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NJCDD ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITY IN ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO QUALITY DENTAL CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN NEW JERSEY

In accordance with the goals outlined in the [New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)' 5-Year Plan for 2017-2021, the Council is currently accepting grant proposals in **Addressing Barriers to Quality Dental Care for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**. Interested entities must submit a full proposal for projects in which they would like to receive grant funding.

In order for grant proposals to be considered, prospective grantees **MUST** submit proposals to the NJCDD within **40 days** of this announcement (please see the timeline outlined below). Prospective grantees will be required to fill out the NJCDD's **FY2019 GRANT PROPOSAL FORM: BARRIERS TO QUALITY DENTAL CARE** as well as a **Budget Narrative**, both of which are available to download on the Council's website at www.njcdd.org/applying-for-a-grant/.

Entities who have never applied for NJCDD grants in the past are strongly encouraged to download and review the Council's **Effective Grant Writing** guide and **NJCDD Grant Budget Tips**, both also available at www.njcdd.org/applying-for-a-grant/, in order to ensure that new grant proposals are completed correctly and in full.

The NJCDD will hold a **Perspective Grantee Question Period** from **Monday, August 6 to Friday August 10, 2018**. Answers to all inquiries will be posted in the Council's website at www.njcdd.org/applying-for-a-grant/ on **Wednesday, August 15, 2018**. All questions **MUST** be submitted via at grants@njcdd.org by **5pm on Friday, August 10**.

All grant proposals **MUST** be received by the NJCDD by **2:00pm on Friday, September 07, 2018**. Proposals may be **submitted by mail OR in person** to the following:

The NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities
c/o Grants Manager
20 West State Street, 6th Floor; PO Box 700
Trenton, NJ 08625-0700

Please send ten (10) signed copies of each proposal submitted.

IN ADDITION – please send an **electronic copy** of the Grant Proposal **via email** to grants@njcdd.org

NJCDD FY-2018 Grants Timeline

Notice of Funds Available submitted to the public	July 30, 2018
Perspective Grantee Question Period	August 6 - 10, 2018
Grant Proposals Submission Deadline	September 7, 2018 at 2:00pm
Grant Proposals Review by NJCDD Grants Committee	September 10 - 14, 2018
Successful Grantee Contract Notification	September 24, 2018
Grant Award Period	October 01, 2018 to September 30, 2019

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS BARRIERS TO QUALITY DENTAL CARE IN NEW JERSEY

Council 5-Year Plan Goal: Health & Wellness

Vision: The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD) envisions a world in which children and adults with developmental disabilities have the same access to quality health care as their peers without disabilities.

Implementation Targets:

- Support the development and training of health care providers throughout the state to treat individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Develop materials and trainings that enable families and self-advocates to exercise their right to appeal adverse health care decisions in the various systems.
- Facilitate/support the creation and maintenance of a database of health care programs, providers, resources, and materials beneficial in serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

Background

Families and self-advocates face growing difficulty locating dental practices that are willing and capable of providing timely, effective, appropriate, and affordable dental care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). In addition, many individuals rely on sedation dentistry, a costly and time-consuming process, for basic care.

To address this need, through this Request for Proposal, the NJCDD is seeking:

1. a comprehensive statewide assessment of the availability of dental services in New Jersey for children and adults with I/DD, including a database of services;
2. a summary of the service gaps and barriers (policy, practice, fiscal, and others) to timely and quality dental care;
3. an analysis of the reasons for these gaps and barriers, with specific recommendations designed to address the barriers, and improve access to all dental services for individuals with I/DD, with an emphasis on those who rely on Medicaid for funding;
4. a summary of innovative service delivery models, including alternatives to sedation, to better serve children and adults with I/DD, along with suggested pilot projects;
5. a comprehensive multi-year advocacy plan, including key stakeholders, to address the barriers and improve access and availability of quality dental care for children and adults with I/DD..

A. The Goal and Purpose of the Request for Proposal (RFP)

The goal of the RFP is to invite organizations to submit proposals for developing a comprehensive 5-pronged report and plan which assesses the current system; summarizes barriers to timely and effective care; identifies sources of the barriers; recommends strategies to address barriers and improve access; and lays out an advocacy plan with implementation strategies.

The report should be referenced, and written in such a way that advocates, policymakers, legislators, and others interested in finding solutions to the scarcity of quality and affordable dental services for persons with I/DD will find it easily understandable.

B. Who Should Apply

The Council is seeking proposals from applicants knowledgeable about dental services in New Jersey, who can assess and quantify the dental needs of children and adults with I/DD, and prepare a comprehensive report as described above.

The credentials of the organization(s) and the person(s) to be engaged in this work and completing the report MUST be described in the proposal. The Council will accept and encourages proposals from two or more partners working together (college/university, nonprofit organization, professional organization, etc.).

Grant Period: October 01, 2018 to September 20, 2019

Funding Amount: \$100,000 to \$150,000 (*)

() An important element of the proposal review process will be determined upon the amount requested and the value determined by the Grant Review Committee.*

Further information regarding this Grant Opportunity may be found within the FY2019 GRANT PROPOSAL FORM: BARRIERS TO QUALITY DENTAL CARE found on the Councils website at www.njcdd.org/applying-for-a-grant/

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