

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Gambling Disorder Clinician Services Program

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: Gambling Disorder Clinician Services Program

Purpose: The New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) announces the availability of funding for Gambling Disorder Clinician Services Program. This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to develop gambling disorder services rendered through a Gambling Disorder Clinician to provide treatment and case management for individuals with a dual disorder of gambling and substance use. Individuals with a co-occurring mental health disorder shall not be excluded. This RFP is funded through DMHAS.

Total annualized funding for this RFP is \$1.2 million subject to State appropriation, is expected to be available. DMHAS anticipates making ten (10) awards to providers licensed as substance use disorder (SUD) providers who are interested in treating individuals with a gambling disorder. Awarded providers will hire, at minimum, 1 FTE equivalent Gambling Disorder Clinician and provide case management services provided by the clinician or additional staffing.

The awards will be chosen regionally and based on need in order to offer statewide gambling disorder services. Gambling services can be added to treatment at the following ASAM levels of care: Standard Traditional Outpatient (1.0), Intensive Outpatient (2.1), Medically Managed High Intensity Residential Services (3.5), and Medically Monitored Intensive Residential Services (3.7). Gambling counseling will be in addition to substance abuse treatment services required by regulation and contract.

In addition to treatment services, the Gambling Disorder Clinician will work with individuals to assist with issues that often occur concurrently with gambling disorders, such as financial ruin, broken relationships, legal issues, need for social services, etc.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding is \$1.2 million subject to State appropriation.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible to apply for funding, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder may be a non-profit or for-profit entity;
- Bidder must be a licensed SUD treatment provider;
- If a bidder has a contract with DMHAS when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission of an application for funding;
- 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 at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarcheartch.shtml> 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 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.

Proposal Procedure: Effective August 27, 2021, 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. on September 24, 2021.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before October 22, 2021.

Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

Date