

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Community Peer Recovery Centers

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: Community Peer Recovery Centers

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 develop Community Peer Recovery Centers (CPRC). The CPRC is a place where individuals can access peer support, information about substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, recovery support services and information about other community resources in a supportive substance free environment. The Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council created via Executive Order No. 305 and then codified into state law (P.L. 2023, c. 25) recommended the following proposal for funding through the State's portion of Opioid Recovery and Remediation Funds, subsequently approved by the Governor's Office.

This RFP is funded with settlement payments from major nationwide litigation and settlements that involve the opioid industry and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant funding. The current SOR grant funding period is through September 29, 2024. A new funding cycle of the SOR grant may be available depending on federal appropriations. Total annualized funding is \$7,875,000 subject to New Jersey's Opioid Settlement State and SOR grant federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to twenty-one (21) awards in the amount of \$375,000, one award for each of New Jersey's 21 counties. The contract may be renewable for up to two (2) additional one-year terms at DMHAS' sole discretion with the agreement of the successful bidder.

Successful bidders will provide peer-to-peer recovery support services that are responsive to community needs. All activities and services are led and driven by "peers" (i.e., individuals who have experienced addiction and recovery, either directly or indirectly as a family member or friend). The overall goal of the CPRC is to provide a safe place for individuals in all phases of recovery to gather in support of one another, share experiences, discuss coping skills, and offer each other hope in a community setting. It is the ideal place for those in recovery to receive peer-to-peer support and attain guidance in a number of life-skill areas. The CPRC will offer social support and give those in recovery a place where they feel that they belong. CPRC will be a place where those in

recovery can have the opportunity to give back to their community thereby fostering a sense of empowerment and independence.

The successful bidder shall ensure that the services provided ensure diversity, inclusion, equity, and cultural and linguistic competence to the target population. Services should ensure reach within underserved communities, including diverse racial and ethnic groups, LGBTQIA+ communities, and/or historically marginalized, transient, or harder to reach communities, or regions of the state. The successful bidder shall continually assess and utilize demographic data of participants' service area in its development and delivery of programming, evaluation, and program outcomes to ensure it is relevant to the population served. Additionally, the successful bidder shall analyze data to implement strategies to increase program participation.

Bidders applying for more than one (1) county must submit separate proposals for each county.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding is \$7,875,000 subject to New Jersey's Opioid Settlement State and SOR grant 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;
- 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

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

Revenue. This statutory requirement does not apply to non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies.

Proposal Procedure: Effective July 19, 2024, 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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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. ET on August 30, 2024.

July 17, 2024

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date