

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

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

#### **Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults**

**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:** Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults

**Purpose:** This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for educational programs regarding Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults. This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Repose (SOR) grant supplemental funding. The SOR grant period is September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2020. Total annualized funding is \$825,000 subject to Federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to eleven (11) awards of \$75,000 each. One (1) award will be made in each of the following eleven (11) counties: Atlantic, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic, Salem, Somerset and Warren.

Contracts were awarded to establish five (5) educational programs from an Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults RFP issued in October 2017. Five (5) additional educational programs were established from an RFP issued in December 2018.

Growing awareness of the extent and dangers of misuse of prescription medications among all populations - especially painkillers—has led to a major public health effort to control access to these substances. These endeavors have led to some decline in the number of prescriptions being written, but the situation continues to be a serious problem. It is noteworthy that better pain management, which would vastly reduce the excessive use and/or addiction to prescription painkillers, does not appear to be on the agenda while efforts to control access to such medications make headlines. DMHAS seeks to fund programs that will provide education to older adults (age 60+) on alternatives to opioid analgesics as a means of dealing with acute or chronic pain.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total annualized funding is \$825,000 subject to Federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to eleven (11) awards of \$75,000 each.

**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 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.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/debarment/debsearch.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, i.e., this statutory requirement does not apply to non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective June 5, 2019, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Helen Staton  
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Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
120 South Stockton Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
PO Box 362  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0362

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on July 3, 2019.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before July 31, 2019.

  
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Carole Johnson, Commissioner

5/24/19  
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