

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Implementation of Evidence Based Practices for First Episode Psychosis

TAKE NOTICE that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

Program Name: Implementation of Evidence Based Practices for First Episode Psychosis (FEP)

Purpose: The New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Children's System of Care (CSOC), is pleased to release this Request for Proposals (RFP) for implementing a Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) for First Episode Psychosis (FEP) model in New Jersey.

It is anticipated that three (3) awards will be available to provide services to identify, intervene in and treat FEP. The total annual amount of the three teams combined will not exceed \$1,242,735. One team will cover counties in the northern part of New Jersey. Another team will cover counties in the central part of New Jersey and the third team will cover counties in the southern part of New Jersey. Regions are defined as follows: Northern region includes Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties; Central Region includes Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth counties; Southern Region includes Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean and Salem. Only one award will be granted for each region, however, an agency is allowed to make an application for more than one of the regions. Central Funding is available for one year with the possibility of renewal annually. Applicants must be a non-profit or governmental entity licensed by the Department of Human Services' (DHS') Office of Licensing prior to the start of services, The bidder must also serve youth in a DMHAS blended program or youth involved with DCF/CSOC.

Available Funding Amount:

The total annualized funding through this RFP is not to exceed \$1,242,735, for the 3 teams combined and is subject to state appropriations.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:

In addition, to be eligible for consideration, bidders must meet the following requirements:

1. The bidder must be a non-profit organization or governmental entity and document demonstrable experience in successfully providing mental health services and supports to adolescents and adults who have severe and persistent mental illness consistent with recovery and wellness principles;
2. The bidder must be licensed by the Department of Human Services' (DHS') Office of Licensing prior to the start of services. The bidder must also serve youth in a DMHAS blended program or youth involved with DCF/CSOC;
3. For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS or CSOC in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission;
4. The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements. If a bidder is determined, in DMHAS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DMHAS will deem the proposal ineligible for contract award;
5. The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/debarment/debsearch.shtml> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds;
6. The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors in a consultant capacity; and
7. The bidder must attend the Mandatory Bidders conference as described in the RFP.

Proposal Procedure: Effective June 20, 2016, the RFP is available at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpfi/index.html and www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. Daylight Savings Time on July 28, 2016.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before September 9, 2016.

Elizabeth Connolly, Acting Commissioner

Date