

RFP: Assertive Community Treatment in Suffolk County

OVERVIEW

On April 13th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of one Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team in Suffolk County to provide treatment, support, and rehabilitation services to 68 adults with serious mental illness (SMI).

The full RFP is available [here](#).

Funding

OMH operating funding for ACT providers is available through a combination of Medicaid billing (i.e., receiving standard Medicaid rates for ACT services) and OMH net deficit funding. Start-up and phase-in funding is based on staffing and enrollment, with the expectation that the ACT team will enroll eight individuals per month up to the capacity of 68 individuals. ACT teams will also receive service dollars, which are per-recipient funds allocated for flexible spending on the immediate needs of enrolled individuals.

Projected funding for the contract will be as follows:

	First Year (Start-Up)	Second Year (Full Year)
Medicaid Assumption	\$372,040	\$960,482
Net Deficit Funding	\$569,417	\$102,775
Service Dollars	\$33,236	\$33,236
Total Gross Costs	\$974,693	\$1,096,493

Operating contracts will last for five years, with an anticipated start date between September 1st and December 31st.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be not-for-profit 501(c)(3) agencies who have experience providing mental health services to individuals with SMI.

Eligible Population

The ACT team will provide mental health services to adults with SMI who have not been successfully integrated into the existing mental health treatment and rehabilitation system. Individuals may also:

- Be high users of emergency and/or crisis services;

- Have substance abuse comorbidities;
- Be isolated from community supports;
- Be homeless or at risk of homelessness, and/or
- Have a history of involvement with the criminal justice system.

Application

OMH will review applications based on the following criteria:

- Population (15 points)
- Description of Proposed Program (20 points)
- Implementation (20 points)
- Agency Performance (15 points)
 - This will include a review of the bidder's written submission and an internal OMH review of the performance of any current ACT programs and/or other mental health programs over the last two years.
- Utilization Management, Reporting, and Quality Improvement (10 points)
- Financial Assessment (20 points)

Applicants must receive a minimum average score of 70 to be considered for this RFP. In the case of a tie, the proposal with the highest score on the ACT Description of Program section will be ranked higher.

Timeline

Proposals are due by mail to the OMH Issuing Officer on June 15th. Applicants are also required to submit a non-binding letter of intent by mail to the Issuing Officer before April 27th. OMH plans to notify successful applicants by July 27th. The projected start date for the program will be between September 1st and December 31st.

Questions about the RFP may be submitted via [email](#) by May 4th. Responses will be posted on the OMH website by May 18th.