

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Designated Screening Services Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Middlesex, Morris and Somerset Counties

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: Designated Screening Services for Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Middlesex, Morris and Somerset Counties

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for the continued provision of Designated Screening Services (i.e., Psychiatric Emergency Services) for Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Middlesex, Morris and Somerset Counties.

The psychiatric emergency service programs awarded through this RFP shall offer services to persons who may be approaching or are experiencing a psychiatric crisis. Prompt assessment, crisis intervention and referral services will be offered 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The program will also operate a 24-hour hotline, with calls being answered by trained clinical staff at all times.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding is \$12,633,713 subject to State appropriations and is as follows:

Atlantic County: \$2,336,433
Bergen County: \$2,695,367
Cape May County: \$813,855

Middlesex County: \$3,128,935
Morris County: \$2,458,265
Somerset County: \$1,200,858

DMHAS anticipates making one award for each of these county-based service areas, resulting in six total awards. Bidders applying for more than one (1) county/region must submit separate proposals for each region.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible to apply for funding, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder must/may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be licensed by the Department of Health Certificate of Need Licensing Office (CN&L) prior to the start of 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 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 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](#)¹ or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds;
 - Pursuant to DHS Contract Policy and Information Manual Policy Circular 8.05, the bidder shall not have a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. Persons in a position of trust include Provider Agency staff members, officers and Governing Board Members. A bidder must have written Conflict of Interest policies and procedures that satisfy the requirements of P8.05, thereby ensuring that paid Board members do not participate in transactions except as expressly provided in the P8.05 circular; 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: July 31, 2025 the RFP is available at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/index.html and www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/. 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 4, 2025.

July 30, 2025

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date

¹ <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>