

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Recovery High Schools Request for Letters of Interest
Date of Final Award – July 28, 2026

Name of Program: Recovery High Schools

Purpose:

This Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) was issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to support the needs of New Jersey's three Recovery High Schools by providing essential goods, services, and human resources tailored to their unique campuses and varying requirements. Funds provided via this RLI are intended to enhance recovery outcomes for its students by expanding intensive, varied recovery supports beyond traditional school hours and during the summer. While funds are not permitted for capital improvements such as building expansions or add-ons, there are many opportunities to supplement the school's recovery work in terms of scope and variety. Allowable costs under this RLI include:

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

This RLI is funded by the New Jersey State Opioid Response (NJ SOR) grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Total funding of \$200,000 is available for the initial year of this program subject to availability of federal funding. DMHAS made awards of \$100,000 each to two New Jersey's Recovery High Schools.

Recovery High School	Program Administrator	Amount Funded*	County of Award
Coastal Preparatory High School	Kathy Gibson	\$100,000	Cape May
The Raymond J. Lesniak Experience, Strength and Hope Recovery High School	Morgan Thompson	\$100,000	Union

**Actual amount may differ depending upon final contractual negotiation.*