

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Counseling and Wellness Services for Peer Recovery Specialists and Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Providers

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: Counseling and Wellness Services for Peer Recovery Specialists and Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Providers

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) for the provision of professional counseling and wellness services for peer recovery specialists (peer specialists) and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment professionals working in opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment facilities and recovery centers.

Throughout New Jersey, peer specialists and OUD treatment professionals have been integral to the ongoing recovery of individuals with opioid and other SUDs. Understandably, some individuals may feel overwhelmed and overextended as a result of the complexity and significance of this responsibility. For example, compassion fatigue occurs when an individual experiences stress due to their exposure to another individual who has undergone traumas.

The successful bidder will utilize licensed clinical professionals to provide tailored counseling and wellness services to address the needs of peer specialists and OUD treatment professionals. Services will include individual assessments, evidence-based and/or best practice treatment modalities, acute and/or ongoing therapy, self-care plans, and wellness activities which support personal and professional growth.

This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response Grant (SOR). Total annualized funding for this RFP is approximately \$500,000, subject to federal appropriations. The contract award is through September 29, 2021. Funding may be available through September 29, 2022, depending on federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making two (2) awards of up to \$250,000 each.

Through this initiative, the successful bidder will provide professional counseling and wellness services by licensed clinical professionals to a combined total of 150 peer

specialists and OUD treatment professionals employed within DMHAS-funded programs, recovery centers, and community peer initiatives.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding for this RFP is \$500,000 subject to federal 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, for-profit 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 at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/debsearch.shtml> 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 March 31, 2021, 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. April 28, 2021.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before May 21, 2021.



Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

March 8, 2021

Date