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**CITY OF COLUMBUS - BID WAIVER INFORMATION FORM  
TO ACCOMPANY LEGISLATION WHICH WAIVES ANY PROVISIONS OF  
COLUMBUS CITY CODES CHAPTER 329  
(PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS SHEET)**

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1. In accordance with section 329.27 of the Columbus City Code, City Council may determine that the City's best interest is served by waiving the City Code Formal Bid procedures for the following reason(s): (Note that these reasons are all based on time. Currently, formal bid average completion time is 160 calendar days.)

- ☐ An unanticipated breakdown created an unplanned, emergency need.
- ☐ The item to be purchased is of a perishable nature, the price or availability will perish before the formal bid process can be completed.
- ☐ Need to extend an existing contract for one year or more where no provision for extension was included in the original bid/contract.
- ☐ Need to increase a contract for additional supplies/services, although the original contract obligations have been fulfilled.
- ☐ A new law or regulation requires immediate compliance; there is insufficient time to accomplish formal competitive bidding and satisfy the needs in order to comply.
- ☒ Other: There is not enough time to obtain formally advertised, competitive sealed bids to satisfy the needs because: City of Columbus received a U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program award funding the Division of Fire's Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT) outreach efforts, first in October of 2018, followed by the second award in October of 2020. Alina Sharafutdinova, DBA Village Venture, LLC was selected as the grant program manager under both award cycles because of the highly specialized experience with federal grant management and thorough knowledge of the public safety multi-disciplinary team operations. Village Venture, LLC operates under the guidance of Alina Sharafutdinova and consists of a team of data scientist, data QA admin and project manager. Over the course of five years of RREACT's operations, Alina has provided program management contract services to the team and has led the operational and technical components of BJA COAP and BJA COSSAP awards.

In 2023, the Division of Fire received a third U.S. Department of Justice grant to continue RREACT outreach. Due to the extensive experience with managing the BJA federal funding for the RREACT program, we are requesting to waive bidding and enter into a 3-year, \$255,471 contract with Village Venture, LLC as it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus. Through this service contract, Village Venture, LLC will serve as a project, process, compliance, and reporting coordinator for the grant project under BJA COSSUP Award. Village Venture team will be responsible for the BJA COSSUP project set-up & closeout, project execution and project analysis & reporting. Village Venture, LLC will serve as the BJA grant specialist's primary point of contact and ensure project implementation is completed according to grant goals, objectives, and timeline. Village Venture, LLC will work closely with the Columbus Division of Fire & Columbus Division of Police to ensure fiscal & programmatic reports are prepared and submitted on time.

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2. Informal bid procedure used:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain:

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3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

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4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

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