

**2. PREVENTION / EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**FUNDING -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

(Request sent to 116 vendors)

RFP #25-0078 Contract

	Mental Health America of South Central Kansas, Inc.	Prime Fit Youth Foundation	Ludaak Corp dba Seventh Direction
Program Name	PATHS/Emozi Programs	M-POWER	Youth Resilience Project
Prevention / Early Intervention Services	\$71,574.00	\$92,740.00	\$65,000.00
No Submission	Kansas Children's Service League		

On the recommendation of Britt Rosencutter, on behalf of the Department of Corrections, Tim Myers moved to **accept the proposal and execute service provider agreement with Mental Health America of South Central Kansas, Inc. in the amount of \$71,574.00 beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.** Anna Meyerhoff-Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A committee comprised of Lesa Lank and Julee Meslin - Department of Corrections; Carrie Malin - Division of Finance; Phuc Bui - COMCARE; and Britt Rosencutter - Purchasing evaluated all proposal responses based on the criteria set forth in the RFP. The committee agreed unanimously to accept the proposal 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 Mental Health America of South Central Kansas, Inc. for \$71,574.00 was selected and funded at the full amount requested.

Sedgwick County is allocating approximately \$100,000.00 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 seven (7) components to this RFP.

Component	Points
a. Overall Project Plan/Agency Capability	20
b. Evidence Based Practice(s) Model, and applicability to target population	20
d. Ability to identify risk factors, and differentially Address Youth Needs	20
e. Relevant Measurable Outcome(s) and program goals	10
f. Adequate plans/capacity for data collection and reporting	10
g. Anticipated number of youths served	10
h. Program is not currently receiving KDOC funding	10
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

**Questions and Answers**

Anna Meyerhoff-Cole: Can you explain why one of the components is that the program is not receiving our case from corrections funding?

Mario Salinas: The Kansas Department of Corrections already provides a number of evidence based programing funds for programs throughout the state. So, that was just one of the criteria that they're already receiving funds and have that program out in the community. It was a priority to fund for those that weren't receiving upfront.

Anna Meyerhoff-Cole: It's just to make sure I understand. To summarize, if someone's already getting funding, this helps diversify the different types of programs that can be provided.

Mario Salinas: Correct.

Brandi Baily: I'm confused on the proposal from Mental Health America of South Central Kansas for \$71,574.00 was selected and funded at the full amount requested. What does the full amount requested mean?

Mario Salinas: The proposal was for that full amount..

Tania Cole: For the \$71,574.00 Mario?

Mario Salinas: Correct.

Brandi Baily: So we're saying we're expecting a full we're going to do everything specifically with this vendor for this full amount. That's just confusing.

Joe Thomas: I think what Brandi is asking, for example, if they requested \$200,000.00, the evaluation committee may have to decide that we're only going to give \$100,000.00. So that's what they are, right Mario? You have discretion. They may ask for a larger amount but you have discretion to do less. You're saying in this case that you took everything.

Mario Salinas: The crime prevention amount, the \$100,000.00. So they submitted their proposals for whatever program they needed, whatever they needed to run their program. And at that MHA proposal, their full amount was the \$71,000.00. If they were to submit a proposal at \$150,000.00, we wouldn't fund that since the allotted amount is only \$100,000.00. The full amount that was requested was the \$71,000.00. So that's what we were able to fund.

Brandi Baily: So you're saying that allocation is \$100,000.00. This is \$71,000.00 so there is still a little bit of money left if we needed to look at something and make sure.

Mario Salinas: Correct.

Britt Rosencutter: In the past, we've also awarded more than one (1) vendor if there's enough funds available. For example, if one of these other programs offered something different, we could fund that program as well but because there's only \$100,000.00 this time, that was the only one that we chose to go with.

Tim Myers: Do we have any experience with Mental Health America of South Central Kansas?

Mario Salinas: They've been a crime prevention funded program for probably about seven (7) years or more now.

Tim Myers: We've been happy with their services?

Mario Salinas: Yes. Their program outcome has been good. Their targeted population capacity is a lot higher compared to the other two (2) programs that were proposed. That's how we were comfortable with moving forward with that program that we were familiar with. That's going to be provided in a number of schools throughout the county.