

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

Notice of Availability of Funds

Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program: Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program Statewide Expansion and Response Grant

Please take notice that in compliance with N.J.S.A. § 52:14-34.4, and 42 U.S.C. §§ 241A, 247B et seq., the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety (DL&PS) announces the availability of non-competitive subawards for the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program: 2019-ODMAP-0030 project, which is supported by the ODMAP Statewide Expansion and Response Grant solicitation released by the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Background. DL&PS is in the process of establishing public safety/health partnerships with five local police departments by funding their implementation of Opioid Response Teams (ORTs) to provide crisis intervention and launch outreach campaigns aimed at diverting persons with opioid addictions into treatment, thereby reducing overdose deaths and reducing Naloxone deployments. ORTs, which will include local police, EMS, and substance abuse recovery advocates, will be called upon to assist individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) either at the scene of an overdose or at the police station by providing them with support, information, and/or referrals to treatment and recovery programs.

Sub-awards from ODMAP Statewide Expansion and Response Grant. Under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program: 2019-ODMAP-0030 project, an additional \$679,550 in formula grant

funding is being offered to enable those five police departments to incorporate ODMAP data into their ORT projects. ODMAP data should help police departments engage and retain individuals with OUD in treatment and recovery services, increase the use of diversion and/or alternatives to incarceration, and reduce the incidence of fatal overdoses, among other things.

A member of DL&PS's Division of State Police will serve as the project coordinator and support the subrecipients by providing them with the analyzed data of top suspected overdose locations within the designated areas. Each subrecipient will receive \$135,910 to cover costs associated with incorporating ODMAP into their ORT projects. Subawards may be used to support any of the following activities: (a) Support data analysts to use the data collected through ODMAP; (b) Support three members of each local community to attend two convenings in Washington, DC, which will be 2.5 days in length, including travel time; (c) Establish a coordinated rapid response team to respond to spikes in overdoses, overdose-related deaths, or emerging drug threats; (d) Support outreach teams to follow-up with individuals and/or populations at risk of overdose, particularly those who have just experienced a nonfatal overdose. Outreach teams may include first responders or law enforcement and medical staff, including primary care and behavioral health providers, community health workers, and clergy; (e) Provide naloxone, education, and technical assistance to individuals in government agencies, homeless shelters, educational institutions, community-based and multiservice organizations, healthcare institutions, public safety organizations, drug treatment programs, and syringe exchange programs (Naloxone may be purchased as a component of the project); and (f) other comprehensive responses that include a partnership between public safety, public health, and behavioral health and are grounded, in part, in ODMAP data.

Each subrecipient will be required to agree to form an organizational structure that includes, at a minimum, public safety, public health, and behavioral health agency representatives and data analysts who agree to work collaboratively on the proposed initiative. Workgroups will be operational within 6 months of the subawards' start dates. Although the organizational structure may vary, it should include some form of the following groups: (a) an executive leadership group to provide strategic oversight and execute decision-making authority for this initiative. This group is expected to meet monthly, when necessary; (b) a data-focused workgroup composed of mid-level management staff and data analysts, which will meet at least monthly to achieve the data analysis goals of the project; and (c) a larger stakeholder group that will meet quarterly to ensure that community perspectives are considered in the project.

The following police departments have been identified as subrecipients for the 2019-ODMAP-0030 grant funds: **Newark, Camden County, Paterson, Toms River, and Trenton.**

The funding period is between September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2021. Each identified subrecipient will be provided with an application and award package by the New Jersey Coordinator of Addiction Responses and Enforcement Strategies (NJ CARES) via e-mail no later than March 30, 2020. Application and award packages are due to NJ CARES by May 15, 2020. One copy of the completed application and award package must be submitted via e-mail to Craig.Sashihara@njoag.gov.

DL&PS has been designated by the IIR and BJA as the responsible agency for administering the grant funds for Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program: 2019-ODMAP-0030 project. Funding

is provided on a reimbursement basis only and is contingent upon subrecipient award package submissions, compliance with grant conditions, and satisfactory performance of services. Subrecipients must comply with programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements for approval and/or reimbursement of costs incurred during the project period.

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 is expressly dependent upon the availability to DL&PS of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue to 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 because of the absence of available funding appropriations. 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 forth in a grant agreement.