
**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)**

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 Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration award funding the Division of Fire's Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT) outreach efforts in October 2019. The project award period was granted a formal extension period of 12 months. The extension grant budget period is September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2024. The grant extension will allow the completion of the initially approved program goals and permit an orderly phaseout of program objectives.

Alina Sharafutdinova, DBA Village Venture, LLC, was selected as the grant program manager under the original award cycle because of her 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 scientists, a data QA admin, and a project manager. Over five years of RREACT's operations, Alina Sharafutdinova has provided program management contract services to the team. She has led the operational and technical components of the SAMHSA FR-CARA award.

Due to the extensive experience with managing the SAMHSA federal funding for the RREACT program, we request to waive bidding and enter into a 1-year, \$94,500 contract with Village Venture, LLC as it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus. Through this contract, Village Venture, LLC will serve as a project, process, compliance, and reporting coordinator for the grant project under the 2019 SAMHSA FR-CARA Award. The Village Venture team will be responsible for the 2019 SAMHSA FR-CARA project phaseout, management & execution of the proposed objectives, data evaluation & analysis, federal reporting & award closeout. Village Venture, LLC will serve as the SAMHSA grant specialist's primary point of contact and ensure project implementation is completed according to grant goals, objectives, and timeline. Village Venture will work closely with the Columbus Division of Fire & Columbus Division of Police to ensure fiscal & programmatic reports are prepared and submitted on time.

2. Informal bid procedure used:

Yes

No

Explain:

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

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