

SANDY FUNDING CRITERIA WORKSHEET

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| State Department: Department of Human Services |
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| Name of Expenditure Program: Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling Services |
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| Amount: \$2,500,000 |
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Overview:

DHS conducted meetings with affected communities, disaster and recovery services providers and other stakeholders to ascertain the human service needs. Coupled with this qualitative needs assessment data derived from interaction with our county partners and their constituents, post disaster research of other storms was carefully considered. Storms like Rita, Ike, Andrew, Katrina and other major weather events showed increases in both immediate and long-term mental health need, in one instance extending five years after the initial disaster. Studies examined symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, serious mental illness and general mental health needs.

In an effort to respond to the potential needs of affected individuals and families, DHS worked with Rutgers-UBHC to fund the development of a network of credentialed and vetted private behavioral health providers, with offices in the 10 Sandy impacted counties, to provide outpatient counseling services. A telehealth option is also available for those who have functional needs or access challenges. A central access point has been identified for consumers to call to access outpatient counseling.

Federal Department of Origin:

The US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services – The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013, (P.L. 113-2); “Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Funds” to address necessary expenses resulting from Hurricane Sandy, including social, health, and mental health services for individuals, and for repair, renovation and rebuilding of health care facilities (including mental health facilities), child care facilities, and other social services facilities.

Federal Requirements / Restrictions:

Meets the federal definition of allowable use of SSBG funding.

Procurement Process:

DHS developed a Memoranda of Agreement with Rutgers-University Behavioral Health Care, a state entity, to provide these aforementioned services.

Eligibility Standards:

The individual cannot have third party health insurance that covers this service.

The individual must be 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States or have permanent residency. This will be evidenced by an original or certified birth certificate, passport, consular registration of birth abroad certificate, certificate of citizenship, or a certificate of naturalization or green card.

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The individual must have been a resident, between October 28, 2012 to October 30, 2012, of one of the 10 impacted counties. Residency will be evidenced by presenting a NJ driver's license, passport, shelter records, school records showing address, utility records, credit card bill, checking or savings account statement showing address, original lease or rental agreement, property tax bill, statement or record from the past year, any letter or correspondence received from the IRS or state tax office, first class mail received from any federal state or local government agency in the past year or provider agency service documentation.

Implementation/Timeline:

The MOA was entered into by both parties in October of 2013, with the intent of Rutgers-UBHC to develop and launch their network of private practitioners. Services are ongoing.

IT Requirements:

Tracking/Monitoring:

Rutgers-UBHC will provide monthly contract monitoring reports to provide updates to the DMHAS of their activities and will comply with all federal and integrity monitoring requirements.

Reporting Requirements:

Rutgers-UBHC will provide monthly contract monitoring reports to provide updates to the DMHAS of their activities.

Allocation Formula: