

PUBLIC NOTICES

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DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Notice of Availability of Funds

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program (RSAT)

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Division of Criminal Justice hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

a. Name of program: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program (RSAT).

b. Purpose: The United States Congress established the RSAT Program under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. §§3796ff et seq. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a division in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) within the U.S. Department of Justice, administers the RSAT Formula Grant Program. The Department of Law and Public Safety, through the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), administers New Jersey's RSAT program.

The RSAT Program assists states and local governments to develop substance abuse treatment programs in correctional and detention facilities. The RSAT Program's goals are to reduce the demand for illegal drugs and to break the cycle of drugs and violence. The RSAT program is designed to:

- increase the number of residential substance abuse treatment programs for incarcerated inmates; and
- incorporate reentry planning activities into treatment programs to assist the offender's reentry into the community.

For further information about the RSAT program, visit BJA's website at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/rsat.html>

These RSAT funds are offered to assist and support one qualified county correctional facility to either (1) continue or (2) expand an existing residential substance abuse treatment program for inmates.

c. Amount of money in the fund:

Pending receipt of its available federal award, DCJ anticipates that approximately a total of \$51,962 will be available to fund one RSAT local project for a minimum of one year. A hard cash match of \$17,321 is required (25% of total project cost).

Future Federal appropriations for the RSAT program are uncertain. Every effort will be made to provide two years of funding for the selected project. Additional years of continuation funding may be available depending upon successful program performance and the availability of RSAT funds.

d. Organizations which may apply for funding under this program: County governments that operate correctional facilities.

e. Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding:

Funding is being offered only to either (1) continue or (2) expand a jail-based substance abuse treatment program operating in a county correctional facility that follows the RSAT model.

RSAT funds must be used to supplement, and not supplant or replace, existing Federal, State or local funds appropriated for the same purpose.

RSAT Jail-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs must provide individual and group substance abuse treatment activities for offenders in county correctional facilities, and must contain the following elements:

- All program participants must receive a minimum of at least three months of substance abuse treatment;
- Every effort must be made to separate the treatment population from the general correctional population;
- Projects must focus on the substance abuse problems of the inmate;
- Projects must be designed to develop the inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to solve the substance and related problems;
- Treatment modalities must be effective and based on scientific practices; and
- Urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing are required for program participants and former participants while in custody.

In addition to the above requirements:

- A DUNS number is required. A DUNS number is used to track federal assistance applicants, recipients, and sub recipients. For further information visit on-line at <http://www.dnb.com/us>.
- Current and active status Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is required. CCR is the federal government's database for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub recipients. For further information visit on-line at <http://www.ccr.gov>.
- Applicants must demonstrate the capacity to comply with and complete BJA's quarterly and semi-annual performance measures.
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10RSATsol.pdf>
- Comply with other Office of Justice Programs (OJP) requirements available online at:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other_requirements.htm

- Applicants are not eligible if debarred or suspended from doing business with any unit of government. Applicants must be in good standing with all State and Federal agencies with which they have had an existing grant or contractual relationship.
- Where appropriate, all applicants must hold current State licenses, permits, and certificates and conduct employee background check, as required.
- Non-Supplanting of Local Funds.

f. Procedures for eligible organizations to apply:

To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must file a completed application, in accordance with the requirements of the program, by the submission deadline.

Applications are available on line at <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/grants.htm>. Additional copies of the application are available by contacting Isaac Junius, at the Division of Criminal Justice, Program Development/Grants Section, at (609) 292-5939.

The application narrative must demonstrate the ability of the applicant to (1) continue or (2) expand an existing residential substance abuse program that meets *the RSAT criteria*.

For expansion projects, please describe how RSAT funds will expand upon an existing county jail residential substance abuse treatment program in order to serve more inmates in a manner consistent with the RSAT program model. For example, if a county jail is currently operating a residential substance abuse treatment program serving 35 inmates per year, it may choose to expand the number of inmates served by 20, thus reaching a total of 55 per year.

For continuation projects, please describe how RSAT funds will continue an existing county jail residential substance abuse treatment program that is currently operating consistent with the RSAT model.

The following program components should be included in the narrative:

- Problem Statement/Needs Assessment (10%) Provide statistical and factual information to substantiate the need for a substance abuse treatment program. Include the number of offenders identified as needing treatment, existing services or programs, gaps in service, and the capability of the institution to implement substance abuse treatment programs and services.
- Goals, Objectives, Methods (25%) State the goal of the program. List clear and measurable objectives to achieve the goal. Describe the implementation process including procedures for substance abuse screening and assessments, selection criteria, number of program participants, service providers, and a description of the type and amount of treatment that will be provided. Explain how each required element of the RSAT Program will be incorporated into the jail-based program. Identify project management and key staff who will be involved in the program. Include a time line for implementation.
- Coordination of Services (10%) Describe existing services that will be coordinated with the RSAT program. Include efforts to coordinate correctional treatment with social services and rehabilitation programs to support the aftercare needs of offenders.
- Management Structure and Experience (25%) Describe the management structure under which the RSAT program will be implemented. Include chain of command, Project Director, and other individuals who will be directly involved in the delivery of services. Describe the experience your agency has in operating a substance abuse treatment program or other specialized services.

- Evaluation (5%) Describe the methods that will be used to measure the progress and assess the impact of the project. (Subgrantees also will be required to collect and report specific project data).
- Project Budget (25%) Using the Division of Criminal Justice Budget Detail form, list funds requested for project implementation. Provide a detailed narrative for use of Federal and match funds requested in each budget category and/or line item. Itemized each cost per item or break down costs directly related to the project on a monthly basis.

Applications will be scored according to the percentages noted in each category.

g. Address of the State agency receiving the applications:

Heddy Levine-Sabol, Chief

Program Development/Grants Section

Division of Criminal Justice

Hughes Justice Complex

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h. Deadline by which applications must be submitted: Applications must be filed before 4:00

P.M. on Friday, July 9, 2010.

i. Date by which notices shall be mailed of approval or disapproval of applications: Forty-five days from submission deadline.

Stephen J. Taylor, Director

Date