

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES

Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program

TAKE NOTICE that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Disability Services (DDS) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

Program Name: Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program.

Purpose: The Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program provides funding opportunities to communities and nonprofit organizations in New Jersey to promote and implement initiatives that support the health and well-being of individuals with disabilities in the communities where they live.

This Request for Proposals (this RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Disability Services (DDS), which seeks partners to implement initiatives beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025. Contingent upon available appropriations, with funding and oversight provided by DDS, successful bidders will undertake initiatives to address the following three mutually reinforcing, specific objectives with a broad focus on all people with disabilities, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration status, and/or income:

1. Adopt processes that are inclusive of people with disabilities as part of efforts to plan and create healthy communities; and
2. Plan and implement sustainable strategies that deliver the benefits of healthy communities to people with disabilities; and
3. Advance sustainable policy, systems, and environmental change that address the pre-existing physical, environmental, social, and economic challenges that prevent people with disabilities from having full access to the opportunities that support health and well-being.

In accordance with the IHC core principles and priority considerations, outlined below, applications should seek to advance policy, systems, and environmental changes to enhance healthy community outcomes for people with disabilities.

Available Funding Amount: Total funding available through this RFP is approximately \$ 1.4 million, plus any additional amounts included in the Appropriations Act, to support the IHC grant program in the first twelve months. Contingent upon availability of funding, an equal amount will be available for the remaining twelve months of the grant cycle.

Grants may not exceed a total of \$250,000 with a maximum of \$125,000 allocated per twelve month period.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible for consideration for an IHC grant, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a (a) county or municipal government entity, including local and county authorities such as a Board of Education, or (b) an organization with a current status of having an approved IRS-approved 501(c)(3) status.
- The bidder must be in good standing with DDS if there is an existing grant or contract in place. The bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DDS for approval prior to submission.
- The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements. If a bidder is determined, in DDS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DDS will deem the proposal ineligible for grant award.
- The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
- The bidder shall not employ a member of its Board of Directors in a consultant capacity.

Proposal Procedure: Effective January 30, 2023, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

Proposal Filing Instructions: All bidders are required to electronically submit their proposal narrative, budget and appendices following instructions provided in an email they receive acknowledging receipt of a required Letter of Intent.

Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM ET on March 31, 2023.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before May 26, 2023.

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date