

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds For the Development of Involuntary Outpatient Commitment Programs.

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: Involuntary Outpatient Commitment

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grant funding for the development of Involuntary Outpatient Commitment (IOC) programs in the following 15 counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Salem, Somerset and Sussex. Applicants may submit proposals to provide IOC in one or more counties. Proposals to deliver IOC in the previously funded counties of Burlington, Essex, Hudson, Ocean, Union and Warren will not be considered. While current IOC providers may not propose to deliver new IOC services in the originally awarded county, such providers may propose to provide services in counties not previously awarded, leveraging the infrastructure of the existing program in addition to the funding request for the new services.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a comprehensive outpatient service, coordination and referral system that addresses the needs of individuals committed to outpatient treatment, including:

- consumer-inclusive treatment planning and development;
- treatment plan adherence support;
- assessment of dangerousness and clinical progress;
- arrangements for transportation to court hearings, evaluations, and programs;
- provision of or direct linkage to ongoing clinical and support services as identified in each consumer's Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) and any psychiatric advance directive; and
- capacity to interface with the court system, including but not limited to, the committing judge, the county adjuster's office and the lawyers involved in the process.

Amount of funding available: Annualized funding of up to \$4.5 million is available through this RFP to competitively award IOC programs that serve a total of up to fifteen counties with up to \$300,000 available per county. It is expected that the provider of these services will generate income from third party

entities such as Medicaid and private insurance. One-time funds are available to support necessary equipment, supplies, and other related start-up costs, not to exceed the \$300,000 in the phase-in year.

DMHAS intends to select programs that give wide representation to diverse areas of the state both demographically and geographically, keeping in mind the availability of needed ancillary resources in each area.

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

The applicant must be a fiscally viable for-profit or non-profit corporation or a government entity and document demonstrable experience in successfully providing outpatient mental health services and supports to adults who have severe and persistent mental illness in a manner fully consonant with recovery principles.

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).

Procedure to apply: Effective March 17, 2014, eligible and interested organizations may obtain a Request for Proposal via the Internet at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/info/notices/> or by contacting Roger Borichewski, Assistant Director, Office of Prevention, Early Intervention and Community Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services at (609)777-0678. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposals.

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 March 24, 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., April 25, 2014. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format. Additionally, six hardcopies of the proposal narrative and budget, one with an original signature must be submitted. No format other than the PDF and six hardcopies of the proposal narrative and budget, one with an original signature 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 **June 6, 2014**.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date