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To: All Interested Providers

From: Terri Gearon, Financial Services Director /s/ Terri Gearon  
The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Subject: **Request for Information for Health & Human Services (103F, HRS) for  
Big Island Drug Court: Kona Women's Court, Moral Reconciliation Therapy  
(MRT) and Training  
RFI J26106**

The Judiciary, State of Hawaii issues this Request for Information (RFI) pursuant to Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to seek information and recommendations from interested providers for the planned purchase of Health and Human Services for The Judiciary, Third Circuit, Big Island Drug Court: Kona Women's Court, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and Training.

### **Description of the goals of the service**

The selected organization or agency will provide Moral Reconciliation Therapy, to the women and men of Kona Drug Court. MRT consists of group sessions and follow up individual sessions with each participant. Training for MRT consists of facilitators of MRT being certified in MRT facilitation and coordinating MRT training of the Drug Court Team (non facilitator, abbreviated training) in the MRT methodology and principles. MRT is a curriculum based, cognitive behavioral therapy designed to address severe criminal thinking. It is effective in treating substance abuse, trauma, patterns of domestic violence, and other issues that intersect with women's involvement in criminal behavior. Studies have shown that offenders who receive MRT are far less likely to be re-arrested or re-incarcerated. One study that tracked nearly 1,400 participants over 20 years found that the use of MRT reduced the likelihood of an offender being re-incarcerated by nearly 30%.

### **Description of the target population to be served**

**Priority One:** Women currently enrolled in the Kona Adult Drug Court program

**Priority Two:** Men currently enrolled in Kona Adult Drug Court program.

### **Geographic coverage of service**

Kona Courthouse Justice Involved Women and Men: Third Circuit - Island of Hawaii

### **General Requirements**

#### **A. Specific qualifications or requirements, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation.**

1. The applicant shall have licenses and certificates, as applicable, in accordance with federal, state and county regulations, and comply with all applicable Hawaii Administrative Rules.
2. The applicant must have demonstrated competence or qualifications to perform the required services and shall have a minimum one year experience in the provision of services.
3. The applicant must have an accounting system, with acceptable accounting practices and standards.
4. The proposed service must meet all required state licensing or certification standards and provide assurances of fair hearing and grievance procedures for clientele, civil rights compliance, information safeguarding practices, and proof of insurance coverages as applicable. Applicant must also demonstrate a commitment to comply with PREA standards.
5. The applicant shall submit in a timely manner upon request by the Judiciary, any additional information needed by the Judiciary to make a decision on the applicant's proposal. The Judiciary may request an oral discussion or presentation in support of the proposal. On-site visits may be made.
6. The applicant shall comply with Chapter 103F, HRS Cost Principles for Purchases of Health and Human Services identified in SPO-H-201 (Effective 10/01/98), which can be found on the SPO website (See Section 5, Proposal Application Checklist, for the website address).

### **Scope of Work**

The scope of work encompasses the following tasks and responsibilities:

#### **A. Service Activities (Minimum and/or mandatory tasks and responsibilities)**

The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i, Third Circuit – Drug Court Division is requesting proposals from qualified providers to deliver Moral Reconnection Therapy (MRT) services for participants of the Kona Drug Court. Services must be delivered in a trauma-informed, culturally responsive manner, consistent with evidence-based practices.

MRT is intended for justice-involved individuals who exhibit criminal behavior, criminal thinking, or difficulty complying with the Terms and Conditions of Probation. The program is especially suited for individuals who have not shown progress with existing therapeutic services and require structured cognitive-behavioral support.

Services shall be prioritized as follows:

Priority One: Women enrolled in the Kona Adult Drug Court (Women's Court track)

Priority Two: Men enrolled in the Kona Adult Drug Court

Facilitate one MRT group session per week lasting approximately 2 to 3 hours using a rolling admission model to allow new participants to join at any point.

Maintain a group size of 4 to 12 participants per session and provide a confidential, accessible location for group meetings.

Ensure group sessions are led by at least one, ideally two, certified MRT facilitators.

Provide a minimum of 3 hours per week of one-on-one MRT counseling to assist group participants with workbook assignments, step completion, and reinforcement of key concepts.

Ensure all facilitators are certified in MRT through a recognized training provider (e.g., Correctional Counseling Inc.).

Cover all costs for MRT facilitator training and participant workbooks.

Propose a method to ensure fidelity to the MRT curriculum, including ongoing internal monitoring and quality assurance.

Submit individual participant progress notes to Drug Court probation staff upon request.

Provide program updates and outcome summaries to the Drug Court Coordinator as needed.

Implement pre- and post-program assessments to track participant cognitive and behavioral change.

Administer participant exit surveys to collect feedback on experience and satisfaction.

Offer introductory training sessions on MRT for Drug Court team members unfamiliar with the model.

Offer full MRT Certification training for Kona Drug Court Probation Staff, as identified by the Drug Court Coordinator.

Be open to co-facilitating MRT groups with Drug Court probation staff and support their training and certification if identified as appropriate.

Propose a clear system for consistent group rule enforcement and accountability practices.

Recommend a process for tracking MRT step completions to support the Drug Court's incentive and reward system.

Applicants must have demonstrated experience delivering MRT or similar behavioral interventions within criminal justice or therapeutic settings. All proposed facilitators must hold current MRT certification and submit verification of credentials. Proposals must also demonstrate the provider's capacity to deliver both weekly group and individual MRT sessions, provide a suitable meeting location, and uphold culturally responsive practices with a focus on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.

Written comments in response to the RFI shall be emailed to the Mr. Grayson Hashida at [Grayson.K.Hashida@courts.hawaii.gov](mailto:Grayson.K.Hashida@courts.hawaii.gov).

The deadline for the receipt of comments is **12:00 p.m., HST, on Friday, June 20, 2025.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Participation in the RFI is optional and is not required to respond to any subsequent procurement action a purchasing agency may take. Neither the purchasing agency nor interested parties responding have any obligation under the RFI.
- Neither the Judiciary nor any interested party responding to the RFI has any obligation under this process.
- The purchasing agency reserves the right to adopt or not adopt any recommendations presented in response to the RFI.
- This RFI does not commit the Judiciary to solicit or award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the information submitted. The Judiciary reserves the right to accept, reject, or utilize without obligation, any information submitted in response to this request.