

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

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| State Department: |
| NJ Department of Children and Families |
| Name of Expenditure Program: |
| Home Visitation Expansion |
| Amount: |
| \$2,160,000 |

Overview:

DCF anticipates an increased demand for home visitation/ maternal child health in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. The current evidence-based home visitation program is comprehensive and focused on building strong families and promoting conditions that increase health and well-being of children and families. The Family and Community Partnerships Office of Early Childhood Services will oversee a temporary expansion of home visiting services in the nine designated target counties—Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Union, Atlantic, Cape May, and Ocean. The expansion shall seek to serve an additional 200 families per year.

New Jersey DCF implements three nationally recognized evidence-based home visiting (EBHV) models that strengthen families by providing individualized support in the home setting to pregnant women, parents and/or other caregivers in families with infants and young children from birth to age five. These three core HV models in NJ include: Healthy Families (HF), Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), and Parents As Teachers (PAT). All of these models promote infant/child health and development, nurture positive parent-child relationships, facilitate parent resilience, build social/community connections, and provide linkages to needed resources and supports. They have been shown to improve maternal and child health, family functioning and stability, child/family well-being, and prevent child neglect and abuse.

Federal Department of Origin:

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services – The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013, (P. L. 113-2); “Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Funds” to address necessary expenses resulting from Hurricane Sandy, including social, health, and mental health services for individuals, and for repair, renovation and rebuilding of health care facilities (including mental health facilities), child care facilities, and other social services facilities.

Federal Requirements / Restrictions:

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Funds to be totally expended by September 30, 2015.

Also subject to Integrity Oversight monitoring via Assembly Bill A60 (A-60)(P.L.2013,c.37).

Additional State regulations related to Governor Christie's Executive Order 125, as well as all applicable federal and state regulations for Procurement and Grants Management

Selection Standards:

The existing providers in the nine designated counties were selected for expansion.

Eligibility Standards:

Expanded home visiting services will specifically target families in the following nine counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Union, Atlantic, Cape May, and Ocean.

Priority populations will include parents and families that: (a) reside in counties/communities that were directly impacted by Superstorm Sandy; (b) are at a lower income level; (c) include pregnant women who are in prenatal care or need to be connected to prenatal care; (d) are families with a history of child abuse or neglect, or have current or prior involvement with child welfare services; (e) have parents/caregivers with special health/behavioral health needs that include trauma/toxic stress, depression, substance abuse, or domestic violence; (f) have children with developmental delays, disabilities or other special health needs; and (g) demonstrate additional needs, e.g. military families.

In addition, each of the three EBHV models have program-specific eligibility criteria that will determine which program can best serve a referred family. HF sites may enroll pregnant women and parents/families with young children up to age one. PAT may serve families with infants and young children up to age five (primary focus to age three). NFP may enroll first-time pregnant women early in pregnancy (by 28 weeks of gestation).

Other Notes: