

RFP: OASAS Medically Supervised Withdrawal and Stabilization

OVERVIEW

On October 26th, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for organizations to develop and operate up to 75 Medically Supervised Withdrawal and Stabilization (Part 816.7) beds throughout New York State. Up to \$10 million in capital funding and \$2.25 million in annual operational funding is available through this RFP.

Programs must provide individuals who have substance use disorder (SUD) with medically supervised detoxification and withdrawal services 24 hours per day, seven days per week in a safe, community-based environment. Programs should also provide clients with individualized treatment and discharge planning and engage clients' families in treatment and recovery efforts when possible.

Applicants must not add to or extend existing Part 816.7 programs. They may either create a new freestanding facility or add to an existing facility that provides other services. Awards are subject to the following bed requirements:

- Applicants seeking to add or extend an existing facility (that currently lacks Part 816.7 beds) may apply for between 8 and 25 beds.
- Applicants seeking to create a new freestanding facility may apply for between 16 and 25 beds.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on December 28th.

FUNDING

Up to \$10 million in capital funding will be allocated through this RFP by bonded appropriations and will require OASAS State Aid Grant Lien (SAGL) on the property for 30 years. Long-term leases may be considered in lieu of a SAGL. Additionally, up to \$2.25 million (a maximum of \$30,000 per bed) will be provided annually to organizations for ongoing operational costs. Funding may only be used for the creation of new service beds and cannot be used to support conversions of existing programs.

Funds will flow through the county in which services will be provided, unless the applicant is an existing OASAS direct contract provider or is NYC-based but lacks an existing contract with the city, in which case OASAS may directly fund the project.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In order to qualify for funding under this RFP, applicants must be:

- An OASAS community-based voluntary agency (non-hospital);
- A Local Government Unit (LGU); or
- Another not-for-profit (non-hospital) organization.

Organizations will be expected to demonstrate experience providing SUD services. Each organization that is not an LGU will also need to obtain a letter of support from the LGU in its area.

Priority will be given to applicants proposing to operate in counties that do not currently offer supervised withdrawal and stabilization services, followed by applicants from counties with comparatively fewer services offered. Applications that have site control and can demonstrate rapid site development capability will also receive priority for funding.

TARGET POPULATION

Medically supervised withdrawal and stabilization services are aimed at individuals with SUD in need of medically supervised detoxification services and/or individuals with SUD experiencing mild withdrawal or significant urges for illicit substances that cannot be managed in an outpatient setting.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Program Narrative
 - Population Need (10 points)
 - Service Continuum (6 points)
 - Program Description (5 points)
 - Service Experience (10 points)
 - Continuum of Care (7 points)
- Capital Plan
 - Geographic Distribution of Services (15 points)
 - Site Control (10 points)
 - Site Information/Zoning (10 points)
 - Scope of Work for Proposed Project (10 points)
 - Experience (5 points)
- Program Budget (10 points)
- Diversity Practices Questionnaire (2 points)

Contracts will be awarded to applicants who have the highest overall scores based on the above criteria.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by December 28th. Questions should be submitted to Karen Stackrow at procurements@oasas.ny.gov with the subject line “Request for Applications – OASAS Project No. 17101” by November 16th. Answers to questions will be posted on the OASAS website on December 7th. Awarded applicants are expected to be selected on February 3, 2018.