

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES**

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Mercer County 2018

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq. (P.L. 1987, c.7), the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds described herein.

Program Name: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Mercer County 2018

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to fund a local agency who will serve as the point of contact for Medicare beneficiaries within Mercer County who have questions about Medicare. The agency funded under this grant will be required to designate a qualified agency staff member or volunteer as the Mercer County SHIP Coordinator who will work at least 15 hours per week and who will be responsible for managing the existing nineteen (19) volunteer SHIP counselors within the county, receiving and assigning referrals, promoting the SHIP program within the county, completing quarterly reports to DoAS, and administering the SHIP program according to the Scope of Services.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be a qualified non-profit or governmental entity. Agencies must be experienced in delivering information and assistance to residents age 65 and older and/or to adults with disabilities ages 18-64 in Mercer County.

Proposal Procedure: Effective June 12, 2018 the RFP is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpri/> . A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions. To access the application agencies must first submit a letter of interest by June 8, 2018 via email to mary.mcgeary@dhs.state.nj.us or via fax to 609-588-7630.

Contact information for the grant program:

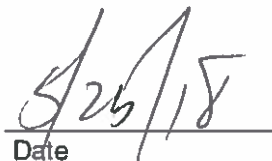
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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be submitted through the State's System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) by 3:00pm on July 10, 2018. Late submissions and paper submissions will not be accepted.

Date by which applicants shall be notified whether they will receive funds: July 17, 2018.



Carole Johnson, Commissioner



Date