

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

### Notice of Availability of Funds

#### **SFY25 Alternative Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation (ARRIVE) Together Critical Incident Model**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety (LPS), Office of Alternative and Community Responses (OACR) announces the anticipated availability of the following grant program funds:

**a) Name of the Program:** ARRIVE Together Critical Incident Model. This program is supported by a SFY 2025 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 behavioral health emergencies have access to mental health treatment and support services. The program began in Cumberland County as a co-response partnership between the New Jersey State Police and the Cumberland County Guidance Center. Since launching in December 2021, ARRIVE Together has expanded to all 21 counties and evolved into multiple different models including telehealth, follow-up, and close follow-up.

The Critical Incident Model, an additional ARRIVE Together model, will ensure that a Mental Health Professional is available to respond to all incidents involving a barricaded individual or hostage situation as required by the Attorney General's Directive Revising the Statewide Use of Force Policy to Incorporate Addendum C Addressing Law Enforcement Responses to Barricaded Individuals ("UOF Addendum C") issued on August 22, 2024. Section 5.2 of UOF Addendum C requires that all:

Tactical Teams and/or Crisis Negotiation Teams shall identify qualified and experienced mental health professionals who will be available to respond to all incidents involving a barricaded individual or hostage situation. These mental health professionals may be individual providers or organizations. Law Enforcement agencies in all twenty-one counties have already established professional partnerships with mental health providers through the Attorney General's ARRIVE Together program.

This funding will support the expansion of the ARRIVE Together Program by providing funding to County Prosecutor's Offices (CPOs) to engage a Mental Health Professional(s) into its Critical Incident Model. CPOs will identify and fund eligible Mental Health Professional(s) who will respond to all incidents involving a barricaded individual or hostage situation through an agreement with the County's approved Tactical Team(s) and/or Crisis Negotiation Team(s) as defined in UOF Addendum C, Section 4.3 and footnote 6 ("Authorized Team(s)"). As noted in UOF Addendum C, these Mental Health

Professionals may be individual providers or organizations. This grant is intended to support these relationships by providing funding to the CPOs that will be used to pay their identified Mental Health partners for costs associated with ensuring an appropriately trained Mental Health Professional is always available to respond to incidents involving a barricaded individual or hostage situation.

**c) Available Funding:** The State of New Jersey, Office of Alternative and Community Responses (OACR) is making available up to \$3,500,000 of received funds from the SFY25 state budget for the ARRIVE Together program to support the costs associated with the Critical Incident Model. These funds will be awarded by formula pursuant to the need established in 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 service to be delivered, the desired outcomes, identified need, and the geographic distribution of the project.

This formula grant will be calculated by a formula determined by OACR, which takes into account multiple variables, including population and the number of Authorized Teams as defined in UOF Addendum C, Section 4.3 and footnote 6. Counties that do not have an Authorized Team as defined in UOF Addendum C Section 4.3 and footnote 6 but choose to establish a partnership with an out-of-county Authorized Team to respond to incidents in their County, may create such an agreement and qualify for funding to support that Mental Health Professional(s). In such a situation, the Mental Health Professional(s) must agree to abide by the training requirements set forth in the UOF Addendum C, Section 7. Additionally, in that situation, the County applying for the funding will be eligible for an adjusted award amount to be utilized to reimburse the Mental Health Professional(s) response in that County.

The project period for funded recipients will begin as early as October 1, 2024, and as late as March 31, 2025. Project periods will end 12 months after the start date. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. The county prosecutor offices have been allocated the following award amounts:

Atlantic	\$105,300
Bergen	\$149,300
Burlington	\$115,800
Camden	\$135,800
Cape May	\$85,800
Cumberland	\$90,800
Essex	\$151,300
Gloucester	\$100,800
Hudson	\$136,800
Hunterdon	\$90,800
Mercer	\$112,300
Middlesex	\$140,800
Monmouth	\$123,300
Morris	\$110,800
Ocean	\$135,800
Passaic	\$126,800

Salem	\$80,800
Somerset	\$100,800
Sussex	\$85,800
Union	\$127,800
Warren	\$85,800

**d) Organizations that may apply for funding under this program:** County Prosecutor’s Offices (CPOs) in counties with Authorized Teams(s) as defined in the UOF Addendum C, Section 4.3 and footnote 6; CPOs that anticipate having an Authorized Team(s) by March 31, 2025; and CPOs that have entered into a partnership with an out-of-county Authorized Team and intend to provide a Mental Health Professional who will respond with the out-of-county Authorized Team to calls within their County.

**e) Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding:** Applicants must have an Authorized Team(s), anticipate having an Authorized Team(s) by March 31, 2025, or have entered into a partnership with an out-of-county Authorized Team that will respond to all incidents involving barricaded individuals or hostage situations in their County. Applicants must also demonstrate a plan to enter into an agreement with a Mental Health Professional or Professionals who will respond to all incidents involving a barricaded individual or hostage situation in their County as required by UOF Addendum C. This may be in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding or a Letter of Intent. In the event the Applicant is a CPO that has entered into a partnership with an out-of-county Authorized Team, the Mental Health Professional(s) must agree to abide by the training requirements set forth in UOF Addendum C, Section 7.

Applicants must also be in good standing with all State and federal agencies with which they have had a grant or contractual relationship. Entities with outstanding balances and that are in arrears with the LPS are not eligible to apply for funding unless they resolve such balances prior to the end of the application period.

Where appropriate, all applicants must hold current professional and State licenses and certifications.

The Office of Alternative and Community Responses 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, OACR may also take into account an applicant’s past performance meeting goals, objectives, and reporting requirement deadlines, as well as reimbursement request accuracy.

Applicants must complete the required Project Information Form; Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative; and Project Work Plan. The Project Information Form requests information related to a County’s current ARRIVE Together Program, Authorized and anticipated Authorized Teams who will respond to barricaded individuals or hostage situations as permitted in UOF Addendum C, historical data related to barricaded individuals or hostage situations in the county, the county’s planned partnership with a Mental Health Professional(s), and data collection.

## 1. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative

Applicants must provide a budget and narrative explanation, on the form provided, as to why those costs are necessary to support the embedding of a Mental Health Professional(s) into the County's Critical Incident Model, which includes a plan to support any Authorized Teams operating within the County. Funding should be used to pay for the Mental Health partnership, including costs associated with training and integration of the Mental Health Professional(s) into the Authorized Team(s) only. This may include training costs for the Mental Health Partners; new or additional equipment for use by the Mental Health Partners for the Critical Incident Model or made necessary by the addition of the Mental Health Partnership even if purchased by the CPO; training for the Mental Health Partner consistent with the Critical Incident Model; and training for members of the tactical or negotiation team made necessary by the addition of the Mental Health Partner, intended to improve the integration of the Mental Health Partner, or intended to improve the Critical Incident Model as approved by OACR.

Applicants should refer to the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines for a description of budget categories, allowable expenses, and match requirements.

**f) 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. The provided documents must be used and may not be altered. Applications must be emailed to the following email address: [ARRIVETogether@njoag.gov](mailto:ARRIVETogether@njoag.gov). Place your agency name and "ARRIVE Critical Incident Model" 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 Division of Administration 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.

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

**g) Address: Applications must be submitted by email.** Please submit applications to the following email address: [ARRIVETogether@njoag.gov](mailto:ARRIVETogether@njoag.gov).

For reference only, the address of the office receiving the application:

Tiffany Wilson, Director of the Office of Alternative and Community Responses  
Department of Law & Public Safety  
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex  
25 Market Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

**h) Deadline by which applications must be submitted:** Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2025. Please note that CPOs can begin submitting application packages beginning October 1, 2024 and are encouraged to apply as early as possible after identifying a partner Mental Health Professional(s). Applications must be emailed to [ARRIVETogether@njoag.gov](mailto:ARRIVETogether@njoag.gov).

**i) Date by which notices shall be sent of approval or disapproval of applications:** Funding decisions will be made within 30 days of submission of each respective application.