

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Regional Legal Services for Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder
Date of Final Award – November 21, 2025

Name of Program: Regional Legal Services for Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder

Purpose:

This Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for legal and navigation services for individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD). Services will help address legal and social issues that present as barriers to accessing needed services (medical, behavioral health, housing, insurance, entitlements, etc.) for individuals with a SUD and to reduce the burden of outstanding legal issues that negatively impact an individual's recovery process and ability to successfully live in the community of their choosing. The goal is to avoid incarceration whenever safely possible and to address any social inequities from a legal perspective. In this model, attorneys along with navigators will serve individuals who have a SUD, individuals who use drugs and individuals who are in recovery. This RFP is intended to ensure that clients receive professional services for destabilizing co-occurring civil legal issues, such as landlord-tenant disputes, public entitlements, health insurance, debt collection, family law matters and other civil matters. Attorneys may serve as counsel in municipal court proceedings but not in Superior Court proceedings. Individuals may self-refer or may be referred by a service program. Priority referrals will come from DMHAS funded programs.

This RFP is funded with settlement payments from major nationwide litigation and settlements that involve the opioid industry. Total annualized funding is \$4 million dollars, subject to New Jersey's Opioid Settlement State appropriations. DMHAS made four awards of \$1,000,000 each to a legal services provider in four regions of the state. The four regions covering NJ's 21 counties are categorized as follows.

- Region 1- Passaic, Bergen, Morris, Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon Counties
- Region 2- Hudson, Essex, Union and Somerset Counties
- Region 3- Burlington, Middlesex, Mercer and Monmouth Counties
- Region 4- Ocean, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Atlantic, Cumberland and Cape May Counties

Agency	CEO/ Executive Director	Annualized Amount Funded	Region of Award
Legal Services of New Jersey	Dawn K. Miller, Esq., President	\$1,000,000	1
Legal Services of New Jersey	Dawn K. Miller, Esq., President	\$1,000,000	2
Legal Services of New Jersey	Dawn K. Miller, Esq., President	\$1,000,000	3
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**Actual amount may differ depending upon final contractual negotiation.*