

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

#### START SERVICES NJ: DEVELOPMENT OF MOBILE CRISIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM TO SERVE PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY BASED ON THE NATIONAL START MODEL

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

**Program Name:** START Services NJ: Development of a Mobile Crisis Prevention and Response Program to Serve People with Intellectual or Developmental Disability and Co-occurring Mental Health Needs Based in Southern New Jersey\* on the National START Model.

**Purpose:** The Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop one [START Model](#) program, to provide community-based, mobile crisis prevention and intervention services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and co-occurring mental health needs (MH) who live in covered counties and are enrolled with and referred by DDD. The [National Center for START Services™](#), an initiative of the University of New Hampshire Institute on Disability/University Center for Excellence in Disability, will serve as a collaborative partner in the development of these programs.

\*Southern New Jersey is defined as Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Salem Counties.

**Available Funding Amount:** For all program operations, DDD will award the successful bidder up to \$3,200,000 per year for each of the four years of the contract period.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** To be eligible for consideration, bidders must meet the following requirements:

- The bidder must be a non-profit, for-profit, or governmental entity.
- For bidders currently licensed by the DHS Office of Licensing (OOL):
  - The bidder must not have had a moratorium on admissions in the last three calendar years

- The bidder must not have received a one-star *Overall Score* per the [DHS Risk Management System](#) during any single reporting period in the last three calendar years.
- The bidder must not have had 10% or more provisional licenses during more than one single reporting period per the [DHS Risk Management System](#) in the last three calendar years
- A bidder that has a contract with DDD in place must have all outstanding Plans of Correction for deficiencies submitted for approval to DDD and/or OOL 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 DDD’s sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve months after bid submission, DDD will deem the proposal ineligible for this RFP.
- The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey [Consolidated Debarment Report](#) or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds.
- The bidder must not employ a member of the Board of Directors in a consultant capacity.
- 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 nonprofit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies).
- The bidder must demonstrate a history of serving people with IDD, people with mental health needs, or people with IDD and co-occurring mental health needs.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective February 28, 2024, the RFP is available on the NJ Department of Human Services [Request for Proposals /Information](#) webpage. Proposals must comport with the RFP requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Wendy Yosco  
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**Proposal Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. ET on April 17, 2024.

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**Sarah Adelman, Commissioner**

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