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RFP: OASAS Medically Supervised Withdrawal and Stabilization Services and/or Residential Services

OVERVIEW

On January 8th, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for organizations to develop and operate Part 816.7 medically supervised withdrawal and stabilization beds and/or Part 820 residential services (stabilization and/or rehabilitation) beds throughout New York State. The enacted 2018-19 State Budget for OASAS provides Capital Projects appropriation authority for the development of residential beds. As such, operational funding for these beds is be available through the State's annual budget process.

Applicants may <u>not</u> expand any existing Part 816.7 or Part 820 programs. Applicants must apply to establish a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 40 <u>new</u> medically supervised withdrawal and stabilization services beds (Part 816.7) or residential stabilization and/or rehabilitation services beds (Part 820) throughout New York State to the target population.

The full RFP is available <u>here</u>. Applications are due on February 19th.

FUNDING

Up to \$10 million in capital funding will be allocated through this RFP by bonded appropriations and will require an OASAS State Aid Grant Lien (SAGL) on the property for 30 years. Long-term leases may be considered in lieu of a SAGL. Additionally, up to \$1.2 million (a maximum of \$30,000 per bed) will be provided annually to organizations for ongoing operational costs. Funding may only be used for the creation of new service beds and cannot be used to support conversions of existing programs. Funds will flow through the county in which services will be provided, unless the applicant is an existing OASAS direct contract provider or is based in New York City but lacks an existing contract with the city, in which case OASAS may directly fund the project. Contracts will last up to five years.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In order to qualify for funding under this RFP, applicants must be:

- An OASAS community-based voluntary agency (non-hospital) in good standing; or
- A Local Government Unit (LGU).

Applicants must operate one or more OASAS certified programs. Priority will be given to applicants proposing to operate in counties that do not currently offer medically supervised withdrawal and stabilization (Part 816.7), intensive residential (Part 819), and/or stabilization and rehabilitation (Part 820) services. This priority list includes 28 counties north of New York City. Priority will also be given to applicants that propose to deliver medically supervised withdrawal and stabilization services independently or in combination with residential services as follows:

- Only an 816.7 program
- Combination of 816.7 and 820.10 programs
- Combination of 816.7, 820.10 and 820.11 programs
- Combination of 816.7 and 820.11 programs

- Only an 820.10 program
- Combination of 820.10 and 820.11 programs
- Only an 820.11 program.

Organizations applying for services at more than one location or county must submit a separate and complete application for each location where the new service is proposed. If an organization is applying for a combination of services at a single location (mixed use), only one application is required.

TARGET POPULATION

The target population for services through this program includes the following:

- Individuals in need of medically supervised detoxification services;
- Individuals experiencing mild withdrawal or significant urges for illicit substances that cannot be managed in an outpatient setting; and/or
- Individuals who are in need of residential care.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Program Narrative
 - o Demonstrated Successful Relevant Experience (2 points)
 - Organizational Capacity (4 points)
 - o Program Approach and Services (4 points)
 - o Innovation (2 points)
 - o Cultural Diversity (2 points)
 - o Program Effectiveness (4 points)
 - o Geographic Distribution of Services (10 points)
 - o Modality of Services (10 points)
- Capital Plan
 - o Site Control (25 points)
 - Site Information/Zoning (15 points)
 - Scope of Work for Proposed Project (5 points)
 - o Experience (5 points)
- Program Budget (10 points)
- Diversity Practices Questionnaire (2 points)

Contracts will be awarded to applicants who have the highest overall scores based on the above criteria. In the case of a tie, the application with the highest score on Geographical Distribution will be ranked highest, followed by the highest score on the Program Narrative section.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by February 19th. Questions should be submitted to Karen Stackrow at procurements@oasas.ny.gov with the subject line "Request for Applications – OASAS Project No. 19100" by January 22nd. Answers to questions will be posted on the OASAS website on February 5th. Awarded applicants are expected to be selected on March 29th.