



JOINING WITH FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

## **Notice of Availability of Funds FY 2024**

### **“Healing From Loss” and “Let’s Get To Work, Bayonne!”**

Hudson Partnership CMO is making available two grants of \$33,894 each. The first grant will be awarded to a provider who can coordinate county-wide, community-based peer support groups for youth and families who have experienced trauma from loss. The second grant will be awarded to a provider who creates a pre-vocational education program for High School students in Bayonne, NJ that will assist youth with identifying their vocational interests, teach them basic prevocational skills (resume writing, interviewing skills, professional communication, etc) and will introduce them to professionals within their field of interest who can potentially mentor them in their field of choice.

Addressing the needs related to trauma is crucial in order to help heal communities. Often in neighborhoods where crime is more prevalent, families have experienced multi-generational trauma. Parents and caregivers who have not had the opportunity to process their own traumatic history can struggle to support their children who have also been exposed to traumatic experiences. Many times due to their own history, these parents/caregivers shut down or feel overwhelmed when faced with attempting to address the trauma experienced by their child(ren).

In 2021, nj.com wrote an article that reported that there were “30 homicides in the county....the most since 2015”, and went on to state that over the years “between 2016-2018” there were at least 368 shootings” that were reported. Many of these shootings happen in concentrated areas of the city where families are also dealing with the on-going trauma of poverty, homelessness, drug addiction and unemployment, in some cases, have been experiencing these conditions for generations. According to a Hudson County 2020 Needs Assessment, “about 14% of the County lives below the poverty line”. Additionally, “substance abuse, death of a loved one and sexual abuse” were all listed as concerns by a recent survey (via survey monkey) that was distributed by Hudson Partnership CMO, and focus groups with CMO staff indicated a need to “engage caregivers” who are often struggling with their own history of trauma and are sometimes reluctant to engage in traditional therapy.

Family support groups that are held *in the community* (within housing authority sites, in houses of worship, etc) will utilize “The Families’ **G.O.A.L.S.** Project- **Going On After Loss**” workbooks, which provide guided activities for youth to engage in, interspersed with family group activities

that involved caregivers and siblings. *Hudson Partnership CMO will provide the training in this model for the facilitator(s) and GOALS workbooks.* Additional resources, such as Family Partners of Hudson (FSO), the State's Parent to Parent Line, and when appropriate, referrals to clinical services will also be shared with these parents/caregivers. The provider must demonstrate a proven history of working in the communities served and an ability to engage with youth as well as parents/caregivers.

In reviewing the history of past awardees of CRD Funds, it became apparent that many of the programs were provided in Jersey City, and even if they opened up to county-wide admission, the programs were often attended primarily by Jersey City youth. Although Jersey City does have demonstrated need in many areas, there are other parts of the County that have been under-resourced and would benefit from CRD funds. In doing research on available programs – discussion with the school staff we have worked with on the DREAMS project, feedback from CMO staff, and through outreach to parents and business owners in Hudson County, it was discovered that there were no pre-vocational programs available to High School student in Bayonne.

A successful applicant will be able to demonstrate a history of working with youth in an area of vocational interest and will demonstrate an ability to partner with businesses that would be willing to provide vocational presentations to Bayonne HS students, and potentially mentor/take on interns from the CRD funded pre-vocational program.

**PROPOSAL (MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 10 PAGES)**

**COVER PAGE:** Includes the program title, applicant name, address, phone, email and contact person

**NEED/OBJECTIVE:** This should explain the need and purpose for the proposed project. Also include how you are going to meet the identified objectives and what outcomes you expect to achieve.

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** This should provide specifics about the activity, beginning/end date, days of the week, times, including the length of time, facilitators, staff/youth ratio, age of participants, particular populations if appropriate, partners, materials (if any) and other pertinent information. Please provide a justification for the number of participants.

**TARGET AUDIENCE AND TOWNS:** Please be specific about the geographic scope of the program

**PROJECT TIMETABLE:** Funds are available for July 1 2023 to June 30, 2023. Your timetable may include a phase in schedule (prep and marketing if needed) and an implementation timeline.

**KEY PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS:** Must demonstrate expertise working with this population and/or collaboration with partners with a strong knowledge of the Children's system of Care wraparound principles

**EVALUATION PLAN:** Samples of pre and post evaluation tools to measure success and a description of the data you will be collecting

**BUDGET:** Proposals should provide a line-item budget covering all expenses

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT:** All applicants must demonstrate that the service is sustainable after the end of the effective term. Partnership agreement letters with community providers that exhibit an effective referral process and continuum of care are highly recommended. Reports submitted should inform the Hudson Partnership and municipality on what was learned. Show how data gathered from this project may be used to apply for future funding from other resources.

**FISCAL REPORT STATEMENT:** All applicants must commit to deliver the required fiscal and program reports quarterly and at the end of the project that demonstrate compliance with bid requirements.

**REVIEW, SELECTION & ANNOUNCEMENT:** Each proposal received will be acknowledge via email upon receipt. Each proposal will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee made up of impartial proposal judges who do not have a financial stake in the award decision. Hudson Partnership may request additional information during this review and when proposals are scored, Hudson Partnership will forward proposals and scoring to the State Children’s System of Care for final approval or denial. Funds will be distributed once the proposal is approved by CSOC and recipients will be contacted by Hudson Partnership CMO.

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: Mandatory Bidders’ Conference on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm @ Hudson Partnership CMO, 110A Meadlowlands Parkway, 1<sup>st</sup> fl training room. Proposals due: by 4pm on January 20th, 2023 to [rgorman@hudsoncmo.org](mailto:rgorman@hudsoncmo.org) in MS word, and questions can also be directed to this email address (Robyn Gorman). Applicants will be notified by April 21, 2023.**