

RFA: Innovation Award Program

OVERVIEW

On January 29th, OneCity Health, the Performing Provider System (PPS) of New York City Health + Hospitals (H+H), released a Request for Applications (RFA) for its Innovation Award Program. Up to \$5 million of Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) funds are available to support PPS partners in designing and implementing innovative programs to improve the health of patients, reduce avoidable hospital admissions, and improve community health outcomes. The Innovation Award Program objectives are as follows:

- Spark and support novel ideas that could make a significant, positive impact on the patients, clients, and communities OneCity Health serves;
- Promote collaboration among partners, including addressing social determinants of health (SDH);
- Support and align with OneCity Health achieving DSRIP program goals;
- Test and refine programs with potential for significant long term and measurable impact on improving health and reducing avoidable costs.

The RFA is available [here](#). Applications are due on March 2nd.

FUNDING

OneCity Health expects to distribute up to 10 awards in the range of \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 per award. Award amounts will be based on implementation costs relative to the scope of expected impact, with 10% of the award to be paid after contracting. Funding will support projects that include one or more of the following:

- Novel interventions to address needs;
- Partnerships between different types of organizations;
- Creative use of workforce or workflows;
- Focus on target populations to address their multiple needs;
- Use of technology; and
- Improved, quantifiable measurement approaches.

Contracts will last for one year beginning May 1st.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In order to qualify for funding under this RFP, lead applicants must be a OneCity Health PPS partner with a signed Master Services Agreement as of January 1, 2018. PPS partner types include, but are not limited to, community-based organizations (CBOs), physician practices, pharmacies, and behavioral health practitioners.

Applicants are encouraged to collaborate and submit joint applications with OneCity Health PPS partners or other organizations. Joint applications must designate one lead applicant and include a description of the roles and responsibilities of each organization involved.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Quality of Proposal (15%)
- Fit with Innovation Award Objectives and Measures (25%)
- Innovation (20%)
- Likelihood of Success (20%)
- Potential Long Term Impact (20%)

Applications will be reviewed by OneCity Health and selected external expert(s) and awards will be determined based on the criteria and weighting above.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by March 2nd. Details are forthcoming for a planned Innovation Award Partner Workshop/Webinar to be held during the week of February 5th. Awards are expected to be announced the week of March 26th.

Questions should be submitted to the OneCity Health Support Desk at ochsupportdesk@nychhc.org with “Innovation Award Question” in the subject line by February 2nd.