

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds to Provide Supportive Housing to Individuals with a Mental Illness or Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder

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 Services to Individuals with a Mental Illness or Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder.

Purpose: The State of New Jersey has been awarded funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in support of the State of New Jersey Recovery and Rebuilding efforts. The Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has received a grant for \$24,744,000 to expend from now until September 30, 2015 through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). The funds will provide time-limited supportive housing and supportive housing services for up to 354 individuals with a substance use disorder and/or mental illness who were residents of the ten counties identified (Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union), between October 28 and 30, 2012, as suffering great impact from the Super Storm Sandy.

DMHAS is issuing the current Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage providers ("Providers") to temporarily develop up to 213 supportive housing vouchers and housing support services to individuals diagnosed with a mental illness or dually diagnosed with a mental illness and substance use disorder.

Amount of funding available: DMHAS will be awarding \$13,846,400 to be expended through this RFP (approximately \$6,923,200 for Federal fiscal year 2014 and \$6,923,200 for Federal fiscal year 2015) to provide time-limited supportive housing and supportive housing services to 213 individuals with a mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder who were residents of the ten counties identified above.

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://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/home/resources/manuals/index.html>.

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 March 24, 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 March 31, 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., April 28, 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 that are not bound so as to preclude easy photocopying must be submitted to the attention of Renee Burawski (see RFP for mailing address) no later than 4:00 pm, April 28, 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 June 2, 2014.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date