

## RFP: Capital Funds for OMH RTFs and Article 31 Clinics for Children

### OVERVIEW

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for up to \$20 million in capital funding for the preservation, restructuring, or expansion of OMH Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs) and/or Article 31 clinics licensed to serve children. Applicants should propose projects that will preserve the safe functionality of a facility, make physical layout changes to or repurpose part of a facility, or create additional program space to expand access to care.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### FUNDING

Applicants may request between \$200,000 and \$1.5 million per application. Priority will be given to projects for RTFs and Vital Access Provider (VAP) designated clinics, with two pools of \$4 million dedicated to each of these provider categories. If funds remain unallocated after all applications from providers within these pools are awarded, the balance will be awarded to other applications.

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- The cost of planning and consultants;
- Construction, renovation, or acquisition of property; or
- Durable goods or equipment needed to complete a capital project. Durable goods may not comprise more than 50 percent of the funding request.

Costs incurred before the contract date may not be reimbursed.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applicants must be 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations who operate either an OMH-designated Article 31 clinic licensed to serve children or an RTF. Additionally, applicants must **not** have operating profits of more than 10 percent consistently during the last three years, as reported on their Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR). Article 28 clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) are not eligible to apply for this funding.

Providers who operate multiple clinics or RTFs may submit up to two applications, but each application must be for a distinct project and pertain to a single facility.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Funds may be used for capital projects that will complete necessary physical improvements to facilities in order to improve accessibility, care quality, or capacity to meet the population's needs. Awardees must obtain approval from OMH for the project through the standard process of submitting an EZ-Prior Application Review (PAR) application. Some examples of eligible projects include:

- Implementation of an RTF Pilot Proposal;
- Development of a specialized treatment unit; or
- Expansion of service capacity.

## APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Executive Summary (10 points)
- Demonstration of Need (20 points)
- Capital Project Development (25 points)
- Project Impact (5 points)
- Program Viability and Sustainability Assessment (10 points)
- Financial Assessment (20 points).

Awards will be made to the highest-scoring applicants in order of score. Applications must score at least 70 points to be eligible for an award.

## TIMELINE

Proposals must be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Questions may be submitted to [Carol.Swidorski@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Carol.Swidorski@omh.ny.gov) by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Answers will be posted to the OMH website on or about June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Awards are expected to be announced around September 1<sup>st</sup>, with the start date for contracts being January 1, 2019.