

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Whole Health Learning Collaborative for Wellness/Self-help Centers

TAKE NOTICE that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

Program Name: Whole Health Learning Collaborative for Wellness/Self-help Centers

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by DMHAS to develop a state-wide Whole Health Learning Collaborative (WHLC) that serves the NJ Wellness/Self-Help Center Peer Workforce and member participants. By providing access to trained peer practitioners that are focused on the concept of whole health and the eight dimensions of wellness, the award will support a state-wide learning initiative for wellness/self-help centers. It will function both in-person and virtually.

Available Funding Amount: The WHLC will be supported by a one-time award of \$375,000 that is made available through Mental Health Block Grant supplemental funding. All funds must be expended by March 31, 2023.

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

- Bidders must describe how the Whole Health Learning Collaborative to be developed will provide a peer-based program that is primarily peer-led and peer-delivered (e.g., will deploy peer specialists as trainers).
- The bidder who is proposing to offer training and other services of the program must demonstrate how they will contract and/or affiliate with programs and agencies that meet these requirements. If the bidder plans to subcontract with one or more agencies, full details about this plan must be provided.
- The bidder may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that applicant 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;
- The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors as an employee or in a consultant capacity; and
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, a for-profit applicant 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 August 15, 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 September 13, 2022.

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

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date

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