

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Case Management Services for Adult Individuals With Substance Use Disorder in Temporary Shelter Bed Housing

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: Case Management Services for Adult Individuals With Substance Use Disorder in Temporary Shelter Bed Housing

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to provide case management services for adult individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD) placed in temporary shelter housing and in need of long-term housing. The Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council created via Executive Order No. 305 and then codified into state law (P.L. 2023, c. 25) recommended the following proposal for funding through the State's portion of opioid settlement funds. This RFP is funded with settlement payments from major nationwide litigation and settlements that involve the opioid industry.

Total annualized funding is \$960,000, subject to New Jersey's Opioid Settlement State appropriations. The total funding for each individual in one shelter bed or placed with a DMHAS subsidy receiving case management is \$12,000 per year, times the number of individuals served annually (80 individuals). It is anticipated that individuals will obtain permanent housing within four months of initial engagement. In addition, eight (8) one-time awards for the purchase of a vehicle in the amount of up to \$40,000 each will be available per 10 individuals that the bidder will serve. The contract may be renewable for up to two (2) additional one-year terms at DMHAS' sole discretion with the agreement of the successful bidder. DMHAS anticipates making up to three (3) regional awards in the amount of up to \$320,000 each; one for each of the following three (3) regions, depending on the number of anticipated awards made in response to the companion RFP "Temporary Shelter Housing Services for Adults Who Use Substances" and the shelter bed assigned locations.

Northern Region: Hudson, Essex, Bergen, Unions, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren Counties

Central Region: Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean Counties

Southern Region: Burlington, Camden, Atlantic, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May Counties

The primary objective of this initiative is to address the housing needs within communities of color. As a result, the following cities will be given priority for the “Temporary Shelter Housing Services for Adults Who Use Substances” RFP award selection process to better serve the populations in need: Newark, Camden, East Orange, Atlantic City, Trenton, Ewing, Paterson, Irvington, Plainfield, and Jersey City. DMHAS reserves the right to limit bed awards for the Temporary Shelter Housing Services for Adults Who Use Substances” RFP based on geographic and population need.

Successful bidder(s) shall provide case management services in their region of award for the adults with an SUD who are being housed in the DMHAS Opioid Settlement funded temporary shelter beds and are in need of long-term housing placement. The successful bidder shall work with the identified individuals to develop a case management plan based on the individual’s expressed interest and need. Case managers will help connect individuals with services/ resources in their area and entitlements, and assist them in securing permanent housing as quickly as possible. Individuals served in this program will have access to DMHAS funded housing subsidies.

Case management services will be provided for up to 80 individuals at a time. The rate is \$1,000 per month per individual receiving case management. Each individual being served will receive a minimum of ten (10) hours per month of case management, which may include services provided by a peer recovery support specialist. The selected service provider will work with Opioid Settlement DMHAS awarded shelters to help move individuals out of shelter beds into their own apartment through a Housing First Model. These shelter beds will be awarded throughout the State, so providers must be able to meet individuals at the shelter and assist in placing them in counties of residence and/or preference. The names of the shelters in this program will be provided by DMHAS. An affiliation agreement between the shelter and the successful bidder will be required in order for case management services to be offered.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding is \$960,000 and one-time funding is \$320,000, subject to New Jersey’s Opioid Settlement State appropriations.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to proposal submission;
- 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;

- The bidder must not appear on the State of [New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report](#)¹ or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds;
- Pursuant to DHS Contract Policy and Information Manual Policy Circular 8.05, the bidder shall not have a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. Persons in a position of trust include Provider Agency staff members, officers and Governing Board Members. A bidder must have written Conflict of Interest policies and procedures that satisfy the requirements of P8.05, thereby ensuring that paid Board members do not participate in transactions except as expressly provided in the P8.05 circular; and
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, a for-profit bidder and each proposed subcontractor must have a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue. This statutory requirement does not apply to non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies.

Proposal Procedure: Effective October 21, 2024, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/>. 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. ET on December 3, 2024.

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date

¹ <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>