

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/OCFS Maryanne Livingstone		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles Jennifer Levesque		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		CFS-22-7011		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 192,664.70	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20211014000000001015	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	10/1/2021	Proposed End Date:	9/30/2022
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 Community Action Association (MCAA)		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Community Action Agency Training and Technical Assistance		

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 Health and Human Services' Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) has a legal requirement under the Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act, the Maine Community Services Act, and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program Rules to provide Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) to the ten (10) Community Action Agencies (CAAs) in the State. This required T/TA initiative will support the efficient and effective administration of the program, as well as support timely and accurate outcome data required under the same legal requirements to be reported annually to the Federal Government.

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PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Training must be provided by the end of SFY 2022, on the topics of OMB/Uniform Guidance, Board Governance, Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) a/o ROMA Next Gen, the Organizational Standards, National Performance Indicators (NPI) and targets, and performance measures. Increased T/TA in each CAA will also improve the State's current federally recorded American Consumer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) survey from the Agencies and proactively prevent non-compliance issues with the CAA's core funding source, the CSBG. T/TA funds will also support the implementation of a single statewide reporting system to be used by all CSBG providers to capture service data and provide outcome measure reporting as mandated by the United States Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Community Services (OCS).

To be successful in these T/TA initiatives, the Department requires an entity to oversee and coordinate the activities of the ten (10) CAA providers. This contract supports that need and will allow for increased consistency among the CAA providers and ease of management of all aspects of the contract.

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

MCAA is recognized as the only entity of its kind and is the only identified Maine Association responsible for participating in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF)'s T/TA Program: Regional Performance and Innovation Consortium (RPIC). This cooperative agreement supports an ongoing State and regional strategy for collaboration, capacity-building, and exemplary practice in the CSBG program and among State CAA Associations, which include the MCAA. The OCS funds eleven (11) RPICs to serve as geographic focal points, lead in implementing organizational standards, and develop a comprehensive system of T/TA activities among State Associations, including the MCAA. The central mission of the RPIC strategy is ensuring that all CSBG-eligible entities are able to meet organizational standards and performance management efforts and utilize evidence-informed approaches to address the identified needs of low-income people in communities.

As the only centralized organizational association for Maine's ten (10) CAAs and through its relationship and ongoing T/TA work with the CAAs, MCAA is the only provider that has access to proprietary data from the agencies, allowing MCAA to provide specific T/TA as needed, as well as to provide the ongoing T/TA support as required by the OCS. The ten (10) CAA providers have been consulted about this and are in agreement.

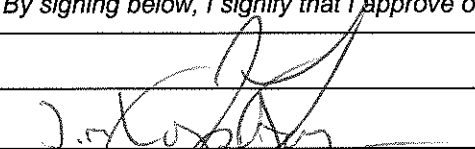
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The OCFS worked with the MCAA, the Executive Leadership of the ten (10) CAAs, and Department leadership in order to develop specific details of the service that would meet the federal requirements, and from that work created a projected reasonable cost. OCFS compared costs quoted to other agreements providing similar services for the OCFS and deemed the projected costs for providing this service to be fair and reasonable.

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

The Department does not plan to RFP this service in the future.

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:	21-02-21

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Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i> 4162BA36FAF446D...		
Printed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	11/4/2021