

RFP: Assertive Community Treatment in the Bronx and Brooklyn

OVERVIEW

On May 16th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development and operation of four Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams, one in the Bronx and three in Brooklyn. Each program will 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 January 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)
- Utilization Management, Reporting, and Quality Improvement (10 points)
- Financial Assessment (20 points)

Applicants may submit proposals for more than one ACT team and for more than one borough—though they must indicate an order of preference. No agency will be awarded more than two ACT teams.

Proposals will be ranked by highest overall score, with highest scoring proposals given their borough of preference. 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.

In the event that bids are not received for any of the team(s), OMH reserves the right to offer an award to agencies who bid on other boroughs.

Timeline

Applicants are required to submit a non-binding letter of intent by mail to the Issuing Officer by May 30th. Proposals are due by mail to the OMH Issuing Officer on July 18th. OMH plans to notify successful applicants by August 29th. The projected start date for the program will be between September 1st and January 31st.

Questions about the RFP may be submitted via [email](#) by June 6th. Responses will be posted on the OMH website by June 20th.