

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

START SERVICES NJ: DEVELOPMENT OF MOBILE CRISIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM(S) TO SERVE PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS BASED ON THE NATIONAL START MODEL

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 program funds described herein.

Program Name: START Services NJ: Development of Mobile Crisis Prevention and Response Program(s) to Serve People with Intellectual or Developmental Disability and Co-occurring Mental Health Needs Based on the National START Model.

Purpose: The Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop up to two (2) [START Model](#) programs, to provide community-based, mobile crisis prevention and intervention services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and co-occurring mental health needs (MH) who are enrolled with and referred by DDD. The [National Center for START Services™](#), an initiative of the University of New Hampshire Institute on Disability/University Center for Excellence in Disability, will serve as a collaborative partner in the development of these programs.

Qualified bidders may submit a proposal to develop: (a) one START program to serve the northern region of the state, or (b) one START program to serve the southern region of the state, or (c) two START programs, one to serve the northern region and one to serve the southern region of the state.

Available Funding Amount: DDD will award either one award to a single bidder or two awards to two separate bidders. The total annual DDD contract award **per regional START program** for all program operations, based on annual State of New Jersey budget appropriations, shall not exceed \$3.2M (\$6.4M total across both regional START programs).

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible for consideration, bidders must meet the following requirements:

- The bidder must be a non-profit, for-profit, or governmental entity.
- For bidders currently licensed by the DHS Office of Licensing (OOL):

- The bidder must not have had a moratorium on admissions in the last three calendar years
- The bidder must not have received a one-star *Overall Score* per the [DHS Risk Management System](#) during any single reporting period in the last three calendar years.
- The bidder must not have had 10% or more provisional licenses during more than one single reporting period per the [DHS Risk Management System](#) in the last three calendar years
- A bidder that has a contract with DDD in place must have all outstanding Plans of Correction for deficiencies submitted for approval to DDD and/or OOL 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 DDD’s sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve months after bid submission, DDD will deem the proposal ineligible for this RFP.
- The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey [Consolidated Debarment Report](#) or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds.
- The bidder must not employ a member of the Board of Directors in a consultant capacity.
- 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 nonprofit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies).
- The bidder must demonstrate a history of serving people with IDD, people with mental health needs, or people with IDD and co-occurring mental health needs.

Proposal Procedure: Effective January 31, 2024, the RFP is available on the NJ Department of Human Services [Request for Proposals /Information](#) webpage. Proposals must comport with the RFP requirements and instructions.

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Proposal Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. ET on March 20, 2024.

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date