

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

To Implement Peer Operated Crisis Respite Programs.

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

Name of Program: Peer Operated Crisis Respite Programs

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grant funding for the development of community based, recovery oriented, peer-operated crisis respite programs that can provide viable treatment options for consumers in psychiatric crisis, who may be apt to use hospital emergency departments and in-patient psychiatric hospitalization. DMHAS anticipates creating three (3) separate five bed programs as part of this initiative. Peer operated crisis respite services are intended to provide an intensive diversionary program that is a specific alternative to hospital emergency department based services and in-patient psychiatric hospitalization.

Amount of funding available: Annualized funding of up to \$2,000,000 is available through this RFP to competitively award three (3) separate five bed programs. One-time funds are available to support necessary equipment, supplies, and other related start-up costs.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for funding under this RFP, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

1. The applicant must be a fiscally viable for-profit or non-profit corporation or a government entity and document demonstrable experience in successfully providing outpatient mental health services and supports to adults who have severe and persistent mental illness in a manner fully consonant with recovery principles.
2. The applicant must be a government entity or a corporation duly registered to conduct business within the State of New Jersey.
3. The applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the applicant.

4. The applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).
5. Any fiscally viable corporation, as noted above, which meets the qualifications of the Department of Human Services' Contract Policy and Information Manual, N.J.A.C. 10:3, may apply. A copy of this manual can be accessed from the webpage of the Office of Contract Policy and Management webpage at:
<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/home/resources/>.

Applicants may contact the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Contract Unit at 609-777-0628 with general questions about the requirements in these manuals.

6. Non-public applicants must demonstrate that they are incorporated through the New Jersey Department of State and, if applicable, provide documentation of their current non-profit status under Federal 501 (c) (3) regulations, as applicable.

Procedure to apply: Effective January 7, 2013, eligible and interested organizations may obtain a Request for Proposal via the Internet at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/info/notices> or by contacting Roger Borichewski, Assistant Director, Office of Prevention, Early Intervention and Community Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services at (609)777-0678. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposal.

Mandatory Bidders' Conference: A Mandatory Bidders' Conference will be conducted for interested applicants. All applicants intending to submit a proposal in response to this request must attend the mandatory Bidders Conference on January 17, 2013. Information regarding the time and location of the bidders conference may be found in the Request for Proposal. *Proposals submitted by an applicant not in attendance at the bidders conference will not be considered.*

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M., February 15, 2013. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format. Additionally, one hard copy of the proposal with an original signature and six additional hard copies must be submitted. No format other than the PDF and one original signed hardcopy and six additional hard copies will be accepted for this RFP.

Date by which applicants will be notified of preliminary decision to accept or reject proposal:

Applicants will be notified no later than **March 22, 2013**.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date