
**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: Alina Sharafutdinova, DBA Village Venture, LLC, was selected as the grant program manager under the original BJA award 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 award.

Due to the extensive experience with managing the federal funding for the RREACT program, we request to waive bidding and enter into a 1-year 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.

Franklin County Family and Children First Council has been providing family case management and trauma support for the RREACT program for over five years. The RREACT project team reached out to Franklin County Children Services to learn what organization could help first responders effectively support the needs of children and family members impacted by overdose. Children Services referred the project team to Franklin County Family and Children First Council. Franklin County Family and Children First Council specializes in trauma management and resource coordination for children and families engaged in multiple systems. Franklin County Family and Children First Council is the organization to which Children Services refers complex cases involving trauma and multi-system service coordination. Franklin County Family and Children First Council also provides Trauma Informed Care training to Franklin County Children Services staff, Franklin County Juvenile Court Staff, local public school teachers and school administration, and other providers working directly with high-risk populations.

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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