

3. PREVENTION / EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES #3 -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

FUNDING -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

(Request sent to 117 vendors)

RFP #22-0007 Contract

	Community Solutions, Incorporated	Seventh Direction Inc.	Untamed Athletes Inc.
Program Name	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Living Choice Youth Program (LCYP)	Untamed Athletes
Prevention / Early Intervention Services #3	\$180,000.00	\$149,225.00	\$150,000.00
No Bid	Affiliated Family Counselors, LLC	Boy Scouts of America Quivira Counsel	Catholic Charities Wichita
	Center for Human Development	Central Kansas Foundation	Change Your Life Enterprises, Inc.
	Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County	COMCARE of Sedgwick County	Corner House, Inc.
	Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness	Heartland 180 Inc.	Higher Ground
	Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services	Kansas Children's Service League	Mid-American All-Indian Center
	Mirror, Inc.	Nan Putnam	New Chance, Inc.
	New Hope	Rainbows United	Recovery Concepts Inc.
	South Central Mental Health Counseling Center	Therapy Services	Wichita Indochinese Center
	Youth for Christ Wichita		

On the recommendation of Britt Rosencutter, on behalf of the Department of Corrections, Anna Meyerhoff-Cole moved to **accept the proposals and execute service provider agreements with Community Solutions, Incorporated, Seventh Direction Inc., and Untamed Athletes Inc. for the amounts shown above for a term of 18 months beginning July 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.** Tim Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A committee comprised of Abigail Lessman, Project Manager and Chase Tipton, Evidence-Based Coordinator - Department of Corrections; Jeannette Livingston, Assistant Director - SCDDO; Delores Craig-Morland, Ph.D., Consultant from WSU; and Britt Rosencutter, Purchasing Agent - 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 initial proposal from Community Solutions, Inc. was for \$194,946.00. After further discussion and clarification of the budget, a revised allocation of \$180,000.00 was agreed upon. The initial proposal from Seventh Direction Inc. was for \$178,050.00 in funding over 18 months. After clarifying our desired target population would be under 22.5 years of age, they recalculated their expected number served and submitted a revised budget of \$149,225.00. The proposal from Untamed Athletes Inc. was for \$150,000.00 and has been awarded in the full amount requested.

Notes:

Sedgwick County is allocating approximately \$582,000.00 annually (approximately \$873,574.00 over 18 months) in support of prevention and early intervention programs targeted to youth at risk for juvenile delinquency. Two (2) programs are currently funded through December 31, 2022 for a total of \$208,125.00 annually, with one (1) additional option to renew for 2023. Additional use of the funding has included support of a training on risk-needs-responsivity and support for additional work by WSU for communication and connection with the community on funding opportunities.

This is a proposal and not a bid. Proposals are scored based on criteria set forth in our RFP. There were (6) components to evaluate:

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

Questions and Answers

Brandi Bailly: How do we determine which of these services we use? Do we pay this fee whether they are used or not used?

Abigail Lessman: When we put the RFP out, these were the only three (3) proposals we received and their funding requests were within the available funds within the 18 month period. As far as the service provisions and how the payments are determined, I believe that could be negotiated during the contract portion whether it be a monthly amount received or more of a service provision.

Russell Leeds: Could you tell us which two (2) programs are currently funded through the end of this year?

Abigail Lessman: Currently with the Crime Prevention Fund, we are funding CBAR or McAdams Academy, an educational service for expelled or suspended youth, as well as the MHA PATHS program, a prevention program for younger children in elementary school. They have a one (1) year renewal option at the end of this calendar year.

Russell Leeds: To follow up on that, can you tell me how the three (3) programs we are going to fund through this RFP fill the gaps based on the programs we had funded for fiscal year 2021? You got education and you got Mental Health Association, which is providing some type of alternative thinking strategies, the three (3) programs that are going to be funded Untamed Athletes, Seventh Direction Living Choices, and Community Solutions Therapy. It sounds kind of self-explanatory but can you explain how they are going to fill the gaps to address the mid to high risk youth population? What services are they going to provide and how are they going to fill the gap since we have education and MHA still on contract?

Abigail Lessman: We have previously funded substance abuse treatment through this grant through Higher Ground. I believe it's been a year since we've had any services with them. The option with Seventh Direction really will fill a gap for that need. As far as having some treatment options for uninsured or underinsured youth coming through JIAC without having to be under any form of supervision, as well as providing the ability to help financially some youth who are on the older end of the juvenile system or youth who would be eligible to live in their sober living home if they are experiencing homelessness or home insecurity. That is a gap we have now that we haven't in the past. This would provide that service we had through this fund previously.

Russell Leeds: So Seventh Direction is providing some substance treatment and also they have housing opportunities?

Abigail Lessman: Yes. Those would have to be the 18-22.5 population. So we'll work with them on the referral population but they do serve that population either with referrals from foster care or from youth that are in the system through probation officers and such. They are serving that population now. This would just fund and help them develop that program for that target population.

Russell Leeds: Community Solutions?

Abigail Lessman: Community Solutions is Multisystemic Therapy (MST) so that would address the family need and families in crisis that are coming to JIAC for youth that score high on our risk assessments as far as the family domain and families that are willing to participate in it. They are currently funded for our evidence-based funding so this would kind of provide them the opportunity to receive referrals directly from JIAC rather than waiting until the youth is in the system for them to engage in services with the family.

Russell Leeds: We had Ember Hope previously, does this kind of fill the gap for Ember Hope?

Abigail Lessman: Ember Hope is not actually FFT (Family Functional Therapy). That is what we received previously with Ember Hope but it is within the same thing, yes.

Russell Leeds: Untamed Athletes?

Abigail Lessman: They are primarily a recreation based program. This would be for youth who do score moderate to high especially in the domains of leisure and recreation. They do have a component that is mentoring and education-based through their services. They are another one that was just this year funded through evidence-based programming for youth again that are deeper into the system who are referred through our intensive supervision office and probation officers. This would be a direct referral source through JIAC for youth who are identified at that initial screening as potentially benefitting from that program.

Russell Leeds: Can you give me some idea of the population size of each of these programs? Do we have a confirmed target size for each of these programs yet, the number of youth we're expecting them to serve?

Dr. Craig-Morland: The Multisystemic Therapy, that is the Community Solutions, expects to serve between 15 and 20 per year, which would make for the 18 month period would be 22 to 30. The Untamed Athletes, for the 18 month period, they put they will serve between 60 and 100. The Seventh Direction has numbers for each component and I honestly don't have that in front of me but the total of services for them was going to serve roughly 104 or 105 I believe. I did want to add that as a part of my consulting process, we review the risk factors that are unique to kids who live in Sedgwick County and we believe we have elevated risks in the substance abuse area and in the leisure and recreation we're looking for prosocial behavior to combat some antisocial behavior. We know we have elevated risk in the family area with particular interest in working with the female juvenile offenders. We also have a continuing issue around education with suspensions and expulsions. That's why we need McAdams. Finally the secondary prevention program that Mental Health offers gives us one (1) shot at kids at an age that is prior to any possible offending.

Russell Leeds: So the number of youth expected to be served for these programs is reasonable based on the type of work they're doing based on your estimation as our consultant?

Dr. Craig-Morland: Yes it is reasonable. In reviewing them, I calculated the costs per projected client and with the organizations that these clients had prior experience with, we know they estimate quite well with the numbers. I can tell you from our Juvenile Intake Assessment Center numbers and from our Juvenile Field Services numbers and Court Services numbers, there should be an adequate supply of youth who need these services.

Anna Meyerhoff-Cole: These are new programs for us. How often will we assess their success rate during this 18 month period?

Abigail Lessman: We would have quarterly site visits with these providers to evaluate how they are doing with their outcome and address any concerns we have.

Brandi Bailly: In the notes section, we see there are currently two (2) programs funded through December with options to renew. Are we planning to renew those contracts so then we have five (5) intervention prevention providers?

Abigail Lessman: Correct.

Russell Leeds: Just to clarify, historically we've run about five (5) providers providing different types of services correct?

Abigail Lessman: Yes. That is correct.

Russell Leeds: I did want to ask one (1) additional question about referrals. I know the past couple years some of the difficulties we've had with these programs has been limited number of referrals because of the pandemic and the issues it created with availability and in-person activities. Do you have some insight on where you think we're going to be in the coming year as far as the ability for these organizations to get the referrals and provide services? I know that's a loaded question because of the pandemic wanes but we're on the upside of it.

Dr. Craig-Morland: I would say the two (2) programs that are very closely associated with the schools because we have no reason at the moment to believe the schools will go back to a virtual delivery system, I think those two (2) programs that include the educational program at McAdams and the Mental Health Association PATHS Program have their numbers coming up so we have reason to believe those issues are in the past. When it comes to the substance abuse, which is Seventh Direction, the Untamed Athletes Program, the Community Solutions, all of those are delivered on a basis that is not dependent on a mass gathering environment that has to be strongly impacted by something like the pandemic. I believe with these choices, particularly with the age groups and the substance abuse and the Untamed Athletes Program, the chances are quite good that we should see reasonable numbers. I also can say Untamed Athletes and the Community Solutions Program have a period now where they are funded through the evidence-based funding and they have been able to achieve their numbers.

Notes:

In reference to payment, the providers will invoice DOC Financials quarterly. The invoices are reviewed for service provision and then approved for payment.