

RFA: One-Time OASAS Mini-Grants for Youth in Recovery

OVERVIEW

On November 9th, the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH) and the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for organizations interested in establishing new and/or expanding existing recovery activities for youth and young adults in recovery from addiction. Through this program, up to \$180,000 in total funding will be awarded to support organizations interested in developing and implementing peer-driven services that promote recovery for youth and young adults, particularly those affected by the opioid crisis, in a targeted community, with a focus on ending the stigma associated with addiction.

The full RFA is available [here](#). Applications are due on December 8th.

FUNDING

There will be up to 15 grants of up to \$12,000 awarded to support organizations in each of the Governor's ten Economic Development Zones (EDZ), which are listed in the RFA. The one-time grants must be expended by April 15, 2018.

Funding allocated through this RFP is part of a federal grant that New York State received in May 2017 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This grant allocated \$25.2 million in federal funding to support increased access to treatment, reducing unmet need for resources, and reducing overdose-related deaths as part of the State's ongoing efforts to combat the opioid crisis in New York and address other issues related to substance abuse and addiction.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

To qualify for funds through this RFP, applicants must be NYS-based and one of the following:

- Existing community-based organizations or a network of not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations who are youth and young adult driven;
- Recovery Community Organizations working with youth/young adult groups in their community;
- Recovery Centers and Clubhouses looking to enhance their services to the youth/young adult population and/or who are seeking to promote recovery and end the stigma through a one-time or limited-time special event; or
- Adolescent residential programs looking to establish an alumni group.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Statement of Need (20 points)
- Youth Involvement (20 points)
- Recovery Services/Supports (20 points)
- Proposed Number of Youth to be Served (20 points)
- Budget Narrative (20 points)

Applicants should submit a narrative (maximum five pages) that describes the following:

- Need in the community;
- Documentation of youth and young adult involvement in developing the proposals and carrying out the activities associated with the proposal;
- Number of youth to be served over the life of the project;
- Plan to track and collect participation numbers;
- Understanding of recovery supports and activities for the target population; and
- Budget and budget narrative of how the grant money is to be spent, including any sustainability planning.

Applications should specifically demonstrate how youth and young adults in recovery have been directly involved in the planning and development of the proposed project and corresponding recovery efforts in their community. In addition, applications should demonstrate how the project plans to reach individuals affected by the opioid crisis in New York State.

Timeline

Applications must be submitted by December 8th via email to OpioidSTR.General@oasas.ny.gov with “Mini Grant Application” and the applicant’s corresponding EDZ or Tribal Affiliation in the subject line. Awards are expected to be announced on January 15, 2018.