PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability of Funds

SYF24 Alternative Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation (ARRIVE) Together

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

- a) Name of the Program: ARRIVE Together. This program is supported by a 2024 state budget allocation.
- **b) Purpose:** The purpose of the ARRIVE Together program is to ensure that residents who contact or are in contact with law enforcement and are experiencing mental and behavioral health emergencies have access to mental health treatment and support services. This funding will help ensure that the program is available to every resident in the state by resourcing county prosecutors' offices with funds to manage the ARRIVE programs within its county.

Available Funding: The State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General is making available up to \$3,150,000 of its \$10,000,000 state budget allocation to support the county-based administrative support of ARRIVE Together. These funds will be awarded by formula pursuant to the quality of the applications submitted and the availability of state funding. Funding decisions will be made to ensure the broadest and deepest level of service coverage practicable, taking into account the type of services to be delivered, the desired outcomes, and the geographic distribution of the project.

Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$150,000 per project for a one-year grant period. The project period will begin April 1, 2024, and end on March 31, 2025; extensions may be granted on a case by case basis.

- c) Organizations that may apply for funding under this program: County Prosecutor's Offices.
- d) 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 a grant or contractual relationship. Where appropriate, all applicants must hold current professional and State licenses and certifications.

Charitable organizations and professional fundraisers based, operating, or soliciting within New Jersey must register with the Division of Consumer Affairs Charities Registration Section, unless specifically exempted under the provisions of the Charitable Registration and Investigation Act, N.J.S.A. 45:17A-18 et seq. Proof of charity registration compliance or proof of exemption shall be submitted with the organization's application. The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applicants who cannot demonstrate proof of compliance with program requirements.

To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must file a completed application, in accordance with the

requirements of the program, by the submission deadline. The State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General may also take into account an applicant's past performance meeting goals, objectives, and reporting requirement deadlines, as well as reimbursement request accuracy.

The following components must be included in the application:

1. Agency Background, Mission, Experience, and Capability

Describe in detail the agency's mission, background, and experience as it relates to the purpose and objectives of the proposed project. Explain the agency's knowledge and capability to carry out the project, describe how your agency will support and grow the current and future ARRIVE Together programs in the county.

2. Problem Statement/Needs Assessment

Please identify the specific problem(s), target population, and geographic area that the proposed project will address. Describe the needs and characteristics of the target population; local needs and conditions; describe existing services and identify gaps and/or barriers in services.

3. Goals, Objectives and Implementation; and Project Work Plan

Please specify a clear, realistic goal for supporting and expanding the ARRIVE Together Program in your county in order to make your program available to all residents within your county. Include a project work plan that specifies each objective along with the major activities, including, but not limited to, expansion milestones, community engagement, responsible staff, and feasible time frames for each objective and activity.

4. Key Project Staff

Please identify all project management and staff. Describe how personnel are uniquely qualified to manage and implement the project. Indicate if you will use existing staff or if you will recruit new staff for each position requested in the budget.

5. Data Collection/Performance Measures/Evaluation

Provide a description of how you will ensure data collection, and engage the community and key stakeholders in planning, maintaining, and evaluating, the ARRIVE Together Program in your county. Community feedback and feedback from those directly served by the program is strongly encouraged when it can be obtained with respect to the individual and their privacy concerns. Key stakeholder, community, and law enforcement feedback is strongly encouraged.

6. Budget Detail and Budget Narrative

Applicants must provide an itemized list of costs and a narrative explanation as to why those costs are necessary to the success of the project. Costs must be specific and tied to the project objectives (e.g., salaries, equipment, training, etc.). Applicants should refer to the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines for a description of budget categories, allowable expenses and match requirements.

e) Procedures for Eligible Organizations to Apply:

Application packages are available on the OAG website at https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/.

Applicants must complete and submit an application with all applicable documents provided and signatures by the submission deadline. https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/.

Applications must be emailed to the following email address: arrivetogether@njoag.gov. Place your agency name and project title in the subject line.

Applications that do not comply with the requirements of this Notice of Availability of Funds or the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines may not be considered.

The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. Agencies previously funded are not guaranteed continued funding or funding at previous levels.

The submitted application may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

f) The address* of the office receiving the application:

Tiffany Wilson, Director of the Office of Alternative and Community Responses Office of the Attorney General Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex 25 Market Street Trenton, New Jersey 08625

* ONLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS VIA EMAIL: arrivetogether@njoag.gov

g) Deadline by which applications must be submitted:

Applications must be completed and emailed to <u>arrivetogether@njoag.gov</u> on or before 5:00 pm on March 1, 2024.

h) Date by which notices shall be sent of approval or disapproval of applications:

All applicants will be notified on or about March 18, 2024, whether or not their proposed project(s) will be funded.