

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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

Evidence-Based Practice Initiative: Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders

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: Evidence-Based Practice Initiative: Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders

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 development of an Evidence-Based Practice Initiative (EBPI). This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response Grant (SOR). The SOR grant period is September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2020. The contract awarded as a result of this RFP is for one-time funding from award through September 29, 2020. Total funding for this RFP is \$1,500,000 subject to federal appropriations. Through this initiative, the successful bidder will provide robust training and consultation services with the goal of full implementation of evidence-based practices (EBPs) within agencies across New Jersey that offer Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services. DMHAS anticipates making one (1) award.

The successful bidder will provide an array of consultative services leading to full implementation of the EBPs, Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). These services include, among others, needs assessment, training, ongoing consultation, workshops, supervised practice, learning communities, coaching and rating-based feedback.

EBPs have become central to the provision of all health services; however, in the behavioral health field, full implementation of them across the states has lagged behind traditional medical services. While clinician and supervisor competence in an EBP is critical to the delivery of quality care, clinicians cannot implement an EBP without the full support of provider agencies. An organization's policies, procedures and quality improvement programs are critical to ensuring that clients receive an EBP with fidelity to the model.

The purpose of this grant is two-fold: 1) To improve agencies' provision of MI and CBT and 2) To improve clinical staff skills in practicing therapeutic approaches that ensure

outcomes meaningful to the people they serve. Through this EBPI, agencies will fully support staff efforts to provide enhanced and innovative services that sustain clients' recovery.

Available Funding Amount: Total funding for this RFP is \$1,500,000 subject to federal appropriations.

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

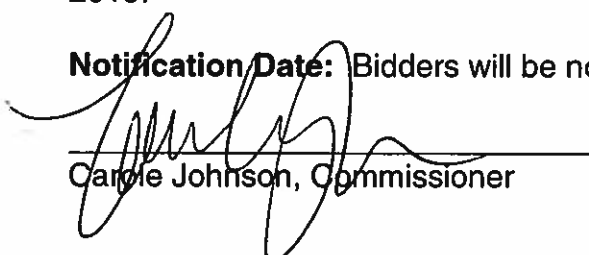
- The bidder may be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission;
- The bidder 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.state.nj.us/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 October 22, 2019, the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available at <https://www.state.nj.us/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 November 19, 2019.

Notification Date: Bidders will be notified on or before December 10, 2019.



Carole Johnson, Commissioner



Date