

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Supporting Students in Recovery: Recovery Housing and Supports to Prevent and Reduce Substance Abuse on College Campuses in New Jersey

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: Supporting Students in Recovery
Recovery Housing and Supports to Prevent and Reduce Substance Abuse on College Campuses in New Jersey

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for Supporting Students in Recovery to provide supportive, substance-free living environments for college students in recovery. The total amount of funds available through this RFP is \$7,850,000. DMHAS will make multiple awards (each not to exceed \$1,000,000) to institutions of higher education to provide recovery housing and/or support services.

Institutions that already have designated housing for students in recovery may still apply for funding for recovery programs, treatment and related services. If a college or university does not yet provide recovery housing, a portion of these funds must be used to develop recovery housing (new construction, modifying or improving existing space, etc.). The remainder may be used for recovery programs, treatment and related services. Each college or university awardee will be required to provide individual and group substance abuse recovery-oriented programs and services, implement environmental prevention strategies, provide assessment, academic, and personal counseling services to students, and other appropriate services. Note that designated housing may include a floor, wing or other area within a dormitory building or other student housing and does not require that an entire dormitory be substance-free. Project oversight will be provided by DMHAS. The funding available is one-time only and not renewable.

Available Funding Amount: Total funding for this RFP is \$7,850,000. DMHAS will make multiple awards (each not to exceed \$1,000,000) to institutions of higher education to provide recovery housing and/or support services.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: Bidders that may apply must meet the following eligibility criteria.

1. The bidder must be a State recognized accredited public institution of higher learning in New Jersey;
2. The bidder must be a fiscally viable public college or university;
3. The bidder must comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the bidder;
4. 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 submission;
5. 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;
6. The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred/debarsearch.htm> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
7. The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors in a consultant capacity.

Any New Jersey public four-year college of higher education that provides residential housing for its students may apply. Colleges or universities that already provide recovery and substance-free housing can apply for funding to develop or augment their school's support program for students in recovery. If a college or university does not yet provide recovery housing, a portion of these funds must be used to develop recovery housing (new construction, modifying or improving existing space, etc.). The remainder may be used for recovery programs, treatment and related services.

Proposal Procedure: Effective November 17, 2017, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <http://nj.gov/health/mgmt/bids.shtml> and <http://nj.gov/health/integratedhealth/funding.shtml>. 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 December 19, 2017.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before January 12, 2018.



November 17, 2017

Valerie L. Mielke, Assistant Commissioner

Date