



Tri County CMO Community Resource Development Funds FY 2022-2023 Background and Rationale

Tri County CMO (TCCMO) and the New Jersey Children's System of Care (CSOC) are seeking to develop/expand services and supports for youth with mental health, emotional, behavioral, substance use, and intellectual/developmental disability needs. **This one-time funding of \$68,678.46 (less may be applied for) must be utilized in full by June 30, 2023 and will become unavailable to the awardee(s) after that date.** Funding is to support new or existing community services that promote child and family well-being, safety, and health in Hunterdon, Somerset and/or Warren counties. Proposals submitted must either be a one-time initiative that can have a sustained impact or serve as seed money to initiate a new resource. Applicants must commit to working in partnership with TCCMO, other system partners, and community-based services. They must embody the wraparound values of TCCMO and CSOC.

There have been noted gaps and needs in community-based mental health services as evidenced by system-wide surveys and needs assessments, including the following Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties data sources, care manager generated input, and service needs cited at tri county CIACC, Youth Services Commission, Human Services Advisory Council and committees focused on mental health, substance prevention, and community-based services and supports for youth with developmental disabilities and their families:

- a. CIACC Dashboards: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/childdata/interagency/index.html>
- b. HSAC Needs Assessments: https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/opma/hsac_needs_assessment.html
- c. DCF Commissioner's Dashboard: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/childdata/continuous/index.html>
- d. DCP&P Dashboard: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/childdata/protection/index.html>
- e. DCF Rutgers Data Hub and Portal: <https://njchilddata.rutgers.edu/>
- f. NJ DOH COVID Data Dashboard: New Jersey COVID-19 Data Dashboard (nj.gov)
- g. Kids Count: New Jersey Kids Count 2020 | Advocates for Children of New Jersey (acnj.org)

Applicants considering proposals for this funding must ensure that their proposed programs and services correspond to the needs cited in this RFP. Services/supports should be equitably accessible to all youth and families with the identified needs. The referral process should ensure equitable access for the youth and families eligible to receive them and the access process should be free from any form of discrimination. Priority needs that have been identified for funding based upon the foregoing (no specific order):

Needs related to Suicide Prevention

- Assessment tools to identify at-risk youth
- Prevention programs for at-risk youth with suicidal ideation and substance use
- Early intervention programs to identify youth at risk of developing a need for clinical substance use treatment



Needs related to Substance Use Treatment

- Increased screening and treatment for substance use among youth and adolescents
- Early identification of youth with substance use or co-occurring disorder and early intervention
- Programs (particularly group therapy) which support co-occurring mental health substance use diagnosis
- Programs engaging both youth and parents in targeting prevention of substance use
- Expansion of outreach and awareness of available services
- Educate youth, parents, schools, and families on mental health and substance use education to reduce stigma and increase engagement for community services

Needs related to Mental Health Services

- Increased Medicaid outpatient services (Counseling, IOP, PHP, Groups, Medication Management)
- Reductions in waiting lists for services
- Availability of medication monitoring and other psychiatric services
- Programs that promote awareness of mental health services and access knowledge

Needs related to Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- Services and interventions for behavior modification
- Transitioning youth and those with complex and acute needs
- Social and recreational services that are inclusive of differently abled youth

Needs related to Increased Bilingual Services Access

- Supportive programs to address and mitigate barriers in access
- Mental health services for youth in Spanish
- Mental and physical health access to services for undocumented youth and families

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. In completing the proposal, please note:

- Proposal Submission Deadline: 5:00pm Friday, March 25, 2022.
- Anticipated implementation date for awarded proposals: July 1, 2022.

All applications will be reviewed and scored via a panel consisting of TCCMO Director of Community Resources, TCCMO members, local CSOC System of Care Partners, various members of the Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC), the Youth Services Commission, and the Human Services Advisory Council.

All applicants must demonstrate the ability to manage the finances and implement the practice/program applied for in their application. Applicants must agree to submit a comprehensive program performance and expenditure report to include detailed submission of all documents that substantiate funding use (receipts, time logs, invoices, mileage, etc.) by the dates listed below and using the templates provided:



1. Midterm report: Dec 30, 2022
2. Final report: June 30, 2023

The preferred method for submission for the RFP is a Word or PDF document attachment via email to lzimmermann@tricountycmo.org. To ensure email delivery receipt, please leave a phone message at 908-526-3900 ext. 120 relaying that the proposal was sent.

Please see the attached application with supporting documents and direct any questions to my attention.

Thank you.

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