

RFA: Telepractice Capacity Expansion

OVERVIEW

On February 3rd, the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) to fund the expansion of telepractice capacity and equipment with the purpose of increasing access to addiction treatment services in underserved communities.

OASAS will provide approximately \$930,000 in total funding to eligible providers across New York State with the goal of funding one provider in each county to purchase equipment and develop telepractice capacity. Funding for this project is provided by the State Opioid Response Grant awarded to OASAS from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on February 24th and will be reviewed and accepted in order of receipt.

FUNDING

OASAS will provide one-time grants of up to \$15,000 to up to 62 eligible organizations through this RFA for telepractice equipment purchasing. Each county will receive at least one award, provided an application is received and accepted for that county. Any unawarded funds may be used to make additional awards.

The budget justification in the application should reflect costs for both equipment and installation. Since services delivered via telepractice are reimbursable through public and private insurance (as per OASAS's recently updated [Telepractice Standards](#)), providers are expected to be able to continue service provision without the need for additional operational funding.

The grant year for funding concludes on September 29th, at which point all funds must be expended.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are OASAS outpatient programs operated by a not-for-profit voluntary agency, Local Government Unit, or for-profit organization. Outpatient rehabilitation programs are not eligible to apply. Outpatient programs providing opioid full agonist medications (Opioid Treatment Programs) may be included if they demonstrate how they will expand access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) and other services, such as providing buprenorphine and/or peer support services.

Providers that operate multiple outpatient/opioid treatment programs may not apply for multiple awards.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Agency Information (40 points)

- Implementation Plan (40 points)
- Budget and Justification (20 points)

Timeline

Applications are due on February 24th. Awards are expected to be announced on March 2nd.

Questions may be submitted to SOR@oasas.ny.gov by February 10th with “SOR – RFA Telepractice” in the subject line and a reference to the RFA section to which the question refers in the body of the email. Answers to questions will be posted on the OASAS website on February 18th.