

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES

#### Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program

**TAKE NOTICE** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Disability Services (DDS) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

**Program Name:** Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program.

**Purpose:** This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Disability Services (DDS) to fund multiple grantees in New Jersey to promote inclusive practices, systems and environments that support individuals with disabilities in the communities where they live. Awardees will undertake initiatives through one of two possible grant options: Capacity Building or Implementation.

**Available Funding Amount:** Approximately \$1.4 million dollars are available to support the IHC grant program in the first six months. Contingent upon availability of funding, an additional \$1.6 million dollars will be available for the remaining 12 months of the grant cycle. Grant determinations will be made by DDS and awarded grants will be provided directly to successful bidders by DDS.

Capacity building grants may not exceed \$100,000 during the eighteen month grant period and implementation grants may not exceed \$250,000 during the eighteen month grant period.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:** Bidders must meet the following eligibility criteria.

- The bidder must be a non-profit, or a county or municipal governmental entity, including Boards of Education. Eligible non-profit bidders may include:
  - Bidders with IRS approved 501(c)(3) status that provide direct services within the community. These may include faith-based organizations, nonprofit Independent Living Centers, nonprofit organizations that provide wrap-around resources and support for families, nonprofit healthy living programs, etc.; and
  - Bidders with IRS approved 501(c)(3) status that have a regional or statewide presence with a focus on systems and environmental changes as long as the application includes demonstration of grant

outcomes in a community-based setting.

- The bidder must be in good standing with DDS if there is an existing grant or contract in place. The bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DDS 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 DDS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DDS will deem the proposal ineligible for grant 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; and
- The bidder shall not employ a member of its Board of Directors in a consultant capacity.

**Proposal Procedure:** Effective October 6, 2020, 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.

**Proposal Filing Instructions:** All bidders are required to electronically submit the proposal narrative, budget and appendices to the following address:

[ihc@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:ihc@ejb.rutgers.edu)

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM on November 20, 2020

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before December 14, 2020.



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Carole Johnson, Commissioner

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Date