



Notice of Availability of Funds FY 2026

“BUILDING STRONGER BONDS THROUGH NEW EXPERIENCES”

After reviewing the needs assessment that was distributed to CMO staff, the County CIACC, the Hudson County Networking Association, youth who attend Hudson Partnership CMO’s outreach center, and youth who receive mentoring services, and reviewing data that is generated by Hudson County Health and Human Services through the Youth Services Commission, and the CDC (New Jersey specific data). We will fund a program that will provide therapeutic recreational and social activities to youth who have behavioral and/or developmental challenges, because this has been a common theme seen in the surveys we sent out. The funded program will engage not only the youth, but their caregivers and siblings whenever possible. These events and activities will have an emphasis on improving communication, family relationships and exposure to experiences that the members of the household may not have otherwise engaged in together. There is a total of \$67,697.00 available for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026, and collaborations which can offer a wider range of activities are encouraged. If more than one agency is involved in the application, it must be made clear who the fiscal agent is who will be submitting reports and invoices.

The program must demonstrate a strategy that will promote engagement of youth, caregivers, parents/guardians and siblings in attending groups, events and activities that will promote communication, will expose families to psycho-education, and will have the goal of improving the relationships between all members of the household. The events/activities can be a combination of more clinically focused sessions/groups and less formal, recreational or educational activities.

PROPOSAL (MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 10 PAGES – resumes do not count in the 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 July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. 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 tools to measure success and a description of the data you will be collecting (pre and post evaluations, data parameters, etc.)

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 delivering 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 acknowledged 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, January 5th at 2pm @ Hudson Partnership CMO, 110A Meadlowlands Parkway, 1st fl training room. Proposals due: by 4pm on January 26th, 2025 to rgorman@hudsoncmo.org in MS word, and questions can also be directed to this email address (Robyn Gorman). An impartial scoring committee will rate proposals by February 23rd and submit to CSOC. Applicants will be notified by May 17th, 2025 if they were awarded funding. A kick off event for the funded program must be planned for July 2025.