

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability of Funds

FFY17 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (Category 4a)

Take notice that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety announces the anticipated availability of the following grant program funds:

- a) Name of the Program: FFY17 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (Category 4a).** This program is supported by the Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2017 Bureau of Justice Assistance, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Pub. L. No. 115-31, 131 Stat. 135, 205.
- b) Purpose:** The purpose of Category 4a of the FFY17 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program is to develop a coordinated plan for the State to implement the Opioid Response Team project, which includes but is not limited to, assisting localities in engaging and retaining individuals with opioid use disorders in treatment and recovery services; increasing the use of diversion and/or alternatives to incarceration; and reducing the incidence of overdose death. The plan will expand and enhance the State's Law Enforcement Assisted Addiction and Recovery Referral Program ("LEAARRP"), established as part of New Jersey P. L. 2016, c. 58, the county-based diversion programs, and implement Opioid Response Teams.

In developing the coordinated plan, the Subrecipient shall organize, lead, and meet monthly with a multi-disciplinary, strategic planning committee (Committee) and administer the planning phase. Overall direction of the project will come from the Director of NJ CARES. Subject to the approval of the NJ CARES Director, the Subrecipient will organize the Committee by assembling key players from the following non-exhaustive list of public entities: the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Divisions of Criminal Justice, State Police, and Consumer Affairs; the Juvenile Justice Commission; the New Jersey Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts; the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services; the State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; the Department of Corrections; the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families; the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance; the State of New Jersey, Department of Education; the New Jersey State Parole Board; the New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NY/NJ HIDTA); the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, New Jersey Division; and the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Subrecipient shall use input from the Committee to develop a plan to achieve the overarching goal of the project: to reduce opioid abuse and opioid overdose deaths by expanding the opportunities of addicted individuals to connect to treatment programs through Opioid Response Teams. The Subrecipient shall convene the Committee at least monthly through the grant's program period to outline objectives to identify where the greatest need in the State is for Opioid Response Teams, devise formulas to strategically disburse funding to the most in-need and at-risk municipalities, and build a sustainability plan to ensure the future operation and success of the Opioid Response Team project. The available funding to

the municipalities to implement the plan is contingent upon future federal awards to the Department of Law and Public Safety. The Subrecipient shall ensure that the Committee reviews ways to leverage funding its member agencies to bolster the support of the Opioid Response Team project.

In developing a formula to drive the identification of the most in-need and at-risk municipalities to receive funding, the Subrecipient shall use objective criteria that identify "community drug harms" through a Drug Harm Index, which includes, but is not limited to, the following data sets: naloxone administrations, presence of fentanyl, overdose deaths, drug arrests, theft arrests, HIV/Hepatitis infection rates, and substance-exposed infants. If the use of Opioid Response Teams proves successful in the pilot sites identified by the formula, the Committee will then seek ways to expand the project to other jurisdictions.

Lastly, the Subrecipient shall ensure that the Committee will continue to monitor the program, detect gaps and effective ways to fill those gaps, as well as identify additional improvements to strengthen the Opioid Response Team's operation and response. The Subrecipient will assist NJ CARES and the Committee with planning, development, data collection and review. In addition, the Subrecipient will be instrumental in bringing research and evidence based practices to the planning phase when creating policies and procedures for the Opioid Response Team project and marrying those with the policies and procedures of the LEAARRP Program and local-based programs, as well as updating the Opioid Response Team's system to respond to any identified issues.

c) **Available Funding:** The Department anticipates an award of \$100,000 for Category 4a of the FFY17 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program. Of this amount,

approximately \$100,000 will be awarded to an Institution of Higher Education to develop the coordinated plan and lead the Committee. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis, pursuant to the quality of the application submitted and the pending availability of federal funding. Funding decisions will be made to ensure the broadest and deepest level of planning, development, data collection, and review.

Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$100,000 for a 12-month grant period. The project period will begin July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2019. Only one application per project will be accepted. Continuation funding may be available, contingent upon the availability of Federal funding and the Subrecipient's compliance with grant conditions and performance of its goals and objectives.

d) Organizations which may apply for funding under this program: Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education are eligible to apply.

e) Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding: Applicants must be in good standing with all State and Federal agencies with which they have had an existing grant or contractual relationship. Where appropriate, all applicants must hold current professional and State licenses and certifications.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006 requires agencies to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and register with the System for Award Management (SAM), formerly the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), to receive a Federal award or subaward.

Applicants without a current DUNS number(s) and SAM registration will be considered ineligible.

To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must file an application, in accordance with the requirements of the program, by the submission deadline. **The following scored components must be included in the application:**

1. *Agency Background, Mission, Experience, and Capability. 25 points*

Please describe in detail the applicant's mission, background and experience as it relates to the purpose and objectives of the proposed project. Explain the applicant's knowledge and capability to carry out the project based on demonstrated experience in providing the services described in section (b).

2. *Project Description, including Goal, Objectives, and Timeline. 30 points*

Please specify a clear, realistic goal for the proposed project. Identify objectives that are concise, measurable and clearly relate to the goal. Focus in particular on the applicant's ability to coordinate the committee in order to implement the Opioid Response Team project. Describe in detail the project's approach or strategy for attaining each objective. Include a timeline that specifies each objective along with the major activities, responsible staff and feasible time frames for each objective and activity.

3. *Project Management and Staff. 5 points*

Please identify all project management and staff. Describe how personnel are uniquely qualified to manage and implement the project. Provide current resumes

along with job descriptions for each position. The job description should detail the title and job responsibilities, as well as the education and experience necessary for the positions.

Additionally, state if the positions are full-time or part-time and the number of hours and percentage of time devoted to the project. Indicate if you will use existing staff or if you will recruit new staff for each position requested in the budget.

4. *Data Collection, Performance Measures, and Evaluation. 20 points*

Please list all data that will be collected. Describe the methods that will be used to measure the progress and impact of the project.

5. *Budget and Budget Narrative. 20 points*

Please provide a detailed narrative justification for requested funds. Costs must be specific and tied to the project goal and objectives. For questions pertaining to budget and examples of allowable and unallowable costs, see the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/>).

f) Procedures for Eligible Organizations to Apply:

Application packages are available on the Department website at <http://nj.gov/oag/grants.htm>. Please follow the requirements of this Notice of Availability of Funds when drafting the application; and submit completed application by the submission

deadline. The Department reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. The submitted application may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

g) Submit completed application to:

cgmo@lps.state.nj.us

h) Deadline by which applications must be submitted:

Applications must be completed and filed **before 4:00 P.M. on Monday, May 21, 2018.**

i) Date by which notices shall be mailed of approval or disapproval of applications:

All applicants will be notified in writing on or about June 18, 2018, whether or not their proposed project will be funded.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly depending upon the availability to the Department of Law and Public Safety of funds appropriated by the State or Federal Legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources, as may be applicable. A failure of the Department of Law and Public Safety to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal Legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Department of Law and

Public Safety or an event of default under a grant agreement and the Department of Law and Public Safety shall not be held liable for any breach of a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Department of Law and Public Safety beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Department of Law and Public Safety to expend funds beyond the termination date set in a grant agreement.