

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

#### OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION REGARDING THE USE OF OPIOID PAIN RELIEVERS FOR SPORTS-RELATED INJURIES IN YOUNG ATHLETES

**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:** Outreach and Community Education Regarding the Use of Opioid Pain Relievers for Sports-Related Injuries in Young Athletes

**Purpose:** This Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for DMHAS-funded regional prevention coalitions. DMHAS-funded regional prevention coalitions operating within the State of New Jersey will partner with DMHAS in its NJ AssessRx project funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (Short Title: SPF Rx) grant. The grant funding opportunity announcement SP 16-006 can be viewed at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-16-006>.

The program is designed to raise awareness about the dangers of sharing medications and work with pharmaceutical and medical communities on the risks of overprescribing to young adults – particularly to young athletes. SPF Rx will also raise community awareness and bring prescription drug abuse prevention activities and education to schools, communities, parents, prescribers, and their patients. In addition, SAMHSA will track reductions in opioid overdoses and the incorporation of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) data into needs assessments and strategic plans as indicators of the program's success.

Eligible applicants are the 21 county-based DMHAS-funded regional prevention coalitions. These funds are intended to enable them to expand the scope of their work and allow them to provide services to and for this population. DMHAS is limiting eligibility to these entities because they have the greatest likelihood of achieving success through the NJAssess Rx grant program.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total annualized funding for this RLI is approximately \$407,350 for Year 1 and \$263,350 for Years 2-4 subject to federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making 21 awards of approximately \$19,400 each for Year 1 and \$12,540 each for Years 2-4.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** To be eligible for consideration for this RLI, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

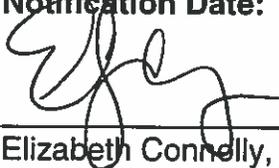
- Be a DMHAS-funded prevention coalition;
- Bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission;
- The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements. If a bidder is determined, 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/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 the Board of Directors in a consultant capacity.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective September 29, 2017, the Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) is available at [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpri/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpri/index.html) and [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/). A letter of interest must be submitted that comports with the RLI requirements and instructions.

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**Submission Deadline:** Letters of Interest must be received by 4:00 p.m. October 27, 2017.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before December 1, 2017.

  
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Elizabeth Connelly, Acting Commissioner

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