

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Mobile Access to Medications for Substance Use Disorder

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: Mobile Access to Medications for Substance Use Disorder

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to implement an initiative that will enable agencies to travel to communities on a regular basis to provide low-threshold medication services to people with a substance use disorder (SUD) who encounter obstacles to receiving services at traditional “brick-and-mortar” treatment agencies.¹ This initiative, *Mobile Access to Medications for Substance User Disorder* (Short Title: *Mobile Access*) is designed to increase access to medications for SUD, i.e., buprenorphine, methadone, naloxone, naltrexone or acamprosate; medical referral services, case management; and recovery support services.

Total funding is \$1,075,000, which will include start-up funds in the amount of \$300,000 to purchase a Mobile Outreach Vehicle (MOV). The remaining amount, \$775,000 will be funded through cost reimbursement contracting to provide the full services described in the *Contract Scope of Work* section of this RFP, as well as to maintain the MOV. When the initiative ends, the MOV will be the property of DMHAS, and successful bidders may continue to operate by transferring the title to DMHAS and renting the vehicle from the Division for a nominal cost. All funding is subject to Federal and State appropriations.

The contract end date for this initiative is September 29, 2024 pending federal appropriations. At the start of this initiative, the successful bidder will be expected to prescribe buprenorphine from the MOV. According to regulations issued by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency², the successful bidder will work with DMHAS to transition to mobile services that allow for the dispensing of buprenorphine and methadone from the MOV.

DMHAS anticipates making up to one (1) award. The successful bidder is responsible for serving a minimum of 100 people on an annual basis.

¹ Low threshold medication services create access to care by removing traditional barriers such as requirements for abstinence or ongoing counseling, to people who are at high risk.

² <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/06/28/2021-13519/registration-requirements-for-narcotic-treatment-programs-with-mobile-components>

Available Funding Amount: Total funding for this initiative is \$1,075,000 subject to appropriations.

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

- *The bidder must be an ambulatory Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) licensed by the NJ Department of Health, Certificate of Need Licensing Office (CN&L) prior to the start of services. The MOV will obtain full qualification as a mobile component of the OTP site in congruence with the licensed brick-and mortar location;*
- The bidder must 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](#)³ 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;
- 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;
- The bidder will sustain the provision of medication services through Medicaid, the NJ Addictions Fee-for-Service (FFS) Network and/or commercial insurance; providers must have a sliding fee scale and cannot require self-pay for clients who have public and/or private insurance or who qualify for state funding; and
- The bidder must be an approved Medicaid provider or agree to apply to become a Medicaid provider.

Proposal Procedure: Effective October 18, 2023, the RFP is available at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

³ <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>

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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. ET on November 29, 2023.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before December 19, 2023.

October 12, 2023

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date