
**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: The City of Columbus, Division of Public Safety received Overdose Data to Action funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) via a sub-award from Franklin County Public Health (FCPH). To achieve project deliverables, we are requesting to waive bidding and enter into a 1-year, \$60,000 contract with Village Venture, LLC, as it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus. 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 RREACT team and has led the operational and technical components of BJA COAP, BJA COSSAP and SAMHSA FR-CARA awards. In addition, Alina Sharafutdinova, DBA Village Venture, LLC, has an extensive knowledge of the previous CDC OD2A funding awarded to RREACT through her direct involvement with the RREACT operations.

Through this service contract, Village Venture, LLC will serve as a project, process, compliance, and reporting coordinator for the grant project under 2023 FCPH CDC OD2A subaward. Village Venture team will be responsible for the project set-up & closeout, project execution and project analysis & reporting. Village Venture, LLC will serve as the FCPH and CDC OD2A grant specialists' 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 for the 2023 CDC OD2A award 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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