

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

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

#### **Recovery High Schools**

**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:** Recovery High Schools

**Purpose:** The State of New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is issuing a Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) to fully accredited State of New Jersey Recovery High Schools. Funds provided via this RLI award are intended to enhance recovery outcomes for its students by expanding intensive and varied recovery supports after traditional school hours and during the summers. While funds are not permissible for capital improvements such as building expansions or add-ons, there are many opportunities for supplementing the school's recovery work in terms of scope and variety.

Total funding of \$300,000 is anticipated to be available for the initial year of this program through September 29, 2026 and total funding of \$150,000 for the second year of the program if DMHAS receives federal funding and subject to the availability of federal funding. DMHAS anticipates making up to three (3) awards for a combined total ceiling amount of \$300,000 (\$100,000 per school). The contract may be renewed annually under existing terms for up to one (1) one-year extensions at DMHAS' sole discretion and with the agreement of the successful bidder. Actual funding levels will depend on the availability of funds and satisfactory performance. Funding is contingent upon federal appropriation.

This initiative is funded under the federal Notice of Award to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA"), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment dated September 20, 2025 for the New Jersey State Opioid Response (NJ SOR). The SAMHSA funding bearing the unique Federal Award Identification Number H79TI087774, Assistance Listing Number 93.788 is not for research and development.

The purpose of this RLI is to support the needs of New Jersey's three (3) Recovery High Schools by providing essential goods, services, and human resources tailored to their unique campuses and varying requirements. Depending on the approved proposals, allowable costs that may be requested include:

- a. Experiential and recreational activities for students;
- b. Time, travel, and materials for recruiting at local high schools;
- c. Clinical services for substance use disorder (SUD) and SUD with co-occurring disorders;
- d. Motivational speakers;
- e. Materials and supplies for vocational programs or core curriculum classes;
- f. Expenses related to job training or career guidance;
- g. Information about post-secondary educational opportunities; and
- h. Food and refreshments for student activities (limited to \$10 per person per day).

Each Recovery High School may have different needs, and the funding will be allocated accordingly to address these specific requirements. As noted above, capital improvement costs will not be considered for funding.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total funding of \$300,000 is anticipated to be available for the initial year of this program through September 29, 2026 and total funding of \$150,000 for the second year of the program subject to the availability of federal funding.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** All New Jersey-based Recovery Schools are eligible to respond to this RLI.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective May 6, 2026, the Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) is available at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/notices/grants/proposals/>. The Letter of Interest must be submitted that comports with the RLI requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Helen Staton  
Department of Human Services  
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
PO Box 362  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0362

**Submission Deadline:** Letters of Interest must be received by 4:00 p.m. ET on June 3, 2026.



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Stephen Cha, MD, MHSR, Commissioner

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Date