

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

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

#### **Substance Use Disorder Peer Recovery Specialists for Residential 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:** Substance Use Disorder Peer Recovery Specialists for Residential 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) for substance use disorder (SUD) residential treatment agencies contracted by DMHAS to hire Peer Recovery Specialists to provide non-clinical assistance and recovery supports services to individuals in SUD residential treatment. Total annualized funding is \$1,425,000 subject to federal appropriations. This RFP is funded by the Federal Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). DMHAS is making 19 awards, depending upon demand, of up to \$75,000 each annually to support the hiring of a Peer Recovery Specialist to work in residential services. Funding is available until September 30, 2025. This includes inpatient withdrawal management, short-term and long-term residential, and halfway house.

Successful bidders of the SUD Peer Recovery Support Specialist for Residential Treatment RFP issued in March 2023 may apply for this RFP. Funding priority will be given to fund an agency one peer per level of care at a given site. Agencies that would need more than one peer for one level for care at a given site must provide justification in their proposal for the need. If funding is available, DMHAS reserves the right to award an agency more than one peer for one level of care at a given site.

Recovery Specialists will work with individuals to assist with issues that often occur concurrently with a SUD, such as homelessness, incarceration, legal issues, employment, education, transportation, need for social services, health care, child welfare involvement, child care, health insurance, documentation, etc. The Recovery Specialist will provide services according to a recovery-based philosophy of care and support the individuals' continuing stability, recovery and wellness as they move through the treatment and recovery continuum. The Recovery Specialist will support recovery planning by linking individuals to resources and appropriate culturally-specific services in the community, identifying factors that impact wellness and recovery, and modeling

strategies on how to manage addiction successfully. They will encourage clients to remain in treatment as recommended in their treatment plan.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total funding for this initiative is \$1,425,000 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 must be a non-profit or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be currently contracted by DMHAS to provide SUD residential treatment services (inpatient withdrawal management, short-term residential, long-term residential, halfway house);
- Site of services must be licensed by the Department of Health Division of Certificate of Need Licensing (CN&L) to provide SUD residential treatment prior to the start of services;
- 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 Report](#)<sup>1</sup> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
- 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.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective February 29, 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.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Helen Staton  
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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. ET on March 28, 2024.

February 26, 2024

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Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

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