

## RFP: Public Private Partnership

### OVERVIEW

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Division of Child Welfare and Community Services released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the establishment of Public Private Partnership (PPP) programs for at-risk children, youth, and families. These programs are intended to prevent involvement with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems and are targeted towards at-risk individuals in high need areas in New York State, such as those with high rates of child abuse and maltreatment or high admission rates for foster care and detention. This RFP is specifically seeking proposals under one or more of the following categories:

- Start-up and/or expansion of evidence-based/evidence-informed programs to support children, youth, and families who are at risk of entering the child welfare or juvenile justice systems;
- Start-up and/or expansion of Parent-Child Home programs;
- Start-up and/or expansion of Parents as Teachers home visiting programs; and
- Start-up and/or expansion of Restorative Justice programs in high need schools, including Special Act School Districts and 853 schools.

Over \$3.4 million in total annual funding will be available through this RFP. However, applicants must also obtain a privately-funded cash contribution to cover at least 35% of the costs of any project.

The full RFP is attached. Applications are due on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### FUNDING

The initial maximum state award amount for this program will be \$500,000 for any one proposal. State funding will be limited to no more than 65% of eligible program expenditures. The remaining 35% of program expenditures must be supported by non-governmental private cash funds, and applicants are required to verify their private funding source in the application to support the total program budget. In-kind contributions are not considered cash and may not be counted towards the contribution.

Funding allocated through this RFP may not be use for the following costs:

- Major capital expenditures such as acquisition, construction or structural renovation of facilities;
- Interest costs, including costs incurred to borrow funds;
- Costs for preparation of continuation agreements and other proposal development costs;
- Costs of organized fundraising;
- Legal fees to represent agency/staff;
- Advertising, except for recruitment of project personnel, program outreach and recruitment of participants;
- Entertainment, including staff/program social activities, unless as a direct part of the project; and
- Costs for dues, attendance at conferences or meetings of professional organizations, unless attendance is necessary in connection with the project.

Contracts will last from March 1, 2019 to November 30, 2023. Funds are currently available to cover the first year of the contract. Continued funding will be subject to availability of funds.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants must be one of the following types of entities:

- Community-based not-for-profit 501(c)(3) agencies;
- Faith-based organizations;
- Public agencies;
- School districts;
- 853 and Special Act schools; or
- Municipalities.

Organizations' governing boards (board of directors) must include a minimum of three members. Applicants must submit a Social Services District attestation letter from the local department of social services in each county that will be served.

## APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Community (15 points)
- Target Populations (20 points)
- Objectives, Tasks, and Performance Measures (10 points)
- Proposed Project Description (25 points)
- Project Staff (5 points)
- Organization (10 points)
- Proposed Budget (20 points)

Proposals must receive a minimum of 75 points to be considered for an award. Award will be made based on proposal scores, distribution of funds across geographies and program areas, contracting experience, and other similar factors. Proposals that receive 75 points or more but do not receive an award will be considered "approved but not funded," and, if additional funds become available, may receive an award at a later date.

## Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by October 26<sup>th</sup>. Awards are expected to be announced on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted to [RFP@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:RFP@ocfs.ny.gov) by September 28<sup>th</sup>. Questions and answers will be posted on the Grants Gateway by October 10<sup>th</sup>.