

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Expansion of Existing Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) and Residential Intensive Support Teams (RIST)

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: Expansion of Existing Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) and Residential Intensive Support Teams (RIST)

Purpose: DMHAS seeks to facilitate the discharge of individuals on Conditional Extension Pending Placement (CEPP¹) status in one of the three state psychiatric hospitals. Contracts awarded through this RFP will pair housing subsidies funded by the DMHAS and administered by the New Jersey Housing Mortgage and Finance Agency (NJHMFA) with service dollars provided through this RFP to expand PACT and RIST.

DMHAS will award five (5) PACT slots among Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties and five (5) PACT slots among Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties. DMHAS will award five (5) RIST slots among Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties and five (5) RIST slots among Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties. DMHAS will not expand RIST or PACT services by more than five (5) individuals in any one county.

Available Funding Amount: A total of up to \$480,000, subject to State appropriation, is expected to be available.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidders must satisfy following requirements:

- The bidder must be a PACT and/or RIST provider currently under contract with DMHAS to provide services in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties;

¹ In New Jersey, the status of CEPP was created by a 1983 New Jersey Supreme Court decision in re: S.L., 94 N.J. 128 (1983), for individuals who no longer met the standard for involuntary commitment, but for whom there was no present appropriate placement in the community.

- The bidder must document a 90% or better occupancy rate in the program as of June 30, 2014, with the exception of beds awarded in the last two quarters of SFY 2014;
- The bidder must be willing to accept into service consumers identified by the Division;
- The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements;
- 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;
- The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred/debarsearch.htm> 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 in a consultant capacity;
- The bidder must comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services (DHS) contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM) and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM). These documents are available on the web at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/home/resources/manuals/>; and
- The bidder must attend the Mandatory Bidders Conference as described in the RFP.

Proposal Procedure: Effective December 3, 2014 the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpri/index.html and <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/info/notices/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

Proposal Receiving Office: Alicia Meyer, RFP Coordinator
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 Trenton, NJ 08625-0700

Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. eastern standard time on January 7, 2015.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before February 9, 2015.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date