

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Integrated Opioid Treatment and Substance Exposed Infants

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: Integrated Opioid Treatment and Substance Exposed Infants

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to provide comprehensive array of services for opioid dependent pregnant women, their infants and family. The Integrated Opioid Treatment and Substance Exposed Infants (IOT-SEI) initiative will provide opioid use disorder treatment, prenatal and postpartum medical/obstetric services, care coordination, sober living arrangements, wraparound services, intensive case management and recovery supports. The IOT-SEI will ensure that the services provided ensure diversity, inclusion, equity, and cultural and linguistic competence to the target population.

This initiative will focus on three of the five major timeframes when intervention in the life of the SEI can reduce potential harm of prenatal substance exposure: the prenatal phase, the birth event, and neonatal phase. IOT-SEI will ensure barriers to services for opioid dependent pregnant women are alleviated through integrated care that includes a multi-services approach that best serves the needs of pregnant women and their infants.

The overall goal of the IOT-SEI is to promote maternal health, improve birth outcomes, reduce the risks and adverse consequences of prenatal substance exposure and promote the sustainable recovery for each woman and her family.

DMHAS will provide total annualized funding up to \$1,300,000 subject to State appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making one (1) award to establish an IOT-SEI program in one of the following counties: Morris, Passaic, Sussex or Warren. The IOT-SEI funding was awarded in 2017 through the RFP process with five (5) providers receiving awards. In State Fiscal Year 2021, one of the awardees located in the Northern counties chose not to renew their contract. DMHAS is rebidding these services to serve one of the following counties: Morris, Passaic, Sussex or Warren county.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding for this initiative is \$1,300,000 subject to State appropriations.

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

- The bidder may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to proposal 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](#)¹ or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds;
- The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors as an employee or in a consultant capacity; and
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, a for-profit bidder and each proposed subcontractor must have a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue. This statutory requirement does not apply to non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies.

Proposal Procedure: Effective January 11, 2022, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

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Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on February 16, 2022.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before March 11, 2022.

Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

Date

¹ <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml>