

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT ON  
SOLE SOURCE BASIS**

**Program Agency:** Department of Behavioral Health  
**Proposed Contractor:** Community Connections  
**Contract Number:** RM-17-R- 020-BY0-JM  
**Caption:** Family Coaching Model Service and Support

**AUTHORITY**

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700, and 1701

**1. MINIMUM NEED:**

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is seeking within its Behavioral Health Network a certified Mental Health Rehabilitative Service (MHRS) Provider for Family Coaching Competency and the capacity to provide Family Coaching and Support Services with an evidence-based program. The requirement is critically important to the DBH to it meets mission and obligation as a recipient of funding from the District's Child and Family Service Agency (CFSA). The agency transferred Title IV-E Waiver funds to support the development and implementation of a Family Coaching Project.

DBH reviewed their certified provider records and Community Connections remains the only certified provider with the competency and capacity for providing evidence based program in Family Coaching/Strengthening Family Coping Resources (SFCR).

The Title IV-E Waiver allows CFSA the opportunity to implement services for District residents under the Safe and Stable Families initiative, which will redesign current prevention services and to increase the capacity of the community to develop and deliver evidence based practices that effectively engage families while being able to offer a customized and family-driven services. These services are intended to support and stabilize families. The Contractor services allow for the expansion of CFSA's 4 Pillars strategic framework to beyond the "front door" to include a continuum of community-based services.

**2. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:**

The total available funding to be allocated for the Contractor services is in the amount of \$216,000.00. The DBH Program has completed a review of Provider community based services and the Contractor's price is consistent with similar public health community programs.

The price shall cover program sustainability, incentive stipends for Family Peer Specialists who meet DBH's criteria, training, training materials, reports and other administrative related reimbursements.

The Contractor prices shall not include premiums or excessive prices as a result of the unique licensure status. Generally in commercial markets for services, service prices for specialized

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skills are significantly higher than services being rendered in a market with competition and available alternate sources.

**3. FACTS SUPPORTING SOURCE SELECTION:**

The Department of Behavioral Health has identified Community Connections as the only certified provider with the capability for providing mental health services and supports from date of award through September 30, 2017. The project funding shall expire with no known intent to continue beyond September 30, 2017. The OCP field office has verified the certification and good standing status of the Contractor intended for contract award.

The Contractor has the necessary financial capability and unique specialized certifications which shall add value during DBH’s delivery of services to residents. The Contractor also holds a DBH issued Choice Provider licensure which is issued to a qualified Provider that specializes in service delivery to the child welfare population. Community Connections is the only provider possessing both Choice Provider and the highly specialized family coaching evidence-based service within the DBH provider network. DBH concludes that it is in the District’s best interest to issue Sole Source procurement to Community Connections.

**CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

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Dr. Tanya Royster, Agency Director  
Department of Behavioral Health

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Date

**5. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I certify that the notice on intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

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Jeanne Mirabile, CPPB  
Contract Specialist

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Date

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the Sole Source method of procurement.

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George Lewis  
Contracting Officer

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Date