

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

For the Development of Involuntary Outpatient Commitment Programs.

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

Name of Program: Involuntary Outpatient Commitment

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grant funding for the development of involuntary outpatient commitment (IOC) programs in up to seven counties chosen for the first year of implementation. Successful applicants will be required to provide a comprehensive outpatient service, coordination and referral system that addresses the needs of individuals committed to outpatient treatment, including:

- consumer-inclusive treatment planning and development;
- treatment plan adherence support;
- assessment of dangerousness and clinical progress;
- arrangements for transportation to court hearings, evaluations, and programs;
- provision of or direct linkage to ongoing clinical and support services as identified in each consumer's Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) and any psychiatric advance directive and
- capacity to interface with the court system, including but not limited to, the committing judge, the county adjuster's office and the lawyers involved in the process.

Amount of funding available: Annualized funding of up to \$2 million is available through this RFP to competitively award one or more IOC programs in up to seven counties during the first year of implementation. It is expected that the provider of these services will generate income from third party entities such as Medicaid and private insurance. One-time funds are available to support necessary equipment, supplies, and other related start-up costs.

DMHAS intends to select programs that give wide representation to diverse areas of the state both demographically and geographically, keeping in mind the availability of needed ancillary resources in each area.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for this Request for Proposal, an applicant must be a corporation duly registered to conduct business within the State of New Jersey.

The applicant must be a fiscally viable for-profit or non-profit corporation or a government entity and document demonstrable experience in successfully providing outpatient mental health services and supports to adults who have severe and persistent mental illness in a manner fully consonant with recovery principles.

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the applicant.

The applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the DHS Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).

Any fiscally viable corporation, as noted above, which meets the qualifications of the Department of Human Services' Contract Policy and Information Manual, N.J.A.C. 10:3, may apply. A copy of this manual can be accessed from the webpage of the Office of Contract Policy and Management webpage at: http://dhs.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/contract_manuals.htm.

Applicants may contact the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Contract Unit at 609-777-0628 with general questions about the requirements in these manuals.

Procedure to apply: Effective January 13, 2012, eligible and interested organizations may obtain a Request for Proposal via the Internet at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/publicnotices.html> or by contacting Roger Borichewski, Assistant Director, Office of Community Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services at (609)777-0678. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposal.

Mandatory Bidders' Conference: A Mandatory Bidders' Conference will be conducted for interested applicants. All applicants intending to submit a proposal in response to this request must attend the mandatory Bidders' Conference on January 25, 2012. Information regarding the time and location of the bidder's conference may be found in the Request for Proposal. *Proposals submitted by an applicant not in attendance at the bidder's conference will not be considered.*

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M., February 29, 2012. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format. Additionally, one hard copy of the proposal with an original signature and six additional hard copies must be submitted. No format other than the PDF and one original signed hardcopy and six additional hard copies will be accepted for this RFP.

Date by which applicants will be notified of preliminary decision to accept or reject proposal:

Applicants will be notified no later than **April 4, 2012.**

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date