

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

American Sign Language Interpreter Services

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: American Sign Language Interpreter Services

Purpose: DMHAS is pleased to release this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals to develop a broker service to assist in the accessing of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services and purchase interpreter services for individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired after all other possible sources of funding are exhausted.

DMHAS anticipates making up to one (1) contract award to provide ASL interpreter services for the deaf and hard of hearing who present at a screening service in any of the following counties: Atlantic, Cape May, Camden, Burlington, Ocean, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

Available Funding Amount: Total annual funding of \$80,000 is available, subject to State 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, for-profit or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Licensing 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 (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 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 at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred/debarsearch.htm> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds.

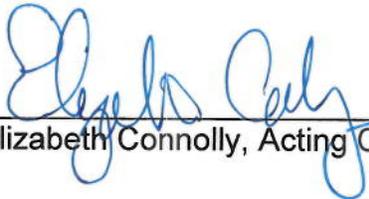
- The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors in a consultant capacity;
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, a for-profit bidder and each proposed subcontractor must have a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue. This statutory requirement does not apply to non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies;
- The bidder must attend the Mandatory Bidders Conference as described in the RFP; and
- The bidder must conform to the requirements of the Registry of Interpreters (RID) for the Deaf Certification or use service providers that adhere to these certification requirements.

Proposal Procedure: Effective October 29, 2015 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. Eastern Standard Time on December 8, 2015.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before January 14, 2016.



Elizabeth Connolly, Acting Commissioner

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Date