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I. Purpose and Intent

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to New Jersey fully accredited psychiatry residency programs that were not awarded a state grant through the Community Psychiatry Residency Initiative Request for Letters of Intent (RLI) issued by DMHAS in January 2026. A New Jersey psychiatry residency program eligible for award must currently be providing four years of training in adult psychiatry (the Program). Total funding is \$472,000 subject to State appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making one (1) award.

The purpose of the Program is to:

- Utilize existing funding not previously awarded by DMHAS. The existing funding will support one new resident in a New Jersey psychiatry residency program.
- Address the shortage of psychiatrists in New Jersey by increasing in-state psychiatric training opportunities.
- Ensure that the new state-funded psychiatry residency training position provides the resident with extensive experience in the public behavioral health system working with individuals in the community who have serious mental illness (SMI), with or without a co-occurring behavioral health condition, such as substance use disorders (SUD), intellectual disability or developmental disability.
- Encourage recruitment of qualified candidates for residency training who are likely to practice psychiatry in New Jersey after graduation.
- Support the psychiatry residency programs with supplemental funding to support faculty to provide supervision and mentorship of the psychiatry residents.

Funding the RFP Initiative

Total funding for this initiative is up to \$472,000 (\$100,000 per position per year), inclusive of one-time start-up funds in the amount of \$72,000. DMHAS anticipates making up to one (1) award up to \$472,000 inclusive of up to \$72,000 in one-time funds to support dedicated faculty needed to provide supervision and mentorship to the residents. Funding is to support one new four-year position in a residency training program. Funding for this RFP is provided under state appropriations. All funding is subject to availability of funds.

No funding match is required; however, bidders shall identify any other sources of funding, both in-kind and monetary, that shall be used on their proposal budget. Bidders may not fund any costs incurred for the planning or preparing a proposal in response to this RFP from current DHS/DMHAS contracts.

Intent of RFP Initiative

For the last several years, DHS/DMHAS has appropriated state funding to support additional residency positions in the accredited adult psychiatry residency programs and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowships in New Jersey. These initiatives are addressing the shortage of psychiatrists and child psychiatrists in the State of New Jersey. In addition to increasing the number of psychiatry residency and Fellowship positions, these initiatives are designed to provide residents and fellows with extensive experience in the community and public behavioral health system, including working with individuals who have serious mental illness (SMI), SUD, co-occurring (mental illness and SUD disorder), or intellectual/developmental disabilities. The initiative encourages recruitment of qualified candidates for residency and fellowship training who are likely to practice psychiatry in New Jersey after graduation. The residency programs receive supplemental funding to support faculty to provide supervision and mentorship of the psychiatry residents and fellows.

Currently, state funding supports sixty-four (64) adult psychiatry residents. In addition, state funding supports five (5) Child/Adolescent Psychiatry fellows. State Fiscal Year 2026 appropriated funding that allowed for four (4) Child/Adolescent Psychiatry fellows. In January 2026 DMHAS awarded funding to support fifteen (15) new psychiatry positions and two (2) new fellowship positions. As not all funding was awarded, this RFP is issued to support one additional four-year resident position for an accredited New Jersey psychiatry residency program that did not receive an award through the January 2026 Community Psychiatry Residency Initiative RLI. The trainee chosen by the successful bidder will start July 2026.

A Psychiatry Residency Program must demonstrate its program has enough qualified candidates for the position, as well as the faculty and internal capacity to support the residency program request. The award is based on scoring of the residency program's responses to the criteria in the RFP.

Anticipated RFP Schedule

The following summarizes the **anticipated** RFP schedule:

May 14, 2026	Notice of Funding Availability
May 21, 2026	Questions on RFP are due no later than 4:00 p.m. ET
May 28, 2026	Deadline to submit written intent to apply - no later than 4:00 p.m. ET
May 28, 2026	Deadline to request DHS secure file transfer protocol (SFTP) site login credentials - no later than 4:00 p.m. ET
June 4, 2026	Deadline for receipt of proposals - no later than 4:00 p.m. ET
TBD	Appeal deadline - no later than 4:00 p.m. ET

Bidders are responsible for monitoring the DHS website¹ for updates to the RFP schedule.

¹ <https://nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/notices/opportunities/>

II. Background and Eligible Population to be Served through this Initiative

The shortage of psychiatrists has been a national and state problem. One major cause is that the number of available residency positions to train psychiatrists has been relatively static, despite the availability of qualified candidates. New Jersey psychiatry residency programs report having significantly more qualified candidates than the number of residency positions available and that they are able to train more individuals if those positions are funded. To support their capacity for training psychiatrists, the New Jersey legislature allocated funding to support the New Jersey Psychiatric Residency Programs.

DHS and DMHAS remain committed to supporting the New Jersey psychiatry residency programs so that the psychiatry workforce will meet demands for services. The greatest shortage of psychiatrists and the most urgent unmet needs will continue to exist in community-based clinics and agencies serving individuals with serious mental illness. Thus, because it is vital that residents appreciate the professional and community value of working in the public mental health system, the residency programs shall develop a dedicated community psychiatry track for residents in the funded positions.

DHS/DMHAS requires residency programs to enhance and expand the community psychiatry training experience of their residents, beginning with the State Fiscal Year 2022 funding. Community psychiatry tracks offer enhanced training to residents interested in working in the public sector. Many individuals graduating medical school are looking for opportunities to work with vulnerable populations, and they may, in fact, be attracted to programs offering rotations in community psychiatry programs. Although all psychiatric residencies offer some community experience, the American Association for Community Psychiatry offers a listing on their website of residency programs that prioritize public and community psychiatry (see <https://www.communitypsychiatry.org/residency-training>).

The Community Psychiatry track must be made available for residents in funded positions in their Postgraduate Years (PGYs) 2- 4. The track will include a didactic program, reading list, and relevant rotations in non- hospital, community-based behavioral health programs for individuals with serious mental illness, severe SUDs, intellectual/developmental disabilities with behavioral issues, and other underserved and vulnerable populations. The sites available for rotations may include outpatient mental health programs, Programs of Assertive Community Treatment, substance use treatment programs, independent community living and residential treatment programs, and shelters. These rotations shall be open to all residents in the programs, not only to those in state-funded positions.

III. Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity.
- The bidder must be an accredited psychiatry residency program in New Jersey that is currently providing four years of training in adult psychiatry.
- The psychiatry residency program must not have been awarded a state grant through the Community Psychiatry Residency Initiative RLI issued by DMHAS in January 2026.
- 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](#)² 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.

IV. Contract Scope of Work

Psychiatry Residency Programs must:

1. Obtain any needed approvals from partnering hospitals and affiliated programs that will support and maintain the new positions that place emphasis on community psychiatry.
2. Obtain any needed certifications and approvals from residency accrediting bodies for the additional positions.
3. Institute a Community Psychiatry Training component or track for new residents during PGYs 2-4 that meets the requirements of this RLI.

² <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/>

4. By June 30, 2026, the psychiatry residency program shall provide DMHAS with an update of a new resident recruited that will start with their residency program July 2026.
5. Provide quarterly information on key requirements of the contract with DHS/DMHAS through an online application developed by the State.
6. Contact the DMHAS Medical Director via email if grant funded resident(s) cannot complete the four-year residency program (e.g., resident enters into a fellowship program). DMHAS will determine if the unspent funding, for the additional years, can be transferred to a new resident coming into the residency program. Unspent funding should not be used for a resident already in the residency program.

V. General Contracting Information

Bidders must currently meet or be able to meet the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services (DHS) contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual, and the Contract Policy and Information Manual. These documents are available on the [DHS website](#)³.

Bidders are required to comply with the Affirmative Action Requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 124 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991 (P.L. 101-336).

Budgets should accurately reflect the scope of responsibilities to accomplish the goals of this project.

All bidders will be notified in writing of the State's intent to award a contract.

The contract awarded as a result of this RFP is anticipated to have an initial term of one year (7/1/26 through (6/30/27). The contract will be renewable for up to three (3) additional one-year terms after the initial year, at DMHAS' sole discretion, with the agreement of the successful bidder. Funds may be used only to support services that are specific to this award; hence, this funding may not be used to supplant or duplicate existing funding streams. Actual funding levels will depend on the availability of funds and satisfactory performance.

The bidder must comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the bidder. Additionally, please take note of the Community Mental Health Services Regulations N.J.A.C. § 10:37-1.1 et. seq., which apply to all contracted mental health services. These regulations can be accessed on [Notices | Home](#).⁴

³ <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/olra/contracting/policy/>

⁴ <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/notices/index.shtml>

VI. Written Intent to Apply and Contact for Further Information (RFP Q&A)

A. Written Intent to Apply

Bidders must email MH.upload@dhs.nj.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on May 28, 2026, indicating their agency's intent to submit a proposal for the Community Psychiatry Residence Initiative RFP. The bidder must email their notice of intent to submit a proposal no later than the May 28, 2026 deadline. If a bidder's notice of intent to submit a proposal is received after the deadline their agency is not eligible to submit a proposal for consideration. Submitting a notice of intent to apply does not obligate an agency to apply.

B. Contact for Further Information (RFP Q&A)

Any questions regarding this RFP should be directed via email to MH.upload@dhs.nj.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on May 21, 2026. All questions and responses will be compiled and emailed to all those who submit a question or provide a notice of intent to apply. Bidders are guided to rely upon the information in this RFP and the responses to questions submitted by email to develop their proposals. Specific guidance, however, will not be provided to individual bidders at any time.

VII. Required Proposal Content

All bidders must submit a written narrative proposal that addresses the following topics, and adheres to all instructions and includes required supporting documentation, noted below:

Funding Proposal Cover Sheet (RFP Attachment A)

Bidder's Organization, History and Experience (10 points)

Provide a brief and concise summary of the bidder's background and experience in implementing this or related types of services and explain how the bidder is qualified to fulfill the obligations of the RFP. The written narrative should:

1. Describe your psychiatry residency program's history, as well as its mission and purpose.
2. Explain whether your psychiatry residency is currently accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and describe other licenses supporting the residency or training program.
3. Explain whether your residency training program has ever been in danger of losing ACGME accreditation.
4. Provide a description of all active litigation in which the bidder is involved, including pending litigation of which the bidder has received notice. Failure to disclose active or pending litigation may result in the agency being ineligible for contract award at DMHAS' sole discretion.
5. Describe the bidder's plan to bring the initiative to a conclusion at the end of the contract.

6. Describe the bidder's current status and compliance with DMHAS contract commitments in regard to programmatic performance and level of service, if applicable.
7. Provide the bidders ownership chart that shows the financial and voting interests, among other attributes. The company ownership chart must identify the types of legal entities and FEIN.
8. A Department Contract is not a Marketable Asset that may be purchased from a Provider Agency by another organization through an Acquisition, Affiliation, Consolidation, Merger, etc. Provide details of recent or pending Acquisition, Affiliation, Consolidation, or Merger of the bidder.

Project Description (50 points)

In this section, the bidder shall provide an overview of how the services detailed in the scope of work shall be implemented and the timeframes involved, specifically addressing the following:

1. Explain whether your program has the number of qualified candidates to fill one additional four-year position with a qualified candidate.
2. Provide the approximate number of candidate applications that you have received and the results of the recent Match.
3. Describe your experience recruiting qualified applicants who did not match and who were seeking a residency position.
4. Describe specific efforts that your residency program will make to recruit qualified residency candidates who did not match, and who will be likely to also remain in New Jersey and to practice in the public sector behavioral health system after graduation.
5. Provide a detailed description of your program's community psychiatry track. This shall explain how the program will ensure that all residents being supported by the funding will receive significant clinical experience serving individuals with serious mental illness and severe substance use disorders, among other underserved patient populations, in the residents' rotations in the public sector, non-hospital, community-based behavioral health settings.

Staffing (20 points)

Bidders must determine staff structure to satisfy the contract requirements. Bidders should describe the proposed staffing structure and identify how many staff members shall be hired to meet the needs of the program.

1. Describe the composition and skill set of the proposed program team, including the residency program director and program's administrative staff, as well as their staff qualifications.
2. Provide details about the staff who serve as faculty and as supervisors of the residents in training, include the ratio of trainee(residents) to the faculty and supervisor positions, if available.

3. Discuss whether having one psychiatry resident position added to the first-year trainees in July 2026, will create be any concerns about adequate supervision and core faculty staffing.
4. Describe the strategy to deliver topics related to NCLAS compliance.
5. Describe the approach for supervision of clinical staff, if applicable.
6. Provide a list of the bidder organization's board members and their current terms, including each member's professional licensure and organizational affiliation(s). The proposal shall indicate if the Board of Directors votes on contract-related matters.
7. If applicable, provide a list of consultants the bidder intends to utilize for the contract resulting from this RFP, including each consultant's professional licensure and organizational affiliation(s). Each consultant must be further described as to whether they are also a board member and, if so, whether they are a voting member. The bidder must identify all reimbursement the consultant received as a board member over the last twelve (12) months.

Budget (20 points)

Bidders must clearly indicate how this funding shall be used to support the added residency position and meet program goals and requirements. In addition to the required Budget forms, bidders are asked to provide budget notes. **Please note if the required Budget forms are not submitted, the proposal will not be considered.**

The budget should be reasonable and reflect the scope of responsibilities required to accomplish the goals of this project. All costs associated with the completion of the project must be delineated and the budget notes must clearly articulate budget items including a description of miscellaneous expenses and other costs.

1. A detailed budget using the Excel Budget template is required. Bidders must submit pricing using the Excel Budget template accompanying this RFP. Bidders should refer to Instructions for Excel Budget Template (Attachment E) for a clear understanding of how to work within the template file. The Budget template must be uploaded as an Excel file onto the file transfer protocol site as instructed in VIII. Submission of Proposal Requirements. Failure to submit the budget as an Excel file may result in a deduction of points. The standard budget categories for expenses include: A. Personnel, B. Consultants and Professionals, C. Materials and Supplies, D. Facility Costs, E. Specific Assistance to Clients, and F. Other. Supporting schedules for Revenue and General and Administrative Costs Allocation are also required. The budget must include two (2) separate, clearly labeled sections:
 - a. Section 1 – Full annualized operating costs to satisfy the scope of work detailed in the RFP and revenues excluding one-time costs; and
 - b. Section 2 - Proposed one-time costs, if any, which shall be included in the Total Gross Costs.
2. Budget notes detailing and explaining the proposed budget methodology, estimates and assumptions made for expenses and the calculations/computations to support the proposed budget are required. The State's proposal reviewers need to fully understand the bidder's budget projections from the information presented in its

proposal. Failure to provide adequate information could result in lower ranking of the proposal. Budget notes, to the extent possible, should be displayed on the Excel template itself.

3. The name and address of each organization – other than third-party payers – providing support and/or money to help fund the program for which the proposal is being submitted.
4. For all proposed personnel, the template should identify the staff position titles and staff names for current staff and total hours per workweek.
5. Identify the number of hours per clinical consultant.
6. Staff fringe benefit expenses, which may be presented as a percentage factor of total salary costs, should be consistent with the bidder's current fringe benefit package.
7. If applicable, General & Administrative (G&A) expenses, otherwise known as indirect or overhead costs, should be included if attributable and allocable to the proposed program. Since administrative costs for existing DMHAS programs reallocated to a new program do not require new DMHAS resources, a bidder that currently contracts with DMHAS should limit its G&A expense projection to “new” G&A only by showing the full amount of G&A as an expense and the off-set savings from other programs’ G&A in the revenue section.
8. Written assurance that if the bidder receives an award pursuant to this RFP, it shall pursue all available sources of revenue and support upon award and in future contracts, including agreement to obtain approval as a Medicaid-eligible provider.
9. INCLUDE ADDITIONAL ITEMS AS NEEDED

Attachments/Appendices

The enumerated items of Required Attachments #1 through #11 and Appendices #1 through #10 must be included with the bidder's proposal.

Please note that if Required Attachments #1 through #7 are not submitted and complete, the proposal will not be considered. Furthermore, the failure to provide documents necessary to assess fiscal viability (as identified in Attachments #8 through #10) may result in the disqualification of the bidder’s proposal.

The collective of Required Attachments #1 through #7 and Appendices #1 through #10 is limited to a total of 100 pages. Audits and interim financial statements (Required Attachments #8, #9 and #10) do not count towards the appendices’ 100-page limit. Attachments/Appendix information exceeding 100 pages will not be reviewed.

Required Attachments

1. Funding Proposal Cover Sheet (RFP Attachment A).
2. Department of Human Services Statement of Assurances (RFP Attachment C);
3. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions (RFP Attachment D);
4. [Disclosure of Investment in Iran](#);⁵
5. [Certificate of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia and Belarus](#);⁶

⁵ www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml

6. Statement of [Bidder/Vendor Ownership Disclosure](#);⁷
7. [Disclosure of Investigations and Other Actions Involving Bidder](#)⁸
8. Pursuant to Policy Circular P 1.11, a description of all pending and in-process audits identifying the requestor, the firm's name and telephone number, and the type and scope of the audit;
9. Audited financial statements and Single Audits (A133), prepared for the two (2) most recent fiscal years;
10. All interim financial statements prepared since the end of the bidder's most recent fiscal year. If interim financial statements have not already been prepared, provide interim financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and cash flows) for the current fiscal year through the most recent quarter ended prior to submission of the bid; and
11. Department of Human Services Commitment to Defend and Indemnify Form (Attachment G).

Appendices

1. Copy of documentation of the [bidder's charitable registration status](#);⁹
2. Bidder mission statement;
3. Organizational chart;
4. Job descriptions of key personnel;
5. Resumes of proposed personnel if on staff, limited to two (2) pages each;
6. List of the board of directors, officers and terms;
7. Original and/or copies of letters of commitment/support;
8. Provide an ownership chart that shows the financial and voting interests, among other attributes. The company ownership chart must identify the types of legal entities and FEIN, limited to four (4) pages;
9. Provide code of ethics and/or conflict of interest policy;
10. Provide certificate of incorporation.

VIII. Submission of Proposal Requirements

A. Format and Submission Requirements

DMHAS assumes no responsibility and bears no liability for costs incurred by the bidder in the preparation and submittal of a proposal in response to this RFP.

1. Format of Narrative Portion of Proposal

The narrative portion of the proposal should be no more than 5 pages, be single-spaced with one (1") inch margins, normal character spacing that is not condensed, and not be in smaller than twelve (12) point Arial, Courier New or Times New Roman font. For example, if the bidder's narrative starts on page 3 and ends on page 8 it is 6 pages

⁶ <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/administration/pdf/DisclosureofProhibitedActivitesinRussiaBelarus.pdf>

⁷ www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml

⁸ www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml

⁹ www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/charities

long, not 5 pages. DMHAS will not consider any information submitted beyond the page limit for RFP evaluation purposes. The budget notes and appendix items do not count towards the narrative page limit.

2. Submission Requirements

Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on June 4, 2026. The bidder must submit its proposal (including proposal narrative, budget, budget notes, and appendices) electronically using the DHS secure file transfer protocol (SFTP) site. Proposals must be uploaded to the DHS SFTP site, <https://securexfer.dhs.state.nj.us/login> using your unique login credentials.

Bidders must request the login credentials for this RFP by emailing MH.upload@dhs.nj.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on May 28, 2026. Email requests for login credentials must include the title of this RFP, individual's first name, last name, email address and name of agency/provider.

Proposals should be submitted in the following three files.

1. PDF file of entire proposal consisting of proposal narrative, budget, budget notes, attachments and appendices. Do not include interim and audited financial statements and Single Audits (A133) which should be submitted in a separate PDF file (see #3 below). Label file with the following title: Name of Agency/Provider Community Psychiatry Initiative Proposal
2. Excel file of budget using the DMHAS Excel budget template. Label file with the following title: Name of Agency/Provider Community Psychiatry Initiative Budget
3. PDF file of interim and audited financial statements and Single Audits (A133), prepared for the two (2) most recent fiscal years. Label file with the following title: Name of Agency/Provider Community Psychiatry Initiative Audit

B. Confidentiality/Commitment to Defend and Indemnify

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., or the common law right to know, proposals can be released to the public in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:12-1.2(b) and (c).

Bidder should submit a completed and signed Commitment to Defend and Indemnify Form (Attachment G) with the proposal. In the event that Bidder does not submit the Commitment to Defend and Indemnify Form with the proposal, DHS reserves the right to request that the Bidder submit the form after proposal submission.

After the opening of the proposals, all information submitted by a Bidder in response to a Bid Solicitation is considered public information notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary submitted by a Bidder. Proprietary, financial, security and confidential

information may be exempt from public disclosure by OPRA and/or the common law when the Bidder has a good faith, legal/factual basis for such assertion.

As part of its proposal, a Bidder may request that portions of the proposal be exempt from public disclosure under OPRA and/or the common law. Bidder must provide a detailed statement clearly identifying those sections of the proposal that it claims are exempt from production, and the legal and factual basis that supports said exemption(s) as a matter of law. DHS will not honor any attempts by a Bidder to designate its price sheet, price list/catalog, and/or the entire proposal as proprietary and/or confidential, and/or to claim copyright protection for its entire proposal. If DHS does not agree with a Bidder's designation of proprietary and/or confidential information, DHS will use commercially reasonable efforts to advise the Bidder. Copyright law does not prohibit access to a record which is otherwise available under OPRA.

DHS reserves the right to make the determination as to what to disclose in response to an OPRA request. Any information that DHS determines to be exempt from disclosure under OPRA will be redacted.

In the event of any challenge to the Bidder's assertion of confidentiality that is contrary to the DHS' determination of confidentiality, the Bidder shall be solely responsible for defending its designation, but in doing so, all costs and expenses associated therewith shall be the responsibility of the Bidder. DHS assumes no such responsibility or liability.

In order not to delay consideration of the proposal or DHS' response to a request for documents, DHS requires that Bidder respond to any request regarding confidentiality markings within the timeframe designated in DHS' correspondence regarding confidentiality. If no response is received by the designated date and time, DHS will be permitted to release a copy of the proposal with DHS making the determination regarding what may be proprietary or confidential.

IX. Review of Proposals

There will be a review process for responsive proposals. DMHAS will convene a review committee of public employees to conduct a review of each responsive proposal.

The bidder must obtain a minimum score of 70 points out of 100 points for the proposal narrative and budget sections in order to be considered eligible for funding. In the event no bidder obtains the required minimum scores, DMHAS shall have discretion to award the contract to the highest scoring bidder(s).

DMHAS will award up to 20 points for fiscal viability, using a standardized scoring rubric based on the audit, which will be added to the average score given to the proposal from the review committee. Thus, the maximum points any proposal can receive is 120 points, which includes the review committee's averaged score for the proposal's narrative and budget sections combined with the fiscal viability score.

In addition, 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.

Contract award recommendations will be based on such factors as the proposal scope, quality and appropriateness, bidder history and experience, as well as budget reasonableness. The review committee will look for compliance with NCLAS in each section of the narrative. The review committee may choose to visit all bidder finalists to review existing program(s) and/or invite all bidder finalists for interview. The bidder is advised that the contract award may be conditional upon final contract and budget negotiation.

DMHAS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals when circumstances indicate that it is in its best interest to do so. DMHAS' best interests in this context include, but are not limited to, loss of funding, inability of the bidder(s) to provide adequate services, an indication of misrepresentation of information and/or non-compliance with State and federal laws and regulations, existing DHS contracts, and procedures set forth in [Policy Circular P1.04](#)¹⁰.

DMHAS will notify all bidders of contract awards, contingent upon the satisfactory final negotiation of a contract.

X. Appeal of Award Decisions

All appeals must be made in writing by 4:00 p.m. ET on Date to Be Determined, by emailing it to MH.upload@dhs.nj.gov (subject line must include "Appeal and RFP title") and/or mailing or faxing it to:¹¹

Department of Human Services
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Office of the Assistant Commissioner
PO Box 362
Trenton, NJ 08625-0362
Fax: 609-341-2302

The written appeal must clearly set forth the basis for the appeal.

Any appeals sent to an email/address/fax number not mentioned above, will not be considered.

Please note that all costs incurred in connection with appeals of DMHAS decisions are considered unallowable cost for the purpose of DMHAS contract funding.

¹⁰ <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/olra/contracting/policy/>

¹¹ https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/documents/pdf/9_11.pdf

DMHAS will review all appeals and render a final decision. Contract award(s) will not be considered final until all timely filed appeals have been reviewed and final decisions rendered.

XI. Post Award Required Documentation

Upon final contract award announcement, the successful bidder(s) must be prepared to submit (if not already on file), one (1) original signed document for those requiring a signature or copy of the following documentation (unless noted otherwise) in order to process the contract in a timely manner, as well as any other contract documents required by DHS/DMHAS.

1. Most recent IRS Form 990/IRS Form 1120, and Pension Form 5500 (if applicable) (submit two [2] copies);
2. Copy of the [Annual Report-Charitable Organization](#)¹²;
3. A list of all current contracts and grants as well as those for which the bidder has applied from any Federal, state, local government or private agency during the contract term proposed herein, including awarding agency name, amount, period of performance, and purpose of the contract/grant, as well as a contact name for each award and the phone number;
4. Proof of insurance naming the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, PO Box 362, Trenton, NJ 08625-0362 as an additional insured;
5. Board Resolution identifying the authorized staff and signatories for contract actions on behalf of the bidder;
6. Current Agency By-laws;
7. Current Personnel Manual or Employee Handbook;
8. Copy of Lease or Mortgage;
9. Certificate of Incorporation;
10. Co-occurring policies and procedures;
11. Policies regarding the use of medications, if applicable;
12. Policies regarding Recovery Support, specifically peer staff;
13. Conflict of Interest Policy;
14. Affirmative Action Policy;
15. Affirmative Action Certificate of Employee Information Report, newly completed AA 302 form, or a copy of Federal Letter of Approval verifying operation under a federally approved or sanctioned Affirmative Action program. (AA Certificate must be submitted within 60 days of submitting completed AA302 form to Office of Contract Compliance);
16. A copy of all applicable licenses;
17. Local Certificates of Occupancy;
18. Current State of New Jersey Business Registration;
19. Procurement Policy;
20. Current equipment inventory of items purchased with DHS funds (Note: the inventory shall include: a description of the item [make, model], a State identifying

¹² <https://www.njportal.com/DOR/annualreports/>

- number or code, original date of purchase, purchase price, date of receipt, location at the Provider Agency, person(s) assigned to the equipment, etc.);
21. All subcontracts or consultant agreements, related to the DHS contract, signed and dated by both parties;
 22. Business Associate Agreement (BAA) for Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996 compliance, if applicable, signed and dated;
 23. Updated single audit report (A133) or certified statements, if differs from one submitted with proposal;
 24. Business Registration (online inquiry to obtain copy at [Registration Form](#)¹³; for an entity doing business with the State for the first time, it may register at the [NJ Treasury website](#)¹⁴;
 25. Source Disclosure ([EO129](#))¹⁵;
 26. Chapter 51 [Pay-to-Play Certification](#)¹⁶; and
 27. Successful bidder's active Unique Entity Identifier ("UEI"), if project funding includes any federal grant resources. The UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity registered at SAM.gov. It replaced the DUNS, and is distinct from the entity's Employer Identification Number (EIN or Employer ID). The UEI provided must match the successful bidder's legal business name and address, and it must be updated annually (or sooner if changes occur) and maintained during the period of subaward.

XII. Attachments

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¹³ https://www1.state.nj.us/TYTR_BRC/jsp/BRCLLoginJsp.jsp

¹⁴ <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue>

¹⁵ www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml

¹⁶ www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml

Attachment A – Proposal Cover Sheet

_____ Date Received

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Proposal Cover Sheet

Name of RFP: Community Psychiatry Initiative RFP

Incorporated Name of Bidder: _____

Type: Public _____ Profit _____ Non-Profit _____ Hospital-Based _____

Federal ID Number: ___-_____ Charities Reg. Number (if applicable) _____

Address of Bidder: _____

Chief Executive Officer Name and Title: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

Contact Person Name and Title: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

Total dollar amount requested: _____ Fiscal Year End: _____

Funding Period: From _____ to _____

Total number of unduplicated individuals to be served: _____

County in which services are to be provided: _____

Brief description of services by program name and level of service to be provided:

NOTE: In order to contract with the State of New Jersey, all providers applying for contracts, or responding to Request for Proposals (RFPs), *MUST* be pre-registered with the online eProcurement system known as NJSTART. You may register your organization by proceeding to the following web site: <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/vendor.shtml> or via telephone: (609) 341-3500.

*If project funding includes federal funds, no entity may receive a subaward from DMHAS unless the entity has provided its UEI to DMHAS and DMHAS may not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its UEI to DMHAS.

Authorization: Chief Executive Officer (printed name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attachment B – Addendum to RFP for Social Service and Training Contracts

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AND TRAINING CONTRACTS

Executive Order No. 189 establishes the expected standard of responsibility for all parties that enter into a contract with the State of New Jersey. All such parties must meet a standard of responsibility that assures the State and its citizens that such parties will compete and perform honestly in their dealings with the State and avoid conflicts of interest.

As used in this document, "provider agency" or "provider" means any person, firm, corporation, or other entity or representative or employee thereof that offers or proposes to provide goods or services to or performs any contract for the Department of Human Services.

In compliance with Paragraph 3 of Executive Order No. 189, no provider agency shall pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13b and e, in the Department of the Treasury or any other agency with which such provider agency transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13i, of any such officer or employee, or any partnership, firm, or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g.

The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity or other thing of value by any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from any provider agency shall be reported in writing forthwith by the provider agency to the Attorney General and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.

No provider agency may, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such provider agency to, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to any State agency or any instrumentality thereof, or with any person, firm or entity with which he is employed or associated or in which he has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g. Any relationships subject to this provision shall be reported in writing forthwith to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the State officer or employee or special State officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actuality or appearance of a conflict of interest.

No provider agency shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee in his official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.

No provider agency shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the provider agency or any other person.

The provisions cited above shall not be construed to prohibit a State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with provider agencies under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public subject to any guidelines the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards may promulgate.

Attachment C – Statement of Assurances

Department of Human Services Statement of Assurances

As the duly authorized Chief Executive Officer/Administrator, I am aware that submission to the Department of Human Services of the accompanying application constitutes the creation of a public document that may be made available upon request at the completion of the RFP process. This may include the application, budget, and list of applicants (bidder's list). In addition, I certify that the applicant:

- Has legal authority to apply for the funds made available under the requirements of the RFP, and has the institutional, managerial and financial capacity (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal/State share of project costs, as appropriate) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- Will give the New Jersey Department of Human Services, or its authorized representatives, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Will give proper notice to the independent auditor that DHS will rely upon the fiscal year end audit report to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain. This means that the applicant did not have any involvement in the preparation of the RFP, including development of specifications, requirements, statement of works, or the evaluation of the RFP applications/bids.
- Will comply with all federal and State statutes and regulations relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: 1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352; 34 C.F.R. Part 100) which prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin; 2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794; 34 C.F.R. Part 104), which prohibits discrimination based on handicaps and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.; 3) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.; 45 C.F.R. part 90), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; 4) P.L. 2975, Chapter 127, of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq.) and associated executive orders pertaining to affirmative action and non-discrimination on public contracts; 5) federal Equal Employment Opportunities Act; and 6) Affirmative Action Requirements of PL 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27).
- Will comply with all applicable federal and State laws and regulations.
- Will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5 (29 C.F.R. 5.5) and the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.27 et seq. and all regulations pertaining thereto.
- Is in compliance, for all contracts in excess of \$100,000, with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying amendment, incorporated at Title 31 U.S.C. 1352. This certification extends to all lower tier subcontracts as well.

- Has included a statement of explanation regarding any and all involvement in any litigation, criminal or civil.
- Has signed the certification in compliance with federal Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and State Executive Order 34 and is not presently debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded. The applicant will have signed certifications on file for all subcontracted funds.
- Understands that this provider agency is an independent, private employer with all the rights and obligations of such and is not a political subdivision of the Department of Human Services.
- Understands that unresolved monies owed the Department and/or the State of New Jersey may preclude the receipt of this award.

Applicant Organization

Signature: CEO or equivalent

Date

Typed Name and Title

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Attachment D - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

READ THE ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SIGNING THIS CERTIFICATION. THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CERTIFICATION.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by an Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 C.F.R. Part 98, Section 98.510.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of facts upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-- Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Attachment E - Instructions for Excel Budget Template

The Excel template, posted with the RFP, contains a template spreadsheet. Please open the respective template file tab and read the below guidance at the same time. This will allow for a clear understanding of how to work within the template file.

1. In the turquoise section, you will enter the proposed costs for this RFP. This should include all information from budget categories A-F, G/A, as well as **your number of consumers to serve**. FTE's in Category A are to be broken down between direct care, administration, and support. FTE's will not appear until three cells are completed: hours worked per employee on contract (column C), hours worked per employee per week (column D), and the amount of salary (column H) respectively. Category B is to be broken down between medical/clinical consultants, and non-medical/clinical consultants.
2. There is also a One-Time budget section at the bottom in the turquoise section for your use. Onetimes are shown separately but included in Total Gross Costs right after Gross Costs.
3. Please use the **"Explanatory Budget Notes"** column to help support anything that you feel needs to be explained in written word for evaluators to understand your intent regarding any cost/volume data populated in your template submission. Please provide notes, as well as, calculations that support any and all offsetting revenue streams. If you double up expenses on one budget line, please provide the individual expense details in the budget notes. Many cells are protected, but you can expand rows to give more room in the notes column should you need it.
6. General and Administrative Costs should be recorded in the template per the instructions in the RFP. That is, only additional G&A associated with this proposal should be included, not your normal G&A rate.
7. Make sure to remember to place your Agency Name and Region or County in the subject line when you send your template in **Excel** format.

SAVE ALL YOUR WORK, REVIEW AND PREPARE TO SEND IN EXCEL FORMAT.

Attachment F - Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language

MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE

N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127)

N.J.A.C. 17:27

GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affection-al or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, up-grading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, col-or, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or

sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;

Certificate of Employee Information Report; or

Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division through the Division's website at:

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance.

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

Attachment G – Commitment to Defend and Indemnify Form

**Department of Human Services
Commitment to Defend and Indemnify Form**

I, _____, on behalf of _____ (“Company”) agree that the Company will defend, and cooperate in the defense of, any action against the State of New Jersey (“State”) or the New Jersey Department of Human Services (“DHS”) arising from, or related to, the non-disclosure, due to the Company’s request, of documents submitted to the State of New Jersey and DHS, and relating to the Request for Proposals for Community Psychiatry Residency Initiative (“RFP”), which may become the subject of a request for government records under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. (“OPRA”). The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State and DHS against any judgments, costs, or attorney’s fees assessed against the State of New Jersey or DHS in connection with any action arising from, or related to, the non-disclosure, due to the Company’s request, of documents submitted to the State and DHS, and relating to the RFP, which may become the subject of a request for government records under OPRA.

The Company makes the foregoing agreement with the understanding that the State and DHS may immediately disclose any documents withheld without further notice if the Company ceases to cooperate in the defense of any action against the State arising from or related to the above-described non-disclosure due to the Company’s request.

I further certify that I am legally authorized to make this commitment and thus commit the Company to said defense.

(Signature)

(Print Name)

Title

Entity Represented

Date