

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Expanded Hour/Same Day Service for Methadone and Other Medications in Opioid Treatment Programs

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: Expanded Hour/Same Day Service for Methadone and Other Medications in Opioid Treatment Programs

Purpose: This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for the development of an Expanded Hour/Same Day Service to Methadone and Other Medications in Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) initiative. This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response grant (Short Title: SOR). The SOR grant period is September 30, 2020 to September 29, 2022. Funding is available through September 29, 2022, depending on Federal appropriations. The Expanded Hour/Same Day Service to Methadone and Other Medications in OTPs initiative (Short Title: Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs) is intended to be a one (1) year program. Total annualized funding is \$1,600,000, subject to Federal appropriations, which must include services to provide low threshold, on-demand Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) followed by treatment or referral to ongoing care for individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD). These services create access to treatment by removing traditional barriers such as service hours.

DMHAS anticipates making up to two (2) awards in the amount of \$800,000 for each award for one (1) year. NJ-licensed OTPs located in the following seven (7) counties are eligible to apply:

- Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Ocean, Monmouth, Middlesex, and Union Counties.

Four contracts were previously awarded to establish programs in Atlantic, Gloucester, Hudson, and Mercer from an RFP issued in January 2021. Awards for Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs will be made with the goal of services being available across the State with special focus on high-need areas. Related data can be found at DMHAS' website¹. No more than one (1) award will be issued in a county.

No funding match is required; however, bidders will need to identify any other sources of funding, both in-kind and monetary, that will be used. Providers are expected to bill for

¹ <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/publications/statistical/index.html>

all eligible services. Bidders may not fund any costs incurred for the planning or preparing a proposal in response to this RFP from current DHS/DMHAS contracts.

The Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs will provide same-day access to treatment for individuals with an OUD with or without co-occurring mental health and/or physical health disorders. Services will include medical screening and facilitated referral; behavioral health assessment; medications for treatment of OUD including, methadone and buprenorphine; case management services; brief intervention; and treatment and/or facilitated referral to ongoing treatment. Providers will have naloxone available at all times.

Total annualized funding is \$1,600,000, subject to Federal appropriations, which must include services to provide Extended Hour/Same Day Services Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) followed by treatment or referral to ongoing care for individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD).

These services create increased access to care by removing traditional barriers to engagement and ongoing treatment. New Jersey has designated two MAT Centers of Excellence (COEs) in the treatment of OUDs, one at Rowan University/Cooper Medical School in Camden, NJ, and another located at Rutgers University Medical School in Newark, NJ. The COEs offer free training, mentoring and telephonic assistance to prescribers or individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD). These services will be available to the successful bidder.

In addition to onsite services, the successful bidder will provide prescribing services through telehealth, thereby expanding the reach of the Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding for this initiative is \$1,600,000 subject to federal appropriations.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: Any NJ-licensed OTP located in Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Ocean, Monmouth, Middlesex, or Union Counties with a commitment to providing low-barrier/on demand medication and support to individuals with an OUD shall provide a full array of programmatic services, to include six (6) additional hours per day, a minimum of six (6) days per week with the goal of extending hours into the evening and admitting new individuals for these services during these times. The additional operating hours may be continuous or separated by times when the clinic closes and would reopen for business.

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

- The bidder may be a non-profit, for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- Applicant must be a NJ-licensed OTP; this does not apply to providers that are SAMSHA-certified OTPs only;

- Awardees must have the capacity to provide medications for addiction through expanded hours and provide same day treatment services;
- 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 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 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 at [Debarment²](#) 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 18, 2021, 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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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on September 15, 2021.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before October 15, 2021.

August 16, 2021

Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

Date

³ <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>