

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

#### INTERIM SOBER RECOVERY HOUSING SERVICES TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

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

**Program Name:** Interim Sober Recovery Housing Services to Homeless Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder

**Purpose:** This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by DMHAS to provide interim sober recovery housing to individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) who are homeless and may also have a co-occurring disorder. The priority population are participants in DMHAS' Opioid Overdose Recovery Program (OORP) and Support Team for Addiction Recovery (STAR) program. OORP serves clients who have overdosed, were reversed with Naloxone, and transported to the Emergency Department by EMS. Many need a place to stay upon discharge from the Emergency Department. OORP statistics from 2019 indicate that 16.6%, or 313 clients, were homeless. Often these clients are placed in shelters or remain homeless, until a more stable housing situation can be found. Interim housing allows clients short term stability while the provider tries to move the client into a more permanent situation such as recovery housing, or even supported housing. The other priority group are participants in DMHAS' STAR program. In 2020, 21.5% or 238 STAR clients, were homeless. The successful bidder will begin working with the identified consumers as soon as possible after contract award to develop a case management plan of improvement based on consumers expressed interest and need. Bidders applying for more than one (1) county must submit a separate proposal for each county. It is anticipated that consumers will be housed for a period of two (2) months, with extension requests reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis. The funding amounts are as follows: \$180,000 for interim housing assistance and a separate funding amount of \$500,000 for case management services to support this request. Total funding is **\$680,000** subject to Federal appropriations.

DMHAS seeks to award this RFP to bidders who can provide sober recovery homes in the form of interim housing and who can demonstrate a safe and sober recovery housing environment. Up to 60 beds will be used to serve at least 60 clients, but potentially more if the client can be transitioned to more stable housing in less than two (2) months in the community. Interim recovery housing refers to the housing or the environment in which an individual, who is recovering from SUD, has the assistance of peer support and substance use recovery assistance to help support their recovery until placement in a

more stable housing environment. The expectation is that these 60 beds will serve as a foundation to allow the participant a safe environment to seek therapy, secure employment, find more permanent housing and enter the community. Appropriate sober recovery housing continues to be a barrier for many SUD consumers who are ready to enter the community. The lack of adequate housing for OORP/STAR clients often lands them in shelters or residential treatment. This barrier has prevented many participants from moving to the next stage in their recovery.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total annualized funding for this initiative is \$680,000 subject to appropriations.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** In order to be eligible for consideration for funding under this RFP, bidders must meet the following qualifications:

- The bidder must be a non-profit or governmental entity;
- Bidders must provide the available housing space identified in their proposal for consumers for a period of two (2) months, with extension requests reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis;
- 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;
- The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors as an employee or in a consultant capacity; 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 August 19, 2022, the 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> <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>

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**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. EST on September 16, 2022.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before October 14, 2022.

August 19, 2022

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Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

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