to Part V

PART V: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:		Date:	15 Aug 22
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	kathy Paquette	Date:	9/2/2022

DHHS OFFICE: Office of Child & Family Services SERVICE: SFY 22

Crisis Stabilization

PROVIDER	DHHS AGR #	CT #	AMENDMENT REASON	TOTAL AMD AMT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Aroostook Mental Health Services	CBH-21-1000C	20200602*3653	Disencumber funds and extend end date.	(-\$3,000.00)	\$859,381.00
Community Health & Counseling	CBH-21-1001A	20210528*3489	Add funds and extend end date.	\$166,138.50	\$449,110.00
Sweetser	CBH-21-1002A	20210528*3488	No Cost Extension.	\$ 0.00	\$852,207.00
Crisis & Counseling	CBH-22-1003A	20210623*3775	Add funds and extend end date.	\$212,534.76	\$480,999.76
The Opportunity Alliance	CBH-22-1004A	20210623*3777	Add funds and extend end date.	\$268,464.96	\$536,929.96
TOTAL				\$637,138.22	\$3,178,627.72