

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

### **STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

#### **TO CREATE A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STABILIZATION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ACUTE BEHAVIORAL NEEDS**

**TAKE NOTICE** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) hereby announces the availability of grant program funds described herein.

**Program Name:** Behavioral Health Stabilization Homes for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities.

**Purpose:** This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) for the provision of out-of-home stabilization and assessment services on a statewide basis to individuals with I/DD under DDD services that present with intense behavioral and/or emotional challenges that cannot be effectively managed in their current living arrangement.

**Available Funding Amount:** DDD anticipates the selection of one (1) provider to develop three (3), four (4) bedroom Behavioral Health Stabilization (BHS) Homes for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). Smaller variations may be proposed so long as the overall operating budget and total number of beds (12) comport with the requirements of this RFP. DDD will provide funding for this program via contract with total annual operating of up to \$4 million to the successful bidder. One time start up funding of up to \$250,000 will also be provided for specific items as outlined in the RFP.

#### **Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:**

To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a non-profit, for-profit or governmental entity;
- Must meet eligibility requirements to become a DDD/Medicaid approved provider as outlined in the Community Care Program manual and N.J.A.C 10:44A, Standards for Community Residences for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
- The applicant must demonstrate a proven history of serving individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who experience severe challenging behaviors.

- For an applicant that is a DDD provider when this RFP is issued, that applicant must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (POC) for deficiencies submitted to DDD for approval prior to submission;
- The applicant must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the applicant's audited financial statements. If an applicant is determined, in DDD's sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DDD 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.state.nj.us/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 in a consultant capacity.
- The bidder must be in good standing with OOL, including having not had a moratorium on admissions, 10% or more provisional licenses, or deficiencies in three or more risk management categories ([per the DHS Risk Management System](#)) at any time within the three years preceding the issue date of this RFP.
- 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, i.e., this statutory requirement does not apply to non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective April 13, 2021 the RFP is available at [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/index.html). A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Amy Scartocci, Housing Director  
 Department of Human Services  
 Division of Developmental Disabilities  
 PO Box 726  
 Trenton, NJ 08625-0726

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on July 2, 2021.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified of preliminary award on or before August 6, 2021.



April 9, 2021

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Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

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Date