

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Community Peer Recovery Center

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: Community Peer Recovery Center

Purpose: This Request for Proposals this (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to expand regional Community Peer Recovery Centers (CPRC) to eleven (11) counties. The CPRC will be a place where individuals can access peer support, information about substance use disorder treatment, recovery support services, and information about other community resources in a supportive substance free environment. This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response to Grants (SOR) funding. The SOR grant funding period is through September 29, 2022 depending on federal appropriations. Total funding is \$1,100,000 subject to federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to eleven (11) awards in the amount of \$100,000 each. The CRPC will ensure that the services provided ensure diversity, inclusion, equity, and cultural and linguistic competence to the target population.

This expansion funding is for start-up of eleven (11) small-scale recovery centers in counties that do not have a CPRC to provide peer-to-peer recovery support services to prevent recurrence of substance use and promote sustained recovery. Successful applicants will provide peer-to-peer recovery support services that are responsive to community needs. Additionally, the CPRC will continually assess and utilize demographic data of the participants' catchment area in its development and delivery of programming, evaluation, and program outcomes to ensure it is relevant to the population served. Additionally, the awardee will analyze data to implement strategies to increase program participation.

All activities and services are led and driven by "peers" (i.e. individuals who have experienced addiction and recovery, either directly or indirectly as a family member or friend). The overall goal of the CPRC is to provide a safe place for recovering individuals to gather in support of one another and experience sober living in a community setting. It is the ideal place for those in recovery to receive peer-to-peer support and attain guidance in a number of life-skill areas.

The funding is limited to the following counties: Burlington, Camden (Camden City), Cape May, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middleton, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Salem. No more than one award will be awarded in any of the aforementioned counties.

Available Funding Amount: Total funding for this initiative is \$1,100,000 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 may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- 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 (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 at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.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 January 6, 2022, 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 February 3, 2022.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before March 4, 2022.

Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

Date