



Bid Waiver Form

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Short Description of Goods/Services	Individual and Group Outpatient Therapy	Total Cost	\$2,342,765 (5 year)	
Vendor Name	Journey Mental Health	MUNIS #	5152	Req #
Purchasing Officer	Pete Patten	Date	1/6/23	
Department	Human Services - BH	Email	Moore.Chloe@countyofdane.org	
Name	Chloe Moore	Phone	608-698-6384	

A VENDOR QUOTE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE WAIVER FOR APPROVAL

Provide a detailed description of the goods/services intended to be purchased:

Dane County Department of Human Services currently contracts with Journey Mental Health for the provision of individual and group outpatient therapy for those lacking insurance and in need of treatment for a mental health or substance use disorder.

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Procurement Exception List

- Emergency Procurement
- Unique and specific technical qualifications are required
- A special adaptation for a special purpose is required
- A unique or opportune buying condition exists
- Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements

Provide a detailed explanation as to why the competitive bidding (RFB/RFP) process cannot be used. Also provide a detailed justification in relation to the Procurement Exception(s) chosen:

Based on the results of the prior Request for Proposals for this service, Journey Mental Health is the only contracted provider for this service. This limits the diversity among providers and therapy modalities offered, and requires individuals to obtain services from Journey regardless of barriers individuals may have in accessing outpatient therapy.

Outpatient services were scheduled for RFP in 2022 for 2023 contracts, but that was put on hold in favor of developing an open network for outpatient treatment. Dane County is rich with outpatient providers who are interested in providing this service, but there is not currently a contractual nor systematic avenue to connect consumers to alternative providers. Dane County Human Services (DCDHS) has worked throughout 2022 to identify potential approaches to these contractual and systematic barriers to an open network.

In 2022, DCDHS awarded approximately \$200,000 to small, local agencies to assist them in building the infrastructure necessary to join an open network of providers. The secondary goal of these grants were to expand the capacity of outpatient providers to serve target communities and under-served populations. All funds were awarded through a competitive grant process.

In 2023, DCDHS intends to enter into a number of small contracts with providers who are interested in participating in the open network. The 2023 County Budget includes approximately \$260,000 for this purpose. This bid waiver is necessary in order to maintain the services currently provided by Journey while this open network is developed.

Bid Waiver Approval (For Purchasing Use Only)

Under \$37,000 (Controller)

\$37,000+ (Personnel & Finance Committee)

Date Approved:

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