

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:
NJ Department of Children and Families
Name of Expenditure Program:
Family Success Center Expansion of Hours and Staff to Serve Residents in Impacted Counties
Amount:
\$1,724,000

Overview:

This additional funding shall enhance services at FSC's in impacted areas to provide expanded service capacity and add additional psycho-educational and support group services including legal and financial literacy programming. In the aftermath of the storm there is a need to ensure that resources are available on weekends and during the evening hours. The following describes the expansion of services:

FSCs will add 1 (one) additional full-time (35hr/week) or two (2) part-time (25hr/week minimum) Family Partner(s).

1. FSC staff will become trauma-informed providers, increasing their knowledge and skills in effectively serving children and families who have experienced Superstorm Sandy.
2. FSCs will expand hours of operation to include evenings and weekends.
3. FSCs will develop and implement creative and family-friendly strategies to outreach, engage and effectively support children and families, with the understanding that many families may be not immediately trust traditional social service providers. Strategies should include, but are not be limited to, hosting or co-hosting activities that are attractive for children and parents in areas where families live and feel welcome (such as churches, neighborhood centers, schools, parks, etc.). It is expected that each FSC will serve an additional 100 families/year.
4. FSCs will increase programming specific to information about how to address Hurricane Sandy-related losses and financial literacy.
5. FSCs will provide free on-site psycho-social services to help families reduce stress. FSCs will develop collaborative relationships with formal and informal agencies that can provide these resources.

The Department of Children and Families currently contracts with FSCs and has identified (10) ten counties and 10 FSCs to receive supplemental funding to expand existing services thorough an expansion of hours and personnel to assist families impacted by Superstorm Sandy.

The goal for this expansion project is to ensure that community residents, particularly families

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with limited income in the counties most severely impacted by Superstorm Sandy, will have psychosocial support services they need to recover from the storm and its aftermath.

On October 21, 2013 Atlantic County Government informed the Division of Family and Community Partnerships (DFCP) that they will not be able to meet contract requirements for expansion of Family Success Services. Atlantic County representative indicated that the existing New York Avenue FSC is not able to operate extended hours and weekends due to being located in an elementary school. Since AtlantiCare (Managing Agency) could not insure regular access to the school to operate extended hours, AtlantiCare in agreement with Atlantic County Government decided not to be included in this funding at the school location.

In response to the declination of services by Atlantic County Government a limited competition RFP will be utilized to identify a Managing Agency to provide services in Atlantic City.

Federal Department of Origin:

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services – The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013, (P. L. 113-2); “Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Funds” to address necessary expenses resulting from Hurricane Sandy, including social, health, and mental health services for individuals, and for repair, renovation and rebuilding of health care facilities (including mental health facilities), child care facilities, and other social services facilities.

Federal Requirements / Restrictions:

Funds to be totally expended by September 30, 2015.

Also subject to Integrity Oversight monitoring via Assembly Bill A60 (A-60)(P.L.2013,c.37).

Additional State regulations related to Governor Christie's Executive Order 125, as well as all applicable federal and state regulations for Procurement and Grants Management

Selection Standards:

The FSC's in the 10 most affected counties were chosen and contracts were modified. On October 21, 2013 Atlantic County Government informed the Division of Family and Community Partnerships (DFCP) that they will not be able to meet contract requirements for expansion of Family Success Services. Atlantic County representative indicated that the existing New York Avenue FSC is not able to operate extended hours and weekends due to being located in an elementary school. Since AtlantiCare (Managing Agency) could not insure regular access to the school to operate extended hours, AtlantiCare in agreement with Atlantic County Government decided not to be included in this funding at the school location.

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Eligibility Standards:

All residents of the affected county are eligible for the services. The FSC shall do outreach to develop relationships and provide services to those in the counties most affected by Superstorm Sandy.

Other Notes:

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