



**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 (Forms page) for additional instructions.*

PART I: OVERVIEW				
Department Office/Division/Program:		DHHS/ OBH/ Michael Freysinger    Theresa Witham		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jennifer Levesque / Melinda Farrell		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		OSA-23-650C		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	Current: \$1,422,916.00 Amend C: \$537,166.00 New: \$1,964,082.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT 10A 20220426000000002623	
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:	
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	7/1/2022	Effective Date:	7/1/2023
	Previous End Date:	6/30/2023	New End Date:	3/31/2024
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Healthy Acadia Ellsworth, ME		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Substance Abuse Recovery Coach Program		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	L. Other Authorization: RFP Extended

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.

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the existing agreement through 3/31/2024 to allow time for the RFP process.

The purpose of this agreement is to create a Recovery Coach Coordinator program that is meant to expand, enhance, improve the quality of, and direct the work of volunteer Recovery Coaches among opioid and polysubstance users in Hancock and Washington counties. This program has been expanded significantly following Executive Order #2 to provide services in five counties statewide.

Washington and Hancock counties have been identified by the Department as regions with particularly high need for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis. These two counties recorded the most and second-most opioid overdose deaths per capita, respectively, in 2016. Washington county also recorded the second-most infants born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (Drug Affected Babies) in the state per capita in 2016. This region of the state has been identified as being in need of new and innovative approaches to treatment and recovery due to socioeconomic and logistical reasons. Due to a low population density and significant spread of population over area, access to traditional services may be challenging for individuals seeking help in this region of the state. In addition, transportation has been identified as a significant barrier to treatment in this region, due to income and access to insurance coverage. These are reasons why this approach, which utilizes services by volunteers who may be dispersed widely throughout the region, has been considered to be appropriate and apt for a pilot project.

This agreement also supports increased administrative coordination to Recovery Coaches employed under this agreement to serve Recoverees with Justice System Involvement. The Provider has shared, through regular reporting and meetings with the Program Manger overseeing this service, increased partnerships and referrals from local jails, law enforcement, and the Maine Coastal Reentry Center. Increased administrative support will allow for increased capacity to serve these Recoverees, who often face additional barriers related to their history of Justice System involvement, allowing recovery support to begin pre-release in some cases, increasing the opportunity for recovery support upon the Recoveree's release, and increased coordination between the Provider and Justice System stakeholders. Additionally, these funds will add capacity allowing the provider to deliver Recovery Coaching training to Justice System stakeholders, supporting more effective referrals and coordination of recovery services for those individuals served under this agreement.

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

The Vendor in this agreement is uniquely able to fulfil the requirements agreed upon in an efficient and efficacious manner. Healthy Acadia has been providing training to Recovery Coaches throughout the downeast region for several years and has maintained means of contact with the coaches they have trained. Therefore, this organization is already equipped with access to a robust community of trained individuals, many of whom are already working in the community as volunteers. In addition, this agreement focuses upon building and maintaining working relationships that may facilitate the activities of recovery coaches within existing institutions such as jails and hospitals, when individuals in need of help may be most vulnerable. Healthy Acadia has demonstrated a strong working relationship with several other organizations, including area hospitals and jails, that may serve to facilitate successful completion of the goals of this agreement. Finally, Healthy Acadia staff have already developed, trained, and utilized a method of measuring outcomes of individuals served that will meet all reporting requirements that relate to client ("recoveree") outcome.

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

Originally cost for this agreement were based on 4 FTEs (2 at \$21/ hour and 2 at \$20/ hour) plus Fringe at a 43% rate. Costs for this agreement will include awarding sub-recipients at 3 different sites based on highest need and readiness. Award per county will be \$65,000 per county for a total of \$196,000. Lastly, costs will also include materials and supplies at approximately \$35,000/year, travel reimbursement at approximately \$26,000/year, training and education for \$1000/year and use of consultants at \$30,000/year.

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

This program was initiated as a small pilot in 2018, which yielded successful initial outcomes. However, as a result of Executive Order #2, the program was expanded significantly in scope, geographical region covered, and services to be delivered. The project has continued to expand through 2021 as well as the need and demand continues to grow. The Department is requesting another year of pilot status to conclude the degree to which the expansion of services is sustainable and cost-effective before moving to RFP. The Department will competitively procure this service (RFP 202306142) for 4/1/2024,

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

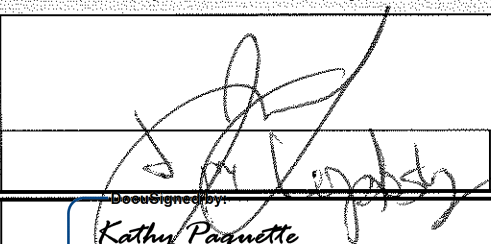
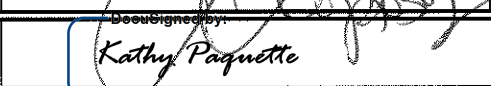
Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

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:	7-Sep-23
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	kathy Paquette	Date:	12/11/2023