

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

### **STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**

#### **Opioid Overdose/ Infectious Disease Prevention, Education and Support for Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Agencies**

**TAKE NOTICE** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

**Program Name:** Opioid Overdose/ Infectious Disease Prevention, Education and Support for Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Agencies

**Purpose:** This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for an authorized New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH) Harm Reduction Center (HRC) to develop and provide overdose prevention and infectious disease prevention education, as well as purchase and distribute life-saving supplies to statewide NJ Department of Health (DOH) licensed substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health (MH) agencies. This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. The SOR grant project period is scheduled through September 29, 2027. Funding for this RFP is subject to the availability of Federal funding. Total funding of \$550,000 is anticipated to be available for the initial year of this program through September 29, 2026 and \$250,000 for up to four subsequent years if DMHAS receives SOR grant funding and subject to the availability of federal funding. DMHAS anticipates making one (1) award.

Through this initiative, the successful bidder will provide life-saving education, training, and supplies to NJ DOH licensed SUD and MH treatment agencies. The goal of this initiative is to reduce the risks of SUDs including fatal overdoses, drug-related infectious diseases, and skin and soft tissue infections. The initiative intends to address the unmet need of people who use drugs by integrating access to both education and life-saving supplies in licensed treatment facilities. Life-saving training and education is critical to creating a person-centered system that meets people where they are and promotes the health of individuals. Integrating these services at licensed SUD and MH treatment facilities helps maintain a continuum of prevention and care that better addresses the needs of individuals who use drugs. The initiative promotes overdose prevention and response, infectious disease prevention and access to life-saving care.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total funding of \$550,000 is anticipated to be available subject to availability of federal funding.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder must be a non-profit, for-profit or governmental entity;
- The bidder, at time of submission of proposal, must be authorized by the NJ Department of Health as a Harm Reduction Center;
- The bidder must review and be capable of complying with Allowable and Unallowable Harm Reduction Services and Supplies (Attachment I) if awarded a contract;
- For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to proposal submission;
- The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements. If a bidder is determined, in DMHAS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DMHAS will deem the proposal ineligible for contract award;
- The bidder must not appear on the State of [New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report](#)<sup>1</sup> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds;
- Pursuant to DHS Contract Policy and Information Manual Policy Circular 8.05, the bidder shall not have a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. Persons in a position of trust include Provider Agency staff members, officers and Governing Board Members. A bidder must have written Conflict of Interest policies and procedures that satisfy the requirements of P8.05, thereby ensuring that paid Board members do not participate in transactions except as expressly provided in the P8.05 circular; and
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, a for-profit bidder and each proposed subcontractor must have a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue. This statutory requirement does not apply to non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective February 11, 2026 the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Helen Staton  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/>

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. ET on March 16, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Cha', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Stephen Cha, MD, MHSR, Acting Commissioner

02/09/2026

Date