

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 \$5M subject to federal appropriations. This RFP is funded by the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant COVID-19 Supplement and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The DMHAS is making approximately 65 awards, depending upon demand, of up to \$75,000 annually to support the hiring of a Peer Recovery Specialist to work in residential services. Funding is available for two years. This includes inpatient withdrawal management, short-term and long-term residential, and halfway house. Agencies can request one peer for each different level of care they provide 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 \$5M 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](#)¹ or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
- The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors as an employee or in a consultant capacity.

Proposal Procedure: Effective March 22, 2023, 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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Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. ET on May 4, 2023.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before June 8, 2023.

March 17, 2023

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date

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