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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 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, first in October 2019, followed by the second award in October 2023. The 2025 grant budget period is September 30, 2025, through September 29, 2026. The entire project period is September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2027.

Alina Sharafutdinova, DBA Village Venture, LLC, was selected as the grant program manager under the first award cycle in 2019 because of her highly specialized experience with SAMHSA 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 has provided program management contract services to the team. She has led the operational and technical components of the 2019 SAMHSA FR-CARA award and oversaw the development of the data collection, evaluation & analysis for the RREACT team.

The new cycle of the SAMHSA FR-CARA funding will build on the successes of RREACT outreach activities & established data collection and evaluation practices. The new funding will expand RREACT outreach activities with a focus on enhancing direct first responder engagement in at-risk neighborhoods and promoting harm reduction training within minority communities most impacted by opioid overdose. Through a data-driven approach led & supported by the Village Venture team, RREACT will develop strategies to provide, increase, and enhance access to services for people of all racial/ethnic/marginalized groups in the community.

Through this award, The Columbus Division of Fire is exploring using their HOME (Health One Mobile Equality) mobile health community clinics to administer low-threshold buprenorphine and other MAT services. Currently, the HOME clinics provide harm reduction and health literacy education in high-risk communities and at community events with large gatherings such as festivals and street fairs. Under the guidance of the RREACT leadership, Village Venture, LLC will study the feasibility of this project within the first nine months of budget year one.

In the best interest of the City of Columbus, we request to waive bidding and enter into a 1-year.

\$96,556.00 contract with Village Venture, LLC. Through this contract, Village Venture, LLC will serve as a project, process, compliance, and reporting coordinator for the grant project under the 2023 SAMHSA FR-CARA Award. The Village Venture team will be responsible for the 2023 SAMHSA FR-CARA project set-up, project & grant management, execution of the proposed objectives, data evaluation & analysis, and federal reporting during the first budget year of the award. 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 for the 2023 SAMHSA FR-CARA 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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**Ordinance No.: 2624-2025**

**Approved By: Authorized Approval on Corresponding Legislative File**

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