

**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/Tamara Hunt/Kristen King	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Stacy Martin / Debbie Weston	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		MH4-23-110 B	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	Amend B: Total:	\$10,241.33 \$90,549.33	Advantage CT / RQS #: CT 10A 20220628*3523
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:		Proposed End Date:
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:	7/1/2022	Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:	3/31/2024	New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Azerbaijan Society Of Maine Falmouth, ME.	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Community Health Outreach Workers (CHOW)	

**PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION**

Check the box below for 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 type="checkbox"/>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>	I. Federal Agency Directed
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	<input checked="" 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.

Amend B: Increase funding due to expenses related to serving unique needs of newly arrived families seeking asylum from the southern border, more programming with Ukrainian refugees, and several public events held during last 3 months which brought large numbers of immigrants and mainstream Mainers. Funding request after-the-end of contract has been approved by OBH, COO.

The Community Health Outreach Workers (CHOW) will provide outreach, education, referrals, support and community networking to members of the Target Population groups that have been impacted significantly by COVID-19.

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

DHHS, Office of Behavioral Health Services, has determined that these providers are willing and qualified based on the following criteria:

- 1.) An established Community Health Outreach Worker workforce or similar type outreach staff
- 2.) Language and cultural brokering expertise for the following target populations: African Americans; various immigrant, refugee and asylee communities; Native communities; older people; youth from Communities of Color
- 3.) Self-reports as a community-based organization (CBO): An organization that is driven by and accountable to the community and/or population that it serves. A CBO that has a physical presence in the community it serves and has clear processes to include community perspectives in determining the priority issues it addresses and the solutions pursued.

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

OBH negotiated a rate of \$240/day x thirty (30) days x forty (40) CHOWs. Or \$7,200 per CHOW. The provider agencies reported to the Department how many staff they have to support this project, not to exceed forty (40) total CHOWs across all Provider agencies.

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

This service is willing and qualified. The Department does not intend to RFP at this time.

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

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

☐ Yes, MJRP funds (023) – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

☐ Yes, ARPA funds (025) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.

☒ No – If No, proceed to Part V.

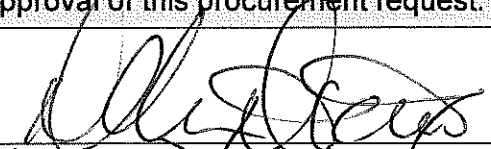

**PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE**

Maine law contains Conflict of Interest statutes directed to State Departments, State Officers, and Employees Generally under MRS Title 5, §18 and §18-A, in harmony with MRS Title 17, §3104.

☒ The requesting department signatory understands and acknowledges Maine's Conflict of Interest statutes.

**PART VI: APPROVALS**

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Delra Downer	Date:	8/8/2024
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	<small>DocuSigned by:</small>  <small>41C2BA36FAF44CD...</small>		
Typed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	8/27/2024