

2018
Request for Waiver of Bid Procurement

I. Program description and current operations:

Middle School Restorative Justice services

Name of service providers currently under contract:

YWCA Madison, Inc.

Name of contract manager: *Andre Johnson (242-6416)*

Division: *Department of Human Services / Division of Children, Youth, and Families*

Current contracts total: *\$209,074*

Program description:

The YWCA Madison Middle School Restorative Justice Initiative trains school staff and students in alternative discipline and problem resolution modalities. The “Restorative Justice Circles” process is the key method used to foster feelings of safety and equity among staff and student participants. In addition the YWCA will act as the coordinator for the Madison Municipal Diversion Program and provide community based restorative circles.

II. Chapter 25 of Dane County Ordinance codifies the County’s purchasing and contracting process. Included in this chapter, 25.11(20) allows for exceptions to the competitive bidding process for a variety of reasons.

When unique and specific technical qualifications are required

When a unique or opportune buying condition exists

III. State your rationale for request for waiver.

This service is primarily supported by State Brighter Future Initiatives (BFI; \$139,000) and State Early Intervention (EI; \$12,159) monies. These are time-limited grant monies (although ‘sunset’ date has not been announced).

The YWCA-as-vendor was written into the BFI and EI plans as approved by the State. The YWCA is in fact the recognized local leader in provision of these services and an alternative provider may or may not be acceptable to the State. Additionally, the City of Madison allocates monies to this vendor for this service as well and it may or may not wish to change providers.