

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:	DHHS			
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:	Chris Moiles / Jennifer Levesque			
(If applicable) Department Reference #:	See Attached List			
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$800,000 total (Multiple – See Attached List)	Advantage CT / RQS #:	See Attached List	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	9/1/2020	Proposed End Date:	8/31/2022
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:	Multiple – See Attached List			
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. (Check all that apply.)			
	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 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.
Maine CDC, is responsible for protecting public health from drug overdoses and blood borne diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis B & C. Maine ranks 6 th 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

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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.

Maine CDC has obtained grant funding from the federal CDC, through the Overdose Data to Action Project 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>). These contracts provide support to most vulnerable areas (see table below). 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. Syringe service programs, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) clinics and free medical care clinics are three of the most ideal places to connect people with SUD to services. These agreements will fund providers in five of the most vulnerable counties: Cumberland, Kennebec, Somerset, Penobscot, and Washington counties.

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

The providers below meet the department's qualifications of providing patient navigation services and are willing to provide these services in the services areas as indicated:

City of Portland, Portland Public Health (PPH), a local health department, to perform these services. PPH operates the only syringe service program and only free medical care clinic in Cumberland county, along with an STD clinic on site.

MaineGeneral Medical Center (MGMC) operates the only two syringe service programs in the county. MGMC also operates the largest outpatient SUD clinic in Kennebec county.

Redington Fairview General Hospital's Somerset Public Health (SPH), located in the southern end of Somerset County SPH is currently working with another organization from outside Somerset County to open the only syringe service program in Somerset county. SPH operates the only substance use prevention program in the southern end of the county and also runs the Somerset County Rural Communities Opioid Response Planning Consortium, the only organization like it in the county.

Penobscot Valley Hospital (PVH), through its network of facilities, provides Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment programs, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, and Behavioral Health programs. These are three of the most ideal places to connect people with SUD to services. PVH will provide these services to rural Penobscot County,

Regional Medical Center at Lubec (RMCL), provides Substance Use Disorder (SUD) recovery and treatment services, Behavioral Health programs, HIV/Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and are some of the most ideal places to connect people with SUD to services. RMCL is the only FQHC that provides all these services in Washington County. A survey by the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator revealed that there are no other Federally Qualified Health Clinics or community-based organizations in Washington County that provides as many services as RMCL does.

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

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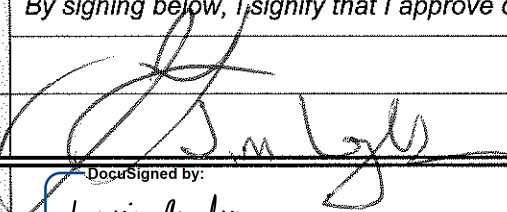
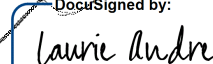
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Maine CDC determined that the costs will be fair and reasonable for patient navigation services based on the rates of other patient navigation service providers in the State, such as Penobscot Community Health Care Centers in Penobscot County. Because 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 Department does not intend to RFP these services as they are awarded on a willing and qualified basis.

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:	29-Sep-20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: 		
Printed Name:	81084A22906E4FB... Laurie Andre	Date:	10/5/2020

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DHHS Office: Maine CDC

Service: Physical Program Supplies for Certified Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs

Services Dates: 9/1/2020 – 8/31/2022

Vendor/Provider Name, City & State, Service Area	Contract Number (CT 10A)	DHHS Agreement #	Amendment Amount (if applicable)	Total Contract Amount
City of Portland, Portland, ME, Cumberland County	20200901*770	CDM-21-5166		\$160,000
Penobscot Valley Hospital, Lincoln, ME, rural Penobscot County.	20200901*775	CD6-21-5102		\$160,000
MaineGeneral Medical Center, Augusta, ME, Kennebec County.	20200901*776	CDM-21-5105		\$160,000
Redington-Fairview Gen Hospital, Skowhegan, ME, Southern Somerset County.	20200903*820	CD5-21-5162		\$160,000
Regional Medical Center at Lubec, Lubec, ME, Washington County	20200903*823	CD7-21-5151		\$160,000
	Total:			\$800,000.00