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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to request a funding exemption as a sole source applicant for the Violence and Injury Prevention Section SEEK Program as the agency operating the current wave of the program through the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for the program that begins on August 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2025.

There are a few reasons we feel we fit the criteria around sole source applicant:

1. The Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (Ohio AAP) is an established vendor with ODH in good standing; we have been in contract with ODH for various child health education and quality improvement programs over the past 25 years.
2. The Ohio AAP is listed in the ODH core funding as the provider of this program.
3. The Ohio AAP is the only statewide organization representing pediatric physicians and residents, allowing us to have the only statewide dissemination, a requirement of this contract.
4. The Ohio AAP is the sole owner of a the Quality Improvement Part 4 screening tool that is used in the Injury Prevention Plus SEEK program and is referenced in the contract. This program is approved for Part IV Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit through the American Board of Pediatrics as a portfolio sponsor. No other organization has the permission to teach or offer this program or screening tool, and no other organization has the approval necessary to award MOC credit for this program.
5. The Ohio AAP is the sole developer and owner of the data collection system and resource guides which are provided as a result of high risk screenings, a requirement of the contract.
6. The cost to build these proprietary items would be significant, if even possible, and would far exceed the contract budget amount.
7. And finally, it would not be possible for another organization to meet the contract deliverables in the time frame required by the grantor. The Ohio AAP has the framework in place as well as sole access to the intellectual property to successfully implement the program. This will allow for this program to meet and exceed the deliverables in the provided time frame.
8. We estimate the cost to perform these activities at \$125,000 total from August 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

If you have any questions, please let me know at marnold@ohioaap.org or 614-846-6258.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Wervey Arnold".

Melissa Wervey Arnold
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