

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

For the Development of 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: Sussex County Outpatient Services

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grant funding for the development of an outpatient mental health program in Sussex County for adult consumers age 21 and older. The focus of this RFP is to create or expand existing outpatient mental health service capacity in Sussex County to support, enhance, and encourage the emotional development and improvement of consumer life skills in order to maximize health functioning. This initiative provides funding for an array of outpatient mental health services when such diagnosis has been determined by an appropriately licensed behavioral health professional and such services are provided in a coordinated fashion by an integrated multidisciplinary team. Within this initiative, it is anticipated that one (1) award at an annual amount up to \$300,000 will be available to provide wellness services encompassing the provision of behavioral health care. The contract is renewable on a year-to-year basis.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a comprehensive outpatient service utilizing a multidisciplinary treatment approach of integrated or cross-trained, appropriately credentialed (SAMHSA, 2010) New Jersey licensed practitioners, who within their scope of practice, are permitted to diagnose and treat individuals with serious mental illness. Additionally, clinicians working with individuals who concurrently have a serious mental illness and substance abuse disorder are preferred to be dually credentialed as licensed alcohol or drug counselors, or have two years' of documented experience working in the addiction field. For the purpose of this RFP, a serious mental illness is defined as the presence of at least one disorder identified in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), other than a substance abuse use disorder, for at least a 12 month period, that causes serious impairments in emotional and behavioral functioning. These diagnoses include, but are not limited to the following:

Schizophrenia
Schizophreniform Disorder
Schizoaffective Disorders

Delusional Disorder
Other Psychotic Disorders
Major Depressive Disorder Recurrent
Bipolar I disorder
Bipolar II Disorder
Schizotypal Personality Disorder
Borderline Personality Disorder
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

The service array includes the following services: comprehensive assessment, brief screening, on-site psychiatric evaluation, medication services (prescribing and monitoring), treatment planning, psychotherapy, crisis intervention, case management, and discharge planning.

Amount of funding available: Annualized funding of up to \$300,000 is available through this RFP to competitively award one (1) outpatient program in Sussex County.

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 June 9, 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 June 23, 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., July 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 **September 5, 2014.**

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date