



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:		OADS/Aging Services/CNCS Volunteer Program	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jennifer Levesque / Melinda Farrell	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		ADS-26-XXXX, Multiple, See Attached	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		Multiple, See Attached	Advantage CT / RQS #: Multiple, See Attached
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2025	Proposed End Date: 6/30/2027
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	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		AmeriCorps Seniors Programs (RSVP, FGP, and SCP)	

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

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

AmeriCorps is a voluntary civil society program supported by the U.S. federal government, foundations, corporations, and other donors that engages adults in public service work with a goal of "helping others and meeting critical needs in the community." AmeriCorps Seniors helps meet the needs and challenges of America's communities by connecting persons fifty-five (55) and older to service opportunities through the following programs: Foster Grandparents, RSVP, and Senior Companions. AmeriCorps Seniors programs include RSVP, Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions. See: <https://americorps.gov/serve/americorps-seniors>.

Through a legislatively authorized annual State General Fund allocation, OADS contracts funds to CNCS program providers in Maine to support AmeriCorps Seniors program administration and to expand volunteer opportunities for adults aged 55 and older in Maine. These funds help meet program administration and volunteer activities expansion costs not allowed or covered by federal CNCS grant funds received directly by the provider agencies.

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

The Office of Aging and Disability Services has determined that those providing AmeriCorps Seniors funded programs, noted above, in Maine are eligible to receive this funding. This provider provides a federally funded Corporation for National and Community Service Senior Corps (now known as AmeriCorps Seniors) volunteer programs; Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and Senior Companion Program (SCP).

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

The establishment of General Funds for the Senior Volunteer Program occurred with the 1999-2001 General Fund appropriation and has been a part of the baseline budget going forward. It stipulates that the money is to be awarded in equal share by program to agencies in Maine who administer federally funded Corporation for National and Community Service Senior Corps (now known as AmeriCorps Seniors) volunteer programs, specifically, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion, and RSVP.

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

The Department does not intend to issue an RFP for these services.

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.

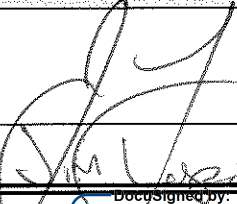
PART V: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI); CONTRACT WITH THE STATE

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:	Jim L. Paquette	Date:	7-May-25
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	 DocuSigned by:		
Typed Name:	Kathy Paquette	Date:	6/20/2025

DHHS Office: OADS
Service: VOLUNTEER GRANT PROGRAM-SFY26

Vendor Name	Agreement Number	Start Date	End Date	Amount
THE OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE	ADS-26-2629	7/1/2025	6/30/2027	\$57,360.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE	ADS-26-2632	7/1/2025	6/30/2027	\$28,680.00
PENQUIS COMM ACTION PROG INC	ADS-26-6628	7/1/2025	6/30/2027	\$28,680.00
UNIV OF MAINE SYSTEM	ADS-26-6631	7/1/2025	6/30/2027	\$57,360.00
Total Items	4	Totals		\$172,080.00