

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Substance Use and Mental Health 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: Substance Use and Mental Health 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 Programs in both licensed Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health treatment programs. 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 disorder and mental health issues and/or gambling disorder and substance use disorder. Adults with gambling disorder are three times more likely to be depressed, eight times more likely to have bipolar disorder, three times more likely to experience an anxiety disorder and have significantly elevated rates of tachycardia, angina, [and] cirrhosis. Gambling disorder can adversely impact or result in the complete loss of family relationships, employment, and educational pursuits, and that gambling disorder is associated with high utilization of medical services.¹

Total annualized funding for this RFP is \$720,000 subject to State appropriations. Funding is available for State Fiscal Year 2025. DMHAS anticipates making six (6) awards up to \$120,000 each to providers licensed as Mental Health (MH) and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) providers who are interested in treating individuals with a gambling disorder. Awarded providers will hire, at minimum, 1.0 FTE equivalent Gambling Disorder Clinician and provide treatment and case management services provided by the clinician or additional staffing.

Gambling services can be added to treatment at the following levels of care: Standard Traditional Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, Partial Care, and Residential Services. Gambling counseling will be in addition to substance use and or mental health treatment services required by regulation and contract.

¹ Stacey A. Tovino, Dying Fast: Suicide in Individuals with Gambling Disorder, 10 St. Louis U. J. Health L. & Pol'y 159 (2016)

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.

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

- The bidder must/may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be licensed by the Department of Health Division of Certificate of Need Licensing Office (CN&L) prior to the start of services as a SUD and/or MH treatment provider;
- 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](#)² 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; 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 15, 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
Department of Human Services

² <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 September 13, 2024.

July 1, 2024

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date