

**NJ Department of Human Services (DHS)
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)
Recovery High Schools
Request for Letters of Interest (RLI)
Questions and Answers
May 18, 2026**

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1.	What particular specifications are needed for the RLI?	Applicants should review the RLI for specifications.	I. Purpose and Intent VII. LOI Requirements	1 6
2.	Must all Year 1 funds be fully expended by September 29, 2026?	Ideally funds would be fully expended by 9/29/26. Funds not expended cannot be guaranteed to be carried over.	I. Purpose and Intent	1
3.	Would a no-cost extension be allowable if implementation or student engagement activities extend beyond the initial contract period?	This RLI is funded through the New Jersey State Opioid Response provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Year 1 and 2 funding ends on September 29, 2026. At this time, SAMHSA has not offered an extension or approved carryover for this funding. The expenditure period is set to expire on September 29, 2026, unless otherwise extended by SAMHSA.	I. Purpose and Intent	1
4.	Would carryover of unobligated funds into the following contract period be permissible with prior approval?	See response to question #3.	I. Purpose and Intent	1
5.	Would summer engagement activities such as recovery check-ins, recruitment, planning, vocational support, and family engagement qualify as allowable implementation activities during the summer months?	Yes.	I. Purpose and Intent	1

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6.	Since payment is reimbursement-based, is there any advance payment mechanism available for smaller organizations managing upfront program expenses?	Successful applicant may address payment methodology during contract negotiations. DMHAS shall determine the method of reimbursement for any cost-based contract in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Department of Human Services Contract Reimbursement Manual. ¹		
7.	If the award announcement occurs after summer programming has already begun, will expenses incurred after the official contract start date but prior to award execution be reimbursable?	Successful applicants will be contacted for contract negotiations. Once contract documents are executed, awarded funds may be expended.		

¹ <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/olra/documents/Contract%20Reimbursement%20Manual%20-%20Complete.pdf>