

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

#### Opioid Overdose Recovery Program

**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:** Opioid Overdose Recovery Program

**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) to solicit proposals to develop an Opioid Overdose Recovery Program to respond to individuals reversed from opioid overdoses and treated at hospital emergency departments as a result of the reversal. DMHAS will provide annualized funding of \$255,750 and one-time start-up costs up to \$12,500 to each contractee subject to federal appropriations. **This funding is contingent on DMHAS being awarded federal funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant opportunity.** DMHAS anticipates making one (1) contingent award in each of the following counties: Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren.

The Opioid Overdose Recovery Program will utilize Recovery Specialists and Patient Navigators to engage individuals reversed from an opioid overdose to provide non-clinical assistance, recovery supports and appropriate referrals for assessment and substance use disorder treatment. The Recovery Specialists and Patient Navigators will also maintain follow-up with these individuals. Recovery services provided for these individuals should be fundamentally strengths-based. Additionally, they should deliver or assertively link individuals to appropriate and culturally-specific services and provide support and resources throughout the process. It is planned that, at minimum, recovery specialists will be accessible and on-call from Thursday evenings through Monday mornings in the specific locations where funding is made available.

Bidders applying for more than one (1) county must submit separate proposals for each county.

**Available Funding Amount:** A total of up to \$2,557,500 (\$255,750 for each contractee) and \$125,000 (\$12,500 for each contractee) in one-time start-up costs, subject to Federal appropriation, is expected to be available. This funding is contingent

on DMHAS being awarded federal funding through the SAMHSA State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant opportunity.

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

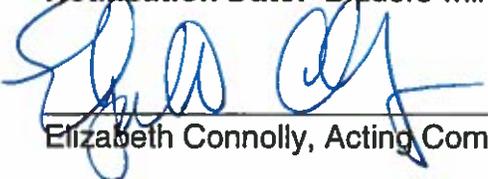
- The bidder must be a non-profit entity, including hospitals or government entities;
- If a bidder has a contract with DMHAS when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission of an application for funding;
- 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/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml> 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; and
- The bidder must attend the Mandatory Bidders conference as described in the RFP.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective March 30, 2017, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpfi/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpfi/index.html) and [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/). A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Helen Staton  
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**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on May 16, 2017.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before June 16, 2017.

  
Elizabeth Connolly, Acting Commissioner

3/28/17  
Date