

RFA: OASAS NP and CRPA Recruitment and Retention Funding for VAP Providers

OVERVIEW

On October 18th, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) to support agencies that qualify as Vital Access Providers (VAP) to recruit and retain Nurse Practitioners (NP) and/or Certified Recovery Peer Advocates (CRPA) for their outpatient and opioid treatment programs. OASAS will provide a total of \$5 million in one-time grants of Behavioral Health Transformation funds to support eligible organizations with recruitment and salary support for new staff.

The RFA is available [here](#). Applications are due on November 7th.

FUNDING

OASAS will provide up to \$3 million in total funding for NP awards and up to \$2 million in total funding for CRPA awards. However, any unawarded funds in one position category may be used to make additional awards in the other position category. Awards will be made in the following amounts:

Award	Purpose	Position
\$25,000 per program	Recruitment and Salary	NPs
\$40,000 per program	Recruitment and Salary	CRPAs

Providers that operate multiple outpatient/opioid treatment programs may apply for multiple awards (one award per program), up to a maximum of four awards per provider. Additional outpatient locations or outpatient rehabilitation programs are not eligible for a separate award.

Awards may only be used for recruitment and salary support for new NPs or CRPAs. Funding may not be used for existing staff salaries. Awarded organizations are expected to explain how they will sustain all new hires resulting from these awards, including a plan for direct service reimbursement/claims (e.g., Medicaid reimbursement, whether through fee-for-service or managed care).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include agencies that operate OASAS Certified Title 14 NYCRR Part 822 outpatient and opioid treatment programs who are in good standing and who have an active New York State Medicaid Program Identification Number (MMIS). Programs in good standing must possess operating certificate(s) with a current compliance rating of partial (two year) or substantial (three year) compliance, unless the program's operating certificate is not subject to a compliance rating.

Outpatient programs may apply for both award types. Opioid treatment programs may only apply for CRPA awards. If submitting multiple applications, organizations must submit a separate and complete application for each position type and for each outpatient/opioid treatment program for which they seek funding.

APPLICATION

Applications will be reviewed in order of receipt until all funding has been allocated. Award determinations will be based on the applicant's eligibility as outlined above.

Timeline

Applications must be submitted by November 7th via email to procurements@oasas.ny.gov with the subject line "Requests for Applications – OASAS Project No. 18100."

Questions regarding this RFA should be submitted by October 24th to the email address above with the same subject line. Responses to questions will be provided individually via email as soon as practical.