

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

#### **Supporting Students in Recovery: Recovery Housing and/or Recovery Supports to Prevent and Reduce Substance Abuse on College Campuses in New Jersey**

**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:** Supporting Students in Recovery: Recovery Housing and/or Recovery Supports to Prevent and Reduce Substance Abuse on College Campuses in New Jersey

**Purpose:** The New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) for Supporting Students in Recovery to provide supportive, substance-free living environments and services for college students in recovery. The total amount of funds available through this RFP is \$2,250,000. This RFP is funded through Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant COVID-19 Supplement funding ending on March 14, 2023. DMHAS will make up to seven (7) awards to two- or four -year public institutions of higher education to provide recovery housing and/or recovery support services. It is anticipated up to three (3) awards to two-year institutions shall not exceed \$250,000 for each award; and up to four (4) awards to four-year institutions shall not exceed \$375,000 for each award. This RFP does not support capital costs. However, it is permissible to budget funds for general maintenance (e.g. interior painting, carpeting) on existing assets, or for new furnishings, to be dedicated exclusively for recovery housing and/or recovery support services.

Institutions that already have designated housing for students in recovery may still apply for funding for recovery programs and related services. Each college or university awardee will be required to: provide individual and group substance abuse recovery-oriented programs and services, implement campus-wide environmental prevention strategies, provide assessment, academic, and relapse prevention services to students, and other appropriate services. Note that designated recovery housing may include a dorm, floor, wing or other designated area within an existing residential building or other student housing and does not require that an entire dormitory be substance-free. Project oversight will be provided by the DMHAS. The funding available is one-time only and not renewable.

The successful bidder will ensure that the services provided ensure diversity, inclusion, equity, and cultural and linguistic competence to the target population. The successful bidder will continually assess and utilize demographic data of participants' catchment

area in its development and delivery of programming, evaluation, and program outcomes to ensure it is relevant to the population served. Additionally, the successful bidder will analyze data to implement strategies to increase program participation.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total funding for this RFP is \$2,250,000 subject to Federal appropriations.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** Bidders that may apply must meet the following eligibility criteria.

1. The bidder must be a State recognized accredited two or four-year public institution of higher learning in New Jersey;
2. The bidder may have received previous or current funding for recovery support services/housing from the DMHAS;
3. The bidder must be a fiscally viable public college or university;
4. The bidder must comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the bidder;
5. For a bidder that has a contract with the DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction for deficiencies submitted to the DMHAS for approval prior to submission;
6. The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements. If a bidder is determined, in the DMHAS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, the DMHAS will deem the proposal ineligible for contract award;
7. The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
8. The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors as an employee or in a consultant capacity.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective July 6, 2022, 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  
Department of Human Services  
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
5 Commerce Way, Suite 100  
PO Box 362  
Trenton, NJ 08625

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. August 3, 2022.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before August 26, 2022.

June 30, 2022

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Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

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