

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Nurse Care Management in Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

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 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

Purpose: This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to embed Nurse Care Managers (NCMs) into Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) to manage physical health services, including hepatitis C, for individuals being served at the OTP. 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, 2020 to September 29, 2022. Funding is available through September 29, 2022, depending on federal appropriations. Total annualized funding for this RFP \$2,800,000 subject to federal appropriations.

Each full-time NCM team is expected to serve 250 clients. If OTPs can serve more than 250 clients, they are permitted to submit one proposal for each full-time team. If OTPs can propose to serve less than 250 clients, in such instances they are permitted to submit one proposal for partial funding of a part-time team. DMHAS anticipates making six (6) to nine (9) awards to maximize the impact of the NCM initiative based on unmet need.

Awards for *Nurse Care Management in OTPs* will be made with the goal of services being available across the state with special focus on high-need areas in both urban and rural areas. Related data can be found at DMHAS' website.¹ Special focus will be given to 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 will 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.

¹ <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/publications/statistical/index.html>

In addition to onsite services, the successful bidder may provide services through telehealth, thereby expanding the reach of nurse care management, case management and health coaching.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding for this RFP \$2,800,000 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, for-profit or governmental entity;
- Applicant must be a NJ-licensed OTP 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 (PoC) 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 Report² 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 as an employee or 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 June 28, 2021, 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.

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² <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>

Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on July 26, 2021.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before August 18, 2021.

Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

June 25, 2021

Date