

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds to Provide Supportive Housing and Community Support Services for Individuals Discharged from State Psychiatric Hospitals who are Dually Diagnosed with a Developmental Disability and a Mental Illness (DD-MI)

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:

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS DISCHARGED FROM STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS WHO ARE DUALY DIAGNOSED (DD-MI)

Purpose:

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services seeks proposals to develop Supportive Housing (SH) and related community support services for individuals, identified by DMHAS who are dually diagnosed with a developmental disability and a mental illness who are on CEPP status in State Psychiatric Hospitals, some of whom may also have co-existing medical conditions, co-occurring substance abuse disorders, have experienced periods of extended institutionalization, and/or are reluctant to leave the hospital.

This funding will provide new housing opportunities for a minimum of 14 individuals statewide. The DMHAS will identify the individuals to be served through this funding, and will work with successful applicants in assessing service and support needs for successful community living. The provider agency must accept individuals identified by DMHAS as appropriate for the SH program, consistent with the consumer attributes delineated in this RFP, within the timeframes identified by DMHAS. Agency staff will begin working with identified individuals as soon as possible after contract award but prior to actual discharge to facilitate relationship building, determine housing preference and complete needs assessments.

Amount of Funding Available:

Annualized funding of \$1.498 million, subject to State appropriation, is available statewide to provide enhanced supportive housing and related community support services to serve a minimum of 14 individuals, who are CEPP and have a dual diagnosis (DD-MI). It is expected that costs for mental health services will be paid through the Medicaid State Plan. Individuals may also be eligible for the DDD Supports Program or Community Care Waiver (CCW) and will need to

enroll if disability related supports are needed. Priority consideration will be given to those agencies that have already leveraged capital funding and have the ability to place individuals into new supportive housing units by July 31, 2014.

As appropriate, DMHAS will support the net expenses after Medicaid revenue and consumer contributions to housing expenses are deducted. Providers must comply with the current DMHAS Rental Subsidy Program Policy Guidelines, including calculation of rental subsidy and consumer's contribution to rent.

Applicants must include projected Medicaid revenues in their budget and comply with relevant DMAHS Medicaid Rules, including N.J.A.C. 10:76.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for this Request for Proposal, an applicant must be a fiscally viable corporation duly registered to conduct business within the State of New Jersey.

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the applicant.

The applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the DHS Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).

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://dhs.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/contract_manuals.htm.

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.

Procedure to apply: Effective February 13, 2014, eligible and interested organizations may obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/info/notices/> or by contacting Alicia Meyer, Coordinator, at (609) 777-0069 or at alicia.meyer@dhs.state.nj.us 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 February 24, 2014. Information regarding the time and location of the bidder's

conference may be found in the Request for Proposal. *Proposals submitted by an applicant not in attendance at the bidder's conference will not be considered.*

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M., March 24, 2014. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format to RFP.submissions@dhs.state.nj.us. Additionally, one hard copy of the proposal with an original signature and six additional hard copies must be submitted to the attention of Al Glebocki (see RFP for mailing address) no later than 4:00 pm, March 24, 2014. No format other than the PDF and one original signed hardcopy and six 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 April 30, 2014.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date