

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Building Capacity in Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Programs to Provide Medications for SUD

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: Building Capacity in Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Programs to Provide Medications for SUD

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), to assist licensed Mental Health (MH) and licensed SUD programs in developing the capacity to offer SUD medications, i.e., buprenorphine, naloxone, naltrexone, methadone and acamprosate. The awardee will ensure that the services provided ensure diversity, inclusion, equity, and cultural and linguistic competence to the target population.

Available Funding Amount: This RFP is funded through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response grant (SOR). The SOR grant period is September 30, 2020 to September 29, 2022. Total annualized funding is \$300,000 subject to Federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to four (4) awards (each not to exceed \$75,000). This initiative will be funded through cost-reimbursement contracting.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder must be a licensed MH provider agency **or** a licensed SUD agency that serves people with co-occurring SUD and mental illness and has made a commitment to the use of medications as an effective treatment;
- **Potential bidders must have received from, or applied to receive from, the New Jersey Department of Health a waiver to prescribe medications for SUD;**
- The bidder may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be a Medicaid provider, be enrolled in the NJ Addictions Fee-for-Service (FFS) Network or accept commercial insurance Providers must have a sliding fee scale and cannot require self-pay for clients who have public and/or private insurance or who qualify for state funding;
- The bidder must agree to become a Medicaid provider.
- 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](#)¹ 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. The proposal must indicate if the Board of Directors votes on contract-related matters;
- 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);
- The bidder must be licensed or credentialed to provide the required services as detailed in the *Contract Scope of Work*.

Proposal Procedure: Effective February 22, 2022, the RFP 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 March 29, 2022.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before April 19, 2022.

February 17, 2022

 Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

 Date

¹ <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>