

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Low Threshold Buprenorphine Induction at Syringe Access Programs

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: Low Threshold Buprenorphine Induction at Syringe Access Programs

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for the development of a Low Threshold Buprenorphine Induction program. This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response to Grants (Short Title: SOR). The SOR grant period is September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2020. Funding is available for FFY 2019 and may be available for FFY 2020. Total annualized funding is \$355,000 subject to federal appropriations per year must include services and funds to provide Buprenorphine medication for individuals who are uninsured. An additional \$25,000 in the first year is available for start-up if needed. DMHAS anticipates making one (1) award.

The Low Threshold Buprenorphine Induction program (Low Threshold) is designed to make Buprenorphine treatment easily accessible to clients who utilize Syringe Access Programs (SAP) at South Jersey AIDS Alliance (SJAA) located in Atlantic City and the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Central Jersey located in Asbury Park. Through the Low Threshold program, individuals will be offered same day, immediate enrollment in Buprenorphine treatment and care management services. The program will offer services to individuals who seek this type of service in a safe and nonjudgmental environment, despite continued drug use or lapses in care.

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Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible to apply for funding, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- Eligible contractees will be agencies in good standing with the state that are able to provide the following scope of work that includes, but is not limited to:

hospitals, Syringe Access Programs (SAP), managed care organizations, or licensed SUD treatment providers;

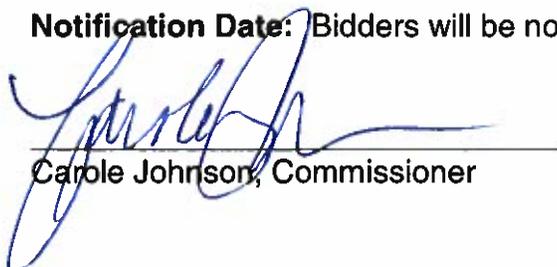
- Licensed or credentialed to provide the required services as detailed in the Scope of Work section of this RFP;
- The bidder may be a non-profit, for-profit or governmental entity;
- If a bidder has a contract with DMHAS when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission of an application for funding;
- 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 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 bidder shall 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 non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies; and
- The bidder must attend the Mandatory Bidders Conference as described in the RFP.

Proposal Procedure: Effective February 15, 2019, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

Proposal Receiving Office: Helen Staton
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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on March 25, 2019.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before April 15, 2019.


Carole Johnson, Commissioner

2/15/19
Date