

RFP: Apartment Treatment Housing for Adults with SMI

OVERVIEW

On January 25th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) that offers an opportunity for current operators of a Treatment Apartment Program (TAP) in New York City to expand their programs. Under this RFP, a total of 36 TAP housing units will be developed by five organizations for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI), including individuals with co-occurring substance use disorder (SUD). TAP operators will provide rehabilitative services, skills training, support, and discharge planning to residents in an apartment setting. The Apartment Treatment units are intended to be transitional and must be developed as scattered site rental units.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on March 23rd.

FUNDING

Only operating funds are available through this RFP. Operating funds will be a combination of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid funding, and will be consistent with the OMH fiscal model for the Apartment Treatment residential program. Award amounts will be based on each organization's current programmatic structure. Site-specific property costs for the new apartment treatment beds will be incorporated into the awarded organization's Gross, Income, and Net (GIN) Medicaid rate calculation.

There is no capital funding provided through this RFP; however, Program Development Grant (PDG) funds are available as part of this contract to assist with the development of a new Apartment Treatment program funded by OMH.

There will be five awards granted to organizations in the New York City region as follows:

Group	Number of Units	Catchment Area	Borough
Group #1	5	Bronx Psychiatric Center	Bronx
Group #2	5	Kingsboro Psychiatric Center	Brooklyn
Group #3	7	Manhattan Psychiatric Center	Manhattan (or a surrounding borough)
Group #4	11	Creedmoor Psychiatric Center	Queens
Group #5	8	South Beach Psychiatric Center	Brooklyn or Staten Island

Organizations may submit proposals for one or more groups; however, no organization will receive an award for more than one group. If submitting proposals for more than one group, organizations must indicate the order of preference in the application.

Contracts will last for five years beginning July 1st.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In order to qualify for funding under this RFP, applicants must be not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations that have an existing OMH Licensed Apartment Treatment Program in New York City and are interested in expanding that program.

TARGET POPULATION

Individuals are eligible for Apartment Treatment housing through this RFP if they have a diagnosis of SMI or SMI and a co-occurring disorder of substance abuse and if they:

- Are being discharged from State-operated Psychiatric Centers (PC) or State-operated residential programs, or may be diverted from a State PC into housing;
- Are being discharged from an Article 28 hospital or an Article 31 hospital and in need of Apartment Treatment housing;
- Are high users of Medicaid Services and are referred by a Health Home;
- Are current residents of an OMH licensed Community Residence or Community Residence – Single Room Occupancy (CR-SRO) operated by a voluntary provider agency, with priority for individuals who have a Length of Stay (LOS) greater than two years; or
- Are 18 years of age or older and are being discharged from a Residential Treatment Facility (RTF).

Individuals who meet the above criteria and have an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) order must receive priority access.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Population (25 points)
- Housing Implementation (35 points)
- Agency Performance (20 points)
 - This will include the Bidder's Narrative and an internal OMH review of the bidder's past performance operating residential programs over the past two-year period.
- Financial Assessment (20 points)

Applicants must receive a minimum average score of 65 to be considered for this RFP. In the case of a tie, the proposal with the highest score on the Agency Performance section will be ranked higher. In the case of a tie on the Agency Performance section, the proposal with the highest score in the Housing Implementation section will be ranked higher.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by March 23rd. Awards are expected to be announced on April 16th.

Questions should be submitted to Carol Swiderski at Carol.Swiderski@omh.ny.gov by February 9th. Answers to questions will be posted on the OMH website and in the Grant Gateway on February 23rd.