

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

#### **Notice of Availability of Funds**

#### **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program: Academic Partner**

**Take notice** that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety (DL&PS) announces the anticipated availability of the following grant program funds:

**a) Name of the Program: FFY21 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse**

**Site-based Program: Academic Partner.** This program is supported by the FFY2021 Bureau of Justice Assistance, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Pub. L. No. 115-31, 131 Stat. 135, 205.

**b) Purpose:** DL&PS received funding under the FFY21 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program to develop and implement Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programs in six designated sites. As part of the project, DL&PS requires the assistance of an academic partner in developing and evaluating each LEAD program at the six sites. DL&PS is seeking an academic partner to act as a Subrecipient under the FFY21 grant to be responsible for working directly with each site to develop data collection guidelines that take into consideration each jurisdiction's individual project and needs, ensure that data is being collected appropriately and timely by each site, and evaluate the collected data on an ongoing basis. The academic partner will analyze the collected data during the grant period and create a final report that evaluates each program. Evaluation of

the program may also include interviews and/or surveys with relevant partners and stakeholders.

The Subrecipient must work closely with the NJ CARES Project Coordinator and project stakeholders to monitor, evaluate, and document the progress and outcomes of the six LEAD sites. The NJ CARES Coordinator and project stakeholders will rely on the Subrecipient in ensuring that data is collected most effectively at each individualized site and the project's progress is documented throughout the grant period.

**c) Available Funding:** DL&PS anticipates an award of \$6,000,000 for the FFY21 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program. Of this amount, \$150,000 will be awarded to an Institution of Higher Education to develop and evaluate the six LEAD programs. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis, pursuant to the quality of the application submitted and the pending availability of federal funding. Funding decisions will be made to ensure the broadest and deepest level of planning, development, data collection, and review.

Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$150,000 for a 24-month grant period. The project period will begin July 1, 2022 and end on June 30, 2024. Only one application per project will be accepted. Continuation funding may be available, contingent upon the availability of Federal funding and the Subrecipient's compliance with grant conditions and performance of its goals and objectives.

**d) Organizations which may apply for funding under this program:** Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education are eligible to apply.

e) **Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding:** Applicants must be in good standing with all State and Federal agencies with which they have had an existing grant or contractual relationship. Where appropriate, all applicants must hold current professional and State licenses and certifications.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006 requires agencies to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and register with the System for Award Management (SAM), formerly the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), to receive a Federal award or subaward. Applicants without a current DUNS number(s) and SAM registration will be considered ineligible.

To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must file an application, in accordance with the requirements of the program, by the submission deadline. **The following scored components must be included in the application:**

**1. *Agency Background, Mission, Experience, and Capability. 25 points***

Please describe in detail the applicant's mission, background and experience as it relates to the purpose and objectives of the proposed project. Explain the applicant's knowledge and capability to carry out the project based on demonstrated experience in providing the services described in section (b).

**2. *Project Description, including Goal, Objectives, and Timeline. 30 points***

Please specify a clear, realistic goal for the proposed project. Identify objectives that are concise, measurable and clearly relate to the goal. Focus in particular on the applicant's ability to create data collection guidelines for each LEAD project site, oversee data collection at each project site, and evaluate the projects and

outcomes for each site. Describe in detail the project's approach or strategy for working with project stakeholders to attain each objective. Include a timeline that specifies each objective along with the major activities, responsible staff and feasible time frames for each objective and activity.

**3. *Project Management and Staff. 5 points***

Please identify all project management and staff. Describe how personnel are uniquely qualified to manage and implement the project. Provide current resumes along with job descriptions for each position. The job description should detail the title and job responsibilities, as well as the education and experience necessary for the positions.

Additionally, state if the positions are full-time or part-time and the number of hours and percentage of time devoted to the project. Indicate if you will use existing staff or if you will recruit new staff for each position requested in the budget.

**4. *Data Collection, Performance Measures, and Evaluation. 20 points***

Describe the methods that will be used to measure the progress and impact of the project.

**5. *Budget and Budget Narrative. 20 points***

Please provide a detailed narrative justification for requested funds. Costs must be specific and tied to the project goal and objectives. For questions pertaining to

budget and examples of allowable and unallowable costs, see the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/>).

**f) Procedures for Eligible Organizations to Apply:**

Application packages are available on DL&PS website at [Grant Opportunities - New Jersey Office of Attorney General \(njoag.gov\)](#). Please follow the requirements of this Notice of Availability of Funds when drafting the application; and submit completed application by the submission deadline. DL&PS reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. The submitted application may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

**g) Submit completed application to:**

levyk@njdcj.org

**h) Deadline by which applications must be submitted:**

Applications must be completed and emailed **before 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 31, 2022.**

**i) Date by which notices shall be emailed of approval or disapproval of applications:** All

applicants will be notified in writing on or about May 30, 2022, whether or not their proposed project will be funded.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement expressly depends upon the availability to

DL&PS of funds appropriated by the State or Federal Legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources, as may be applicable. A failure of DL&PS to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal Legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by DL&PS or an event of default under a grant agreement and DL&PS shall not be held liable for any breach of a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from DL&PS beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by DL&PS to expend funds beyond the termination date set in a grant agreement.