

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES

#### Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program

**TAKE NOTICE** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Disability Services (DDS) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

**Program Name:** Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program.

**Purpose:** The Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program provides funding opportunities to communities and nonprofit organizations in New Jersey to promote and implement initiatives that support the health and well-being of individuals with disabilities in the communities where they live.

This Request for Proposals (this RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Disability Services (DDS), which seeks partners to implement initiatives beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Contingent upon available appropriations, with funding and oversight provided by DDS, awardees will undertake initiatives through one of two possible grant options: *Capacity Building* or *Implementation*, to address the following three mutually reinforcing, specific objectives with a broad focus on all people with disabilities, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration status, and/or income:

1. Adopt processes that are inclusive of people with disabilities as part of efforts to plan and create healthy communities; and
2. Plan and implement sustainable strategies that deliver the benefits of healthy communities to people with disabilities; and
3. Advance sustainable practice, systems, and environmental change that address the pre-existing physical, environmental, social, and economic challenges that prevent people with disabilities from having full access to the opportunities that support health and well-being.

In accordance with the IHC core principles and priority considerations, outlined below, applications should seek to advance policy, practice, systems, and environmental changes to enhance healthy community outcomes for people with disabilities.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total funding available through this RFP is approximately \$1.54 million. Successful bids will be awarded grants of a twelve month duration, subject to State Appropriations.

Capacity building grants may not exceed \$60,000 during the twelve month grant period and implementation grants may not exceed \$150,000 during the twelve month grant period.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** To be eligible for consideration for an IHC grant, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a (a) county or municipal government entity, including local and county authorities such as a Board of Education, or (b) an organization with a current status of having an approved IRS approved 501(c)(3) status
- The bidder must be in good standing with DDS if there is an existing grant or contract in place. The bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DDS 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 DDS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DDS will deem the proposal ineligible for grant award.
- The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/debarment/debsearch.shtml> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
- The bidder shall not employ a member of its Board of Directors in a consultant capacity.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective February 2, 2022, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Filing Instructions:** All bidders are required to electronically submit the proposal narrative, budget and appendices to the following address:

[ihc@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:ihc@ejb.rutgers.edu)

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM on March 23, 2022

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before April 29, 2022.

February 1, 2022

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Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

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