

**BOCC APPROVAL DECEMBER 20, 2023**  
**BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS DECEMBER 14, 2023**

**3. PREVENTION / EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**FUNDING -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

(Request sent to 118 vendors)

RFP #23-0040 Contract

	<b>Community Solutions, Incorporated</b>	<b>Seventh Direction Inc.</b>	Untamed Athletes Inc.
Program Name	<b>Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)</b>	<b>Living Choice Youth Program (LCYP)</b>	Crime Prevention
Prevention / Early Intervention Services	<b>\$120,000.00</b>	<b>\$119,483.00</b>	\$0.00
	<b>Center for Behavioral and Academic Research, Inc. dba McAdams Academy</b>	Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County	<b>Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas</b>
Program Name	<b>McAdams Academy</b>	Problematic Sexual Behavior-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Program	<b>PATHS for Kids</b>
Prevention / Early Intervention Services	<b>\$232,630.00</b>	\$0.00	<b>\$80,861.00</b>
No Submission	Arly	Center for Human Development Inc.	Change Your Life Enterprises, Inc.
	Corner House, Inc.	DCCCA, Inc. - Wichita	Heartland 180 Inc.
	Higher Ground	Kansas Children's Service League	Legacy Ministries
	Mirror Inc.	Prairie View - Newton	Rainbows United
	The Pando Initiative	Therapy Services, LLC	Youth Advocate Services (YAP)
		Youth for Christ Wichita	

On the recommendation of Britt Rosencutter, on behalf of the Department of Corrections, Joni Wilson moved to **accept the proposals and execute service provider agreements with Community Solutions, Incorporated, Seventh Direction Inc., Center for Behavioral and Academic Research, Inc. dba McAdams Academy, and Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas for the amounts shown above for a term of 12 months, beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, with one (1) additional option to renew for 2025.** Anna Meyerhoff-Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A committee comprised of Lesa Lank, Barrett Ancelet, and Jessica Christian - Department of Corrections; Lori McConnaughy - COMCARE; Delores Craig-Morland, Ph.D. and Rhonda Lewis, Ph.D., MPH - WSU Consultants; and Britt Rosencutter - Purchasing evaluated all proposal responses based on the criteria set forth in the RFP. The committee agreed unanimously to accept the proposals as stated above.

The Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention Fund utilizes current research to target grant dollars to achieve the greatest crime prevention impact and assist youth at risk of offending to improve the quality of their lives. The targeted population includes youth at moderate to high risk for delinquency and their families. The programs funded should provide services that are designed to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system or preclude further involvement in the system.

The proposal from Community Solutions, Incorporated for \$120,000.00 was selected, with a suggestion noted to monitor the number of clients served in order to assure full utilization of Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) services.

The proposal from Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas for \$93,658.50 was selected; due to subsequent budget clarification from the program, the actual amount requested was confirmed to be \$80,861.00, and this is the award amount recommended.

The proposal from McAdams Academy for \$232,630.00 was selected. The full amount of the request is recommended for award based on the availability of funds, the program's commitment to serve an increased number of youth, and the fact the the prior award has not increased in over two years.

The proposal from Seventh Direction, Inc. for \$99,483.00 was selected. Based on availability of funding, an award amount of \$119,483.00 is recommended in order to provide additional supportive services to clients served. This will include peer mentoring, counseling, medication-assisted treatment supports, and transportation supports.

Sedgwick County is allocating approximately \$552,974.00 annually in support of prevention and early intervention programs targeted to youth at risk for juvenile delinquency.

Notes:

This is a proposal and not a bid. Proposals are based on criteria set forth in the RFP. There are six (6) components to this RFP.

Component	Points
a. Overall Project Plan/Agency Capability	20
b. Evidence Based Practice(s)	20
c. Risk-Need-Responsivity	20
d. Assessment	15
e. Relevant Measurable Outcome(s)	15
f. Data Collection Methods	10
Total Points	100

## Questions and Answers

Brandi Baily: I'm confused. When you talk about Seventh Direction, \$99,483.00 was selected but the award amount was \$119,483.00. Can you explain that a little bit?

Lesia Lank: Because we did determine that there was additional funds available and some of the proposals were not selected for funding, we did have the desire to provide some additional supplemental supports for clients being served by that program. There was some discussion among the Community Advisory Board that evaluates our programs and services and the question was asked of that provider if they could provide any additional supportive services for the clients being served. After some discussion, it was determined that they could such as noted in your comments and an additional \$20,000.00 was agreed upon to provide the additional supportive services.

Brandi Baily: So does each one of these entities provide a different, specific service and how do we determine which service we are going to use?

Lesia Lank: Yes. That was based on the proposals that they submitted and yes that's a wide array of services. The proposal/RFP that was released had specific criteria set forth and the proposals that they submitted described how their program would address that criteria.

Tim Myers: Do we have experience with all of the vendors previously?

Lesia Lank: Yes we do.

Russell Leeds: Is this funding solely Sedgwick County General Fund or does this include some State funding dollars?

Lesia Lank: These dollars do happen to be all General Fund dollars.

Russell Leeds: With the question asked previously, can you describe a little bit how it is determined which programming best fits the needs of our kids in Sedgwick County in order to arrive at these?

Lesia Lank: We do have Team Justice that's a Community Advisory Board, that meets monthly and they sort of oversee the plan for all of our services related to Youth Corrections. A plan is established at the beginning of the program year that identifies what the needs are and that is how the Request for Proposal is determined. The Community Advisory Board identifies what the gaps in services are in our community and that is how it is determined how those funds will be used.

Russell Leeds: And that's done in an evidence-based manner in conjunction with a consultant?

Lesia Lank: Yes it is. Dr. Craig-Morland who sits on the Community Advisory Board and also sits on the selection committee is very involved in determining and helping to evaluate the proposals. It is, and as mentioned, evidence-based practices. One of the criteria that is weighted heavily is the degree to which the provider uses evidence-based practices and what their measures on and how they evaluate the successes of their programs. That is a criteria that is very important to our department obviously, to the advisory board, and to whether or not their program receives continued funding. As it happens, all of these programs have been funded currently, that wouldn't necessarily have to be the case, but in this case it was. All of those four (4) programs do have a positive relationship and do have very good outcomes so far with our experience.