

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Nurse Care Management in Ambulatory Care Treatment

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: Nurse Care Management in Ambulatory Care Treatment

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to embed Nurse Care Managers (NCMs) into ambulatory substance use disorder (SUD) treatment agencies including: Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs), licensed outpatient, licensed intensive outpatient and partial care to manage physical health services, including hepatitis C, for individuals being served at the agency. This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. The SOR grant period is September 30, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Total annualized funding is up to \$1,660,000, with up to \$415,000 in annualized funding for each award; however, the contracts will be prorated for six (6) months, subject to federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to four (4) awards to maximize the impact of the NCM initiative based on unmet need.

Awards for *Nurse Care Management in Ambulatory Care Treatment* will be made to licensed ambulatory substance use treatment programs who have been granted the waiver by CN&L to prescribe medication including OTP, intensive outpatient and partial care programs. The goal of services to focus on those who are at risk for, or who have been diagnosed with, hepatitis C. The NCM is expected to coordinate this treatment into the full array of services offered to each client served by the OTP. Successful bidders shall add nurse care management, along with case management and health coaching, to assist people with improvement of their overall health and well-being with an emphasis on hepatitis C and integration of their behavioral and medical healthcare.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding for this RFP is \$1,660,000; however, the contracts will be prorated for six (6) months, subject to federal appropriations.

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 for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be licensed by the Department of Health Division of Certificate of Need Licensing Office (CN&L) as an SUD outpatient, intensive outpatient, partial

care agency and also possess the CN&L waiver to prescribe medications, and/or a CN&L licensed OTP facility with a commitment to providing nurse care management services to people managing SUD.

- 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 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 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;
- 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; and
- 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.

Proposal Procedure: Effective November 27, 2023, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.nj.gov/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. ET on January 12, 2024.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before February 9, 2024.

November 20, 2023

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date

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