



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

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To: Nonprofit Community-Based Provider Organizations
Provider Trade Associations

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: Opportunities & Updates from the Office of the Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

SUPER STORM SANDY RFA STILL AVAILABLE

Apply now. The application process is still open.

The Connecticut Department of Social Services has been awarded \$10.5 million in federal funding under the Social Services Block Grant to cover certain expenses resulting from Super Storm Sandy. The funds are to be used by eligible nonprofit organizations and municipalities for a range of social, health and mental health services for individuals, and for repair, renovation and rebuilding of health care facilities, child care facilities and other social services facilities.

The federal Super Storm Sandy SSGB Supplemental Funds will support disaster relief services such as:

- case management services;
- counseling;
- housing services;
- information and referral;
- protective services for adults;
- protective services for children;
- renovations/repairs; and
- administrative services

Nonprofit agencies and municipalities interested in applying to become service providers can find the "Request for Applications" and additional information about the disaster relief program on the state's CT Recovers website at www.ctrecovers.ct.gov.

The RFA can also be viewed here: http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/BidDetail.aspx?CID=29765

The deadline for application is: **April 1, 2015**

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Access Health CT, Connecticut's health insurance exchange, is sponsoring numerous Enrollment Fairs throughout the month of December. For more information, please visit:

<http://learn.accesshealthct.com/events/> You can also sign up to receive regular briefings from Access Health CT: http://learn.accesshealthct.com/form_required.html

See links concerning the Affordable Care Act on the Nonprofit Liaison site:

<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?a=3997&q=512660&malloyNavPage=%7C>

GOV. MALLOY: REGULATORY REVIEW AT STATE AGENCIES WILL INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced on October 16, 2013 that he signed an Executive Order (EO) aimed at streamlining state regulations. [EO No. 37](#) invites public comment on all state regulations more than four years old, asking for the public's help in identifying regulations that are obsolete, duplicative, excessively burdensome, or otherwise ineffective or unnecessary. The EO also establishes principles of smart, cost-effective, accessible and transparent regulations for future agency endeavors.

To assist in this effort, the Governor is inviting public comment, which can be done either by email to governor.regulations@ct.gov or through a web form provided at www.governor.ct.gov/regulations.

The deadline for comment is **December 16, 2013**.

On or before **February 2, 2014**, each state agency will provide a report to the Governor summarizing the comments received, the elimination or modification of the specified regulations, and a plan for implementing such changes.

STATE RECEIVES \$3 MILLION GRANT TO EXPAND TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

October 2, 2013: The Connecticut Department of Labor's Office of Workforce Competitiveness has been awarded \$3,058,706 from the U.S. Department of Labor to provide additional education, training and employment opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities. The grant will be used to better connect with those individuals who need assistance and related services that will help them overcome barriers to employment.

The grants support extensive partnerships and collaboration across multiple workforce and disability service systems in each state, including: vocational rehabilitation, mental health, intellectual/developmental disability agencies, independent living centers, business leadership networks, and other community and nonprofit organizations.

I have been in contact with the Department of Labor regarding opportunities for community agencies to participate in this grant.

GOV. MALLOY ANNOUNCES MORE RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES IN ACCESSING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

October 21, 2013: Governor Malloy announced enhanced state resources to help Connecticut families access mental health treatment, including a claims “tool kit” to streamline insurance reimbursement and additional funds for prevention and early identification programs.

The “tool kit” is a downloadable document available from the Connecticut Insurance Department and through health insurance carriers. It includes easy-to-follow instructions, a glossary, and a checklist for organizing information.

The tool kit can be found here:

http://www.ct.gov/cid/lib/cid/Behavioral_Health_Consumer_Tool_Kit.pdf

OPM STATUS REPORT: ANALYSIS OF THE BOUNDARIES OF LOGICAL PLANNING REGIONS

October 1, 2013: The Office of Policy and Management has released an analysis of the boundaries of logical planning regions, with the ultimate goal of reducing the number of regions and requiring municipalities in each region to establish a formal governance structure. The boundaries of planning regions resulting from OPM’s analysis and subsequent municipal appeals process are to become effective January 1, 2015.

The Legislature has charged the regional planning bodies with establishing “regional human services coordinating councils” based on the revamped regional boundaries. (Sec. 327 of Public Act 13-247)

Sec. 327. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2013)

(a) On or after January 1, 2015, there shall be established a regional human services coordinating council for each planning region redesignated pursuant to section 16a-4c of the general statutes to encourage collaborations that will foster the development and maintenance of a client-focused structure for the health and human services system in the region.

(b) Membership on the regional human services coordinating councils established under this section shall include the Commissioners of Developmental Services, Social Services, Children and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Correction, Education and Public Health, or said commissioners' designees, and the executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee. Additional membership shall be determined at the discretion of the executive director of each regional council of governments. Such membership may include, but not be limited to: (1) Municipal elected officials, (2) workforce development boards, (3) nonprofit agencies, and (4) family advocacy groups.

(c) Each regional human services coordinating council established under this section shall meet not less than twice annually to (1) ensure that regional plans and activities are coordinated with the human service needs of each region, and (2) develop approaches to improve service delivery and achieve cost savings in the region.

The report can be read here: http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/igp/org/rpo_study_status_report.pdf

GOVERNOR'S BENCHMARKING REPORT CITES LEANER, COST-EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS

During an October 23rd meeting with all state agency commissioners, Governor Malloy released a detailed report compiled by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) documenting efforts achieved by state agencies during the past year that are making state government leaner and more cost-effective.

The full report can be found here:

http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/lib/malloy/2013.10.23_continuous_improvement_in_connecticut_state_government.pdf

Nonprofit providers may be particularly interested in initiatives at the following agencies:

- Department of Children and Families (pages 24-28, 35-38)
- Department of Correction (pages 28-31)
- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (pages 31, 39-40, 67)
- Department of Public Health (pages 31-32, 53-56, 84)
- Department of Social Services (pages 43-45, 70-72)
- Governor's Nonprofit Liaison (pages 57-59)

ANNUAL OPM REPORT ON PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS

The Office of Policy and Management has released its annual report on the Purchase of Service contracting activity of state agencies for state fiscal year 2013, as well as an assessment of the aggregate financial condition of nonprofit, community based health and human services agencies that enter into POS contracts.

The full report can be read here: http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/POS_Annual_Report_FY_13.pdf

SIM – HEALTHCARE INNOVATION

The state will submit its State Healthcare Innovation Model Grant to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services by the end of December. The SIM Plan will outline Connecticut's blueprint for providing healthcare services to 80% of the population.

For more information about the SIM process:

http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/lib/malloy/final_11122013provideroutline_11182013_a6_final.pdf

For further information, including an electronic copy of the plan, visit:

<http://healthreform.ct.gov/ohri/cwp/view.asp?a=2742&q=334428>

MEETING WITH YOU

I look forward to meeting with your associations and regional coalitions in the coming months. Please invite me to your meetings so that I can learn more about the services that you provide. Email terry.edelstein@ct.gov.

MAILING LIST

To be included on the Nonprofit Liaison's mailing list, send an e-mail to Meg Riding at meg.riding@ct.gov or call Meg at 860-418-6287.

- Nonprofit Liaison "NONPROFIT" mailing list – receive occasional alerts, news briefings and updates
- The Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services mailing list – receive news about the work of the Cabinet including meeting announcements and materials

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