

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Capacity Building for Current Lifeline Contact Centers (in preparation for 988)

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: Capacity Building for Current Lifeline Contact Centers
(in preparation for 988)

Purpose: This Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to provide funding for staffing and response structure to the five current NJ Lifeline member centers so that they can respond to at least 90% of Lifeline calls originating from New Jersey by June 15, 2022.

Available Funding Amount: Total funding available through this RLI is \$3,700,000 (\$3.7 million), based on funding availability.

Requirements to Apply:

To be considered for this opportunity, eligible providers must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a current NJ Lifeline member center.
- The applicant must be in good standing with the State of New Jersey (if applicant is a contracted agency).
- The applicant must be able to clearly demonstrate the need for the proposed staff and/or technology through call center data from the last 6-12 months.
- For an applicant that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RLI is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to proposal submission;
- The applicant 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 applicant must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds;
- The applicant shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors as an employee or in a consultant capacity; and
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, a for-profit applicant 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.

- The applicant must attend a mandatory Bidders Virtual Meeting (see details below). An overview of the RLI will be provided and questions will be answered at that time. After the Bidders Conference ends, no further questions will be answered regarding this funding opportunity.

Proposal Procedure: Effective April 1, 2022, the RLI is available at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/index.html and www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/. 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. on April 20, 2022.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before May 6, 2022.

March 31, 2022

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date