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SUBJECT:
 Allocations Certification Community Plan Critical Information
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TITLE OF CORRESPONDENCE: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Request for Proposal (RFP)

CONTENT:
The Ohio Department of Mental Health is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) to award additional federal PATH dollars received for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 to existing state PATH providers to fund up to four pilot projects within the eleven currently funded PATH programs targeting outreach and services to Homeless Veterans.

This pilot initiative is specifically designed to increase outreach, engagement, and treatment services that are trauma-informed and culturally-appropriate to veterans with mental illnesses or mental illnesses with co-occurring substance abuse disorders that are experiencing homelessness or are at "imminent risk of homelessness". Services will be provided to veterans, in accordance to federal PATH guidelines, in their natural environments, e.g. living in camps, on the streets, in shelters, as well as those exiting prison/jail within 30-days that are at "imminent risk of becoming homeless". None of the veterans served by the pilots will be known to any local mental health system. In addition dollars for the initiative will be utilized to hire a Veteran Peer in each pilot project as a method to facilitate relationship building and to assist with navigating the complexities of the Veterans Administration and other service, housing, and benefits systems. Lastly, an output of the pilots will be to disseminate information and to share lessons learned with state PATH providers to facilitate knowledge development in order to improve current service delivery practices to veterans.

Attached is an RFP for the pilot projects. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2009**. Applicants bear the risk of late proposals and no late proposals will be considered. Proposals may be hand delivered, mailed (to Amy Price, Chief, 30 East Board Street, 8th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-3430), delivered by courier, or submitted electronically to Amy Price PriceA@mh.state.oh.us in MS Word format, only. (Electronic submission is preferred.)

The awards are expected to be announced by July 30, 2009, with work to commence on September 1, 2009 and to be completed by June 30, 2010.

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