## PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Office of State 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 Procurement Services intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW							
Department Office/Division/Program:			DHHS/OBH/Patrick Bouchard & Sara Wade				
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:			Althea Harris / Brianne Carrero				
(If applicable) Department Reference #:			MHX-25-XXXX				
Amount: Multiple, s (Contract/Amendment/Grant) attached		ee Advantage CT / CTMV 10A RQS #: 20241217ASAFERF					
CONTRACT	Proposed S	Start Date:	1/1/20	025	Proposed End Date:		12/31/2025
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:					ffective Date:	
	Previous	End Date:			New En	d Date:	
ODANIT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start		rt Date:		
GRANT	Project	End Date:			Grant End Date:		
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Multiple, see Addendum					
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		A Safer Place (Baxter Related)					

	PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION						
Check the box below for 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		J. Willing and Qualified				
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice				
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization				

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

## PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

 Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

This service provides specialized professional mental health services in the communication modality most readily understood by former students of the Maine School for the Deaf and/or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf such that the consumer receives services at no out-of-pocket expense pursuant to the Public and Special Law, Chapter 12, May 2, 2001. In 2001, Maine State Legislature adopted LD178, an Act to Implement the Continuation of Services for victims of abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. Section 1, Continuation of Services.

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

These Vendors employ independently licensed clinicians, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs)/ Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPCs), particularly those who are proficient in American Sign Language, to provide specialized outpatient services. Baxter consumers who have been determined clinically eligible for outpatient services choose which clinician they wish to receive treatment from.

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

This contract pays for out-of-pocket costs to the consumer (co-pays, deductibles, etc.) that insurance doesn't cover for their outpatient therapy related to trauma the consumer experienced while at the Baxter school. The rate is based on the units of service approved by the Department's Administrative Services Organization times the hourly rate of the practitioner. The practitioner rates are based on a standardized rate structure that is less than the Mainecare rate for outpatient services with interpreter services.

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

These services are mandated by the Baxter School for the Deaf settlement and chosen by the individual Baxter consumer from a pool of specialized outpatient providers. The Department does not intend to RFP because these services are provided by any willing and qualified provider.

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 appro	oved Business Case(s).				
☐ Yes, ARPA funds (025) — If Yes, please be aware of the agencies.	requirements from awarding federal				
⊠ 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 <u>Title 5, §18</u> and <u>§18-A</u>, in harmony with MRS <u>Title 17, §3104</u>.

☑ 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:	In X so soch	Date:	21-121-25
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	Docusigned by: Kathy Paquette  41C2BA36FAF44CD		
Typed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	2/3/2025

**DHHS Office:** 

OBH

Service: CTMV A SAFER PLACE (BAXTER RELATED) SFY25

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Vendor Name	Agreement Number	Start Date	End Date	Projected Spend
LORI TULLY	MH1-25-4016	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$7,096.96
SARA L TREAT	MH1-25-926	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$36,849.60
NATIONAL DEAF THERAPY	MH1-25-927	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$14,739.84
ECHO DIXON	MH1-25-934	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$7,096.96
DEAF MULTICULTURAL				
COUNSELING LIMITED				
LIABILITY COMPANY	MH1-25-937	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$7,096.96
MAINE DEAF COUNSELING LLC	MH2-25-932	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$7,096.96
SHANA KELLEY-COHEN	MH2-25-933	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$7,096.96
HEATHER L HUNT PhD LLC	MH4-25-938	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$7,096.96
Total items	8			