

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

#### Provider Gambling Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

**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:** Provider Gambling Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

**Purpose:** This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), DMHAS for the development of a Provider Gambling Training and Technical Assistance Initiative. This RFP is funded through the New Jersey state gambling appropriations. The contract awarded as a result of this RFP is for one-time funding for \$1 million. Through this initiative, the successful bidder will provide robust training and consultation services with the goal of full implementation of gambling counseling practices within agencies across New Jersey that offer substance use disorder (SUD) services. Clinicians who participate in the training do not have to be employed in a DMHAS contracted agency. DMHAS anticipates making one (1) award.

The successful bidder will provide an array of gambling training and technical assistance that will result in provider agency competence in gambling disorder and best practice treatment for gambling. The successful bidder will provide services that include, among others, needs assessment, training, ongoing consultation, workshops, supervised practice, learning communities, coaching and feedback.

While there is no specific gambling disorder evidence based treatment or curriculum for adults, there is evidence that cognitive behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing are effective tools in the treatment of gambling disorders and substance use disorders. Successful bidders will incorporate Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Motivational Interviewing (MI) in their gambling services training and technical assistance whenever appropriate. The purpose of this contract is three-fold:

- 1) Provide training open to all SUD and Mental Health clinicians state-wide that will enhance clinician skills and knowledge of gambling disorder. These trainings will be open statewide and available to any interested individual. Trainings will be free to clinicians and continuing education units (CEUs) will be made available free of charge.
- 2) Work with select SUD and/or Mental Health treatment agencies to improve agencies' ability to treat the co-occurring disorder of gambling through the integration of gambling services into programming, policy, procedures and work flows.
- 3) Work with select SUD and/or Mental Health treatment agencies to improve the gambling counseling skills of clinicians at the selected agencies and assist them to gain the skills to practice therapeutic approaches that ensure outcomes meaningful to the

people they serve.

**Available Funding Amount:** Total funding is one-time funding for \$1 million.

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

- Organization that has successfully implemented training and technical assistance in the field of behavioral health.
- 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](#)<sup>1</sup> 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 August 20, 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.

**Proposal Receiving Office:** Helen Staton  
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Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
5 Commerce Way, Suite 100  
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**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on September 17, 2021.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before October 8, 2021.  
July 20, 2021

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Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner

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Date

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