

**2017**  
**Request for Waiver of Bid Procurement**

I. Program Description and Current Operations:

Name of service providers currently under contract: *Briarpatch Youth Services, Inc.*

Name of contract manager: *Andre Johnson*

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

Current contracts total: *\$32,191 (2016 allocation)*

Name of program (program description): *Runaway youth / crisis intervention services Briarpatch provides crisis intervention counseling to youths and their families; emergency shelter to teens; and Court diversion, outreach, and aftercare services to runaway and homeless youth, other youth in crisis, and their families.*

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.

Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements

When a unique or opportune buying condition exists

III. State your rationale for request for waiver. Please be specific.

*Dane County is one of several funders of this service. Other funding entities are uninterested in an alternative provider. Dane County could not purchase a like service at its singular funding level. Services demand a large and well-equipped facility. Briarpatch is the sole local provider with this capability at this time.*