

2017
Request for Waiver of Bid Procurement

I. Program Description and Current Operations:

Name of Service Provider currently under contract: *Epilepsy Foundation Heart of WI, Inc.*

Name of Contract Manager: *//DD Community Services Manager – Monica Bear*

Division: *Department of Human Services / Adult Community Services*

Current Contract Total: *\$15,105*

Name of Program (program description): *Information and Referral*

Epilepsy Foundation, Heart of WI, Inc. provides information and referral specific to individuals impacted by epilepsy. Their goal is to help individuals understand more about the neurological disorder and share new treatments available while providing programs and services to the public. They offer services for families, schools, employers and public health workers that engage and educate individuals in order to raise awareness and reduce the stigmas and myths associated with seizures and epilepsy.

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.

Existing vendors possess the unique and are singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements

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

The waiver is being requested because Epilepsy Foundation Heart of Wisconsin, Inc. is the only local or regional organization singularly focused on the support needs of individuals with seizure disorders and epilepsy. They have the specialized expertise needed to provide information and referral services to individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders, their families and the general community. It is more cost effective to purchase specialized services from the recognized, regional expert rather than replicate this service within other organizations. Most people who access this service do not need further intervention from the County funded, human service system.