

**Questions & Answers**

Q	Bidder Question	DHS Answer	Section	Pg.
1.	What counties received the first round grant?	The counties who were awarded the first round grant: Burlington, Cumberland, Essex, Monmouth, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, and Gloucester.		
2.	What counties are eligible to receive the second round grant?	Atlantic, Bergen, Camden, Cape May, Mercer, Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties are eligible to receive the second round grant.		
3.	Are public school districts, county libraries, jails, and municipal libraries eligible for the grant?	<p>The interested counties must submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) that details which entities/areas in their respective counties will be recipients of the funding and for which purpose according to the initiatives listed.</p> <p>Selected awardees will be fully responsible for coordinating and distributing grant funds awarded through this RLI as designated in their LOI.</p> <p>Potential areas to consider for the funding opportunities are county libraries, local community centers, independent living centers, community theatres, airports, non-profit organizations focused on health equity, county jails,</p>	<p>I. Purpose and Intent</p> <p>IV. Respondent and Requirements</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3</p>

		<p>municipal and county government agencies, parent run organizations/groups and county courthouses. Counties are encouraged to consider multiple initiatives (for example, the county library may be interested in installing a public videophone, hearing induction loop, and in developing programs accessible in ASL; the county jail may only need a public videophone for sign language users who are incarcerated to make a telephone call; parent-run/local community organizations may need expansion of interpreter services).</p>		
4.	<p>Who and what personnel, and contacts were the recipients notified about the grants?</p>	<p>The recipients notified about the grant were county executives, county disability services departments, and a general press release.</p>	<p>IV. Respondent Requirements</p>	<p>2-3</p>

<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p>What is the purpose and initiative for the grant funds?</p>	<p>The New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) intends to provide grant funding to New Jersey counties to promote communication and language access for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind residents of all ages.</p> <p>This Request for Letters of Interest (this RLI) seeks to assist counties in providing communication and language access to their residents by providing funding. The respective counties who will be recipients of the grant are encouraged to consider opportunities for areas of funding. Please see the illustrated initiatives and purpose(s) listed in the RLI.</p>	<p>I. Purpose and Intent</p> <p>II. Background and Population Served</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p>Is there information about previous services and projects?</p>	<p>Yes, Hunterdon County utilized \$8,800 for equipment and installation of hearing loops in the Hunterdon County Historic Court house, and the Main Branch of the county library.</p>		
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p>What are examples of funding projects?</p>	<p>The respective counties who will be recipients of the grant are encouraged to consider opportunities for areas of funding. This Request for Letters of Interest (this RLI) seeks to assist counties in providing communication and language access to their residents by</p>	<p>I. Purpose and Intent</p>	<p>1</p>

		<p>providing funding for the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of hearing induction loops., <a href="http://www.contactainc.com">The Definitive Hearing Loop Systems Resource Center (contactainc.com)</a></li> <li>• Installation of public videophones and associated connectivity costs.</li> <li>• Expanding access to sign language interpreter services. <a href="https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/caption/">https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/caption/</a></li> <li>• Expanding access to captioning services. <a href="https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/assets/documents/CartList.pdf">https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/assets/documents/CartList.pdf</a></li> <li>• Development and/or provision of community/educational/or healthcare-related programming or services accessible in American Sign Language (ASL).</li> </ul>		
8.	Is there a recording or slides from the January grant presentation?	Unfortunately, we did not have the January grant presentation recorded.		
9.	Will the LOI (letter of interest) serve as the completed grant?	LOIs must be limited to five (5) pages and must be single-spaced with one (1") inch margins, normal character spacing that is not condensed, and no smaller than twelve (12) point Arial, Courier New or Times New Roman font and include the information specified below. DDHH will not consider any information submitted beyond the page limit.	V. LOI Requirements	3

		<p>The following information must be submitted in a LOI to be considered for funding under this RLI:</p> <p>A. All LOIs must be on County (or County agency) letterhead.</p> <p>B. Proposed estimated Budget</p> <p>C. Narrative</p> <p>A. Project Description</p> <p>Detail the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Describe the areas of need, project goals, and objectives, in the County in terms of communication and language access for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind residents.</li> <li>○ Detail how the County will allocate funding to the identified entities/areas.</li> </ul> <p>B. Implementation Timeline Please provide a proposed project timeline starting from notification of award (anticipated on February 23, 2024) through June 30, 2024.</p> <p>C. Estimated Budget</p>		
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p>Regarding American Sign Language services must those costs be spent down by June 30, 2024.... or can they be part of a forecasted expense under contract?</p>	<p>Please note that all costs encompassed by funds under this RLI must be incurred no later than June 30, 2025.</p>	<p>IV. Respondent Requirements</p>	<p>2-3</p>