

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

#### Mobile Access to Medications for Substance Use Disorder

**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:** Mobile Access to Medications for Substance Use Disorder

**Purpose:** This initiative is funded through a blend of federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program awarded to the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) in 2020 as well as federal funding from the Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention block grant.

The contracts awarded for this initiative will be for one year; therefore, the contract period will be July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued to implement an initiative that will enable agencies to travel to communities on a regular basis to provide low-threshold medication services to people with a substance use disorder (SUD) who encounter obstacles to receiving services at traditional "brick-and-mortar" treatment agencies.<sup>1</sup> The successful bidder to this RFP will purchase a Mobile Outreach Vehicle (MOV) to travel to areas of high need in the agency's service area and prescribe medication to people with SUD or co-occurring SUD and mental illness. Total annualized funding is \$3,000,000 subject to Federal and State appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to three (3) awards. Contractees will address the behavioral and medical health needs of, at minimum, 100 people and refer them to primary or specialty providers for needed services. Each contractee will receive \$1,000,000, which will include start-up funds in the amount of \$300,000 for each contractee to purchase the MOV. When the initiative ends, the MOV will be the property of DMHAS, and contractees may continue to operate by renting the vehicle from the Division for a nominal cost.

This initiative, *Mobile Access to Medications for Substance User Disorder* (Short Title: *Mobile Access*) is designed to increase access to medications for SUD, i.e., buprenorphine, naloxone, naltrexone, methadone or acamprosate; case management; and recovery support services. This initiative is open to any Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) licensed by the NJ Department of Health Certificate of Need Licensing Office (CNL)

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<sup>1</sup> Low threshold medication services create access to care by removing traditional barriers such as requirements for abstinence or ongoing counseling, to people who are at high risk.

prior to the start of services. Priority will be given to proposals from counties with low access to those medications, as well as areas of the State with a high number of people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Related data can be found at DMHAS' website,<sup>2</sup> the NJ Cares real-time dashboard of opioid-related information<sup>3</sup> and the NJ Point-in-Time Count of the Homeless.<sup>4</sup> This initiative will offer services to people who seek this type of service in a safe and nonjudgmental environment, despite continued drug use or lapses in care.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total annualized funding for this initiative is \$3,000,000 subject to appropriations.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder must be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be an OTP licensed by the NJ Department of Health Certificate of Need Licensing Office (CN&L) at the time the proposal is submitted;
- 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 (PoC) 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>5</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;
- 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;
- **The bidder must be an approved Medicaid provider or agree to apply to become a Medicaid provider; and**
- **The bidder must attend the Mandatory Bidders conference as described in this RFP.**

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective March 28, 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.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/publications/statistical/index.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.njoag.gov/programs/nj-cares/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/pit-hic/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Helen Staton  
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Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
5 Commerce Way, Suite 100  
PO Box 362  
Hamilton, NJ 08691-0362

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2022.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before May 23, 2022.

March 28, 2022

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Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

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