

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
BSCA Disaster Response Crisis Counselor Funding – 5 Grants

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 funds described herein.

Program Name: Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Disaster Response Crisis Counselor Funding– 5 Grants

Purpose: The Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is issuing a Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) to County Mental Health Administrators in New Jersey. This RLI will provide grant funding for Disaster Response Crisis Counseling (DRCC) programs in the following counties: Middlesex, Cape May, Cumberland, Warren and Sussex. Through this RLI, County Mental Health Administrators can apply through a Letter of Interest (LOI) for funding to support their pre-existing county DRCC programs. DMHAS will issue a total of up to 5 awards, and each New Jersey county named is eligible for one (1) award.

The purpose of the grant is to address the shortage of Disaster Response Crisis Counselors State-wide, ensuring that New Jersey has a robust number of Crisis Counselors that can respond to natural and man-made disasters. Successful applicants will be expected to fund recruitment, exercise drills, training activities as well as engagement efforts for Disaster Response Crisis Counselors. Each county will be awarded up to \$30,000 (or more if funds are not expended) as a result of this grant opportunity. The funds will be disbursed in one increment of \$30,000. The funding period began 10/2023, and successful applicants can expect the sole disbursement in 2024. The total allocated for these activities is \$150,000, intended to benefit each of the five identified counties. Based on the number of applicants, narrative and budget quality, awardees could receive more than the proposed \$30,000 award amount if funds are not expended. This funding is a time-limited opportunity to specifically address the need for a robust Disaster Crisis Counselor volunteer workforce in New Jersey.

The RLI is issued by the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to benefit pre-existing Disaster Response Crisis Counselor programs.

RLI Procedure: Effective February, 1, 2024, the RLI is available at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants. The Letters of Interest must be submitted that comports with the RLI requirements and instructions.

The Letter of Interest should be sent to:

Disaster & Terrorism Branch at
dmhas-dtb.programs@dhs.nj.gov

Submission Deadline: Letters of Interest must be received by March 1, 2024 at 4pm ET.

January 29, 2024

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date