

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Implementation of Coordinated Specialty Care & Community Integration Services for Early Serious Mental Illness

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: Implementation of Coordinated Specialty Care & Community Integration Services for Early Serious Mental Illness

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 implementing Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) programs for the population with Early Serious Mental Illness (ESMI) in New Jersey. In addition, the DMHAS will implement a Community Integration Program designed to address the need for the ESMI population along the continuum of care. Funding for the RFP will be provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Block Grant (CMHBG) Early Serious Mental Illness 10% Set-Aside, CMHBG COVID-19 Supplemental Funding, available through March 14, 2024, and CMHBG American Rescue Plan Act funding available through September 30, 2025, appropriated through the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Security Act.

Available Funding Amount: DMHAS anticipates making up to six (6) awards for a total of six provider agencies. Each awarded agency will implement both a CSC program and a Coordinated Specialty Care Community Integration (CSC-CI) program. Providers are expected to bill Medicaid. After all Medicaid claims are billed, the total maximum annualized ceiling funding from DMHAS is approximately \$1,443,557 for the combined CSC and CSC-CI program (subject to Federal appropriations). Additionally, one-time funds will be made available to each of the six provider agencies upon request not to exceed \$40,000. Additionally, one time funds in the amount of \$10,000 will be available for recruitment costs and incentives. These funds will be utilized for the combined CSC and CSC-CI program. Funding must be prioritized for training. Any remaining funds may be used for additional startup costs approved by DMHAS.

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

- The bidder may be a non-profit or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be licensed as an Outpatient mental health provider by the New Jersey Department of Health's Certificate of Need and Licensing Office (CN&L) prior to the start of services;

- For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission;
- 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 or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
- Pursuant to DHS Contract Policy and Information Manual Policy Circular 8.05, the bidder shall not have a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. Persons in a position of trust include Provider Agency staff members, officers and Governing Board Members. A bidder must have written Conflict of Interest policies and procedures that satisfy the requirements of P8.05, thereby ensuring that paid Board members do not participate in transactions except as expressly provided in the P8.05 Circular.

Proposal Procedure: November 8, 2023, 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 December 13, 2023.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before January 18, 2024.

November 6, 2023

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date

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