

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds To Provide Supportive Housing Services For Persons Discharged From State Psychiatric Hospitals

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

Name of Program:

Generic Supportive Housing, Forensically-involved Commitment – Supportive Housing, Bi-County Mercer/Middlesex RIST Team and Medically Enhanced Supportive Housing

Purpose:

The purpose of this RFP is to effectuate the discharge of 105 individuals from the State Hospital System who require supportive housing, medically enhanced supportive housing, or RIST services. The DMHAS will identify the consumers to be served in each initiative with this funding, and will work with successful applicants in assessing service and support needs for successful community living. The provider agency must accept consumers identified by DMHAS as appropriate for the Supportive Housing program, consistent with the consumer attributes delineated in this RFP. The provider agency will begin working with identified consumers as soon as possible after contract award but prior to actual discharge to facilitate relationship building, determine housing preference and assess needs.

Amount of funding available:

Generic Supportive Housing - The DMHAS seeks to award a total of \$2,000,000 to serve a minimum of 50 supportive housing opportunities for individuals in a NJ state psychiatric hospital through this initiative.

Forensically-involved commitment – Supportive Housing - The DMHAS seeks to award a total of \$1,125,000 to serve a minimum of 15 supportive housing opportunities for individuals in a NJ state psychiatric hospital with forensic involved commitment to be served by enhanced Supportive Housing statewide.

Medically Enhanced Residential Intensive Support Team - Mercer/Middlesex - The DMHAS seeks to develop one Residential Intensive Support Team (RIST) to cover Mercer and Middlesex counties. RIST will provide a minimum of 25 supportive housing opportunities for individuals in a NJ state psychiatric hospital who have a significant co-existing medical condition. The DMHAS will award up to \$1,250,000 to serve 25 individuals in this initiative.

Medically Enhanced Supportive Housing (Morris, Union and Camden/Gloucester counties) - The DMHAS seeks to award up to \$750,000 to serve a minimum of 15 supportive housing opportunities for individuals in a NJ state psychiatric hospital who have significant co-existing medical conditions. The DMHAS will issue one award in each of the following counties: Camden/Gloucester (bi-county award), Morris or Union. Applicants must submit a proposal to serve a minimum of 5 individuals.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for this Request for Proposal, an applicant must be a fiscally viable corporation duly registered to conduct business within the State of New Jersey.

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the applicant.

The applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the DHS Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).

Any fiscally viable corporation, as noted above, which meets the qualifications of the Department of Human Services' Contract Policy and Information Manual, N.J.A.C. 10:3, may apply. A copy of this manual can be accessed from the webpage of the Office of Contract Policy and Management webpage at: http://dhs.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/contract_manuals.htm.

Applicants may contact the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Contract Unit at 609-777-0628 with general questions about the requirements in these manuals.

Procedure to apply: Effective January 31, 2014 eligible and interested organizations may obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/info/notices/> or by contacting Alicia Meyer, Coordinator, at (609) 777-0069 or at alicia.meyer@dhs.state.nj.us Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposal.

Mandatory Bidders' Conference: A Mandatory Bidders' Conference will be conducted for interested applicants. All applicants intending to submit a proposal in response to this request must attend the mandatory Bidders' Conference on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Information regarding the time and location of the bidder's conference may be found in the Request for Proposal. *Proposals submitted by an applicant not in attendance at the bidder's conference will not be considered.*

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. March 12, 2014. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format to RFP.submissions@dhs.state.nj.us. Additionally, one hard copy of the proposal with an original signature and six additional hard copies must be submitted to the attention of Cathy Boland (see RFP for mailing address) no later than 4:00 pm, March 12, 2014. No format other than the PDF and one original signed hardcopy and six hard copies will be accepted for this RFP.

Date by which applicants will be notified of preliminary decision to accept or reject proposal:

Applicants will be notified no later than April 16, 2014.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date