

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:
NJ Department of Children and Families
Name of Expenditure Program:
Substance Abuse Prevention
Amount:
\$270,000

Overview:

Expansion of Substance Abuse Prevention programming through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) through the County Inter-Agency Coordinating Council (CIACC)- \$270,000 to the 10 Impacted Counties-Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Union, Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Monmouth and Ocean Counties. DCF seeks to work with the Children's Interagency Coordinating Councils (CIACC) in each of the impacted counties to develop prevention strategies that address each of their specific challenges in addressing substance abuse prevention. DCF will be working in conjunction with each CIACC on a specific substance abuse prevention plan for their community. DCF proposes to increase the implementation of substance use prevention strategies in communities most impacted by Super Storm Sandy. Since every community was impacted differently by Super Storm Sandy, DCF seeks to work with the CIACC in each of the identified counties to modify and enhance appropriate prevention strategies that focus on each county's specific challenges in addressing substance abuse prevention. Recent research demonstrates that there is a strong correlation between the use and abuse of substances and the trauma related to the aftermath of a disaster such as Super Storm Sandy. Through collaboration with Children's Interagency Coordinating Councils (CIACCs), DCF proposes to increase the implementation of substance use prevention strategies in communities most impacted by Super Storm Sandy. The goal of this initiative is to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking by:

The goal of this initiative is to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including underage drinking by modifying existing contracts to employ one or some combination of the objectives listed below:

- Implementing or increasing the use of an evidenced based practice model for substance abuse prevention;
- Building upon existing capacity and infrastructure within the impacted counties for substance abuse prevention related activities; and
- Providing substance abuse prevention education to schools, mental health professionals and community members.

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the CIACC in each of the identified counties to develop prevention strategies that focus on each county's specific challenges in addressing substance abuse prevention. The 10 counties identified as most impacted are: Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Ocean, Monmouth, and Union Counties.

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:

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:

Contract Modifications to the contracts between DCF and the CIACCs in the identified counties will allow local communities to develop and implement strategies to prevent an increase in substance abuse. Each identified CIACC, in coordination with the Children's System of Care (CSOC), will be responsible for the development and implementation of a plan to address the specific needs within its local community. The 10 counties identified as most impacted are: Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Ocean, Monmouth, and Union Counties.

Eligibility Standards:

The authority for DCF to provide funding under this initiative to the CIACCs comes from the provision in the contracts between DCF and the CIACCs that calls for the CIACCs to provide for “the coordination of services to youth/families in [each county] in order to provide a seamless system of care that is easily accessible and transparent to those receiving services.” Individuals who were residents in one of the identified counties at the time of Super Storm Sandy in October 2012 are eligible for services/prevention strategies identified by the local CIACC under this initiative. Trainings will be open to all families, professionals, and other community members within impacted counties

Other Notes:

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