

RFA: Regional Approach to Addressing Use Disorders

OVERVIEW

On August 31st, the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the development and reinforcement of regional networks of care. The networks will provide prevention, treatment, and recovery services and operate in collaboration with other systems of care. OASAS will distribute over \$47 million to networks of providers that represent the full array of OASAS services in regions across the state, allowing individuals and families to easily access and stay connected to services. Funding is allocated to this program as part of the 2020 State Opioid Response Grant that the State received from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on October 5th.

FUNDING

The maximum amount of funding per Regional Planning Consortium (RPC) region of New York City (NYC) borough is outlined in the table below. Total funding amounts for each region or borough was calculated based on population size and adjusted based on the opioid and stimulant disorder needs in each region.

Region	Total Funding
Bronx	\$6,064,746
Capital Region	\$2,216,996
Central New York	\$2,642,785
Finger Lakes	\$3,673,476
Kings	\$4,109,333
Long Island	\$7,104,736
Mid-Hudson	\$6,323,001
Mohawk Valley	\$600,000
New York	\$3,898,749
North Country	\$600,000
Queens	\$3,161,484
Richmond	\$2,050,918

Southern Tier	\$1,028,549
Tug Hill Seaway	\$600,000
Western	\$3,710,576

Each network applicant may request funding up to the maximum amount indicated in their region or borough. OASAS will issue at least one award per RPC or borough. Funding is for a one-year award, with the possibility of a second year of funding depending on federal appropriations.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applications must be submitted by an OASAS certified provider as the lead representative for the Regional Network of prevention, treatment, and recovery providers serving the RPC region or NYC borough. Each Regional Network must include OASAS certified and funded providers that represent the full continuum of substance use prevention services and must identify a lead management team that includes at least one representative from each essential service type:

- Community-based prevention;
- Treatment services; and
- Recovery center.

Network providers can be funded directly through the RFA or may serve as collaborative partners participating in-kind to leverage existing essential services. Special consideration will be given to networks that incorporate established collaborations, work across systems (e.g., hospitals, correctional, mental health, primary care), and incorporate unique specializations across populations while providing for culturally competent services.

The Network should also identify a criminal justice partner to participate in the development of the application and to attend organizational meeting. The Network must also include, but not necessarily fund, the following:

- Hospital;
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC);
- Health hub (if available in region);
- At least one Opioid Overdose Prevention Program in a non-OASAS provider setting;
- OASAS certified treatment programs that include all levels of care; and
- Prevention and recovery programs.

The Network may also choose to include social service, transportation, and housing providers to meet their goals.

NETWORK REQUIREMENTS

The overarching goals of the Regional Network include:

- Provide a comprehensive prevention approach and ensure that the full array of appropriate prevention services is available to the community;

- Improve collaboration within the treatment continuum;
- Provide evidence-based treatment;
- Integrate and support a peer workforce;
- Integrate criminal justice populations;
- Expand and enhance treatment and recovery services for youth and young adults;
- Expand or enhance the availability of gender-specific family center services for women;
- Increase access to family services, with a focus on families impacted by Opioid Use Disorder and Stimulant Use Disorder; and
- Integrate recovery services.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Project Narrative (15 points)
- Program Description (60 points)
- Evaluation Plan (5 points)
- Regional Quality Improvement and Accountability Process (5 points)
- Agency/Leadership Experience (5 points)
- Sustainability Plan (5 points)
- Budget (5 points)

Timeline

Applications are due on October 5th.

Questions should be submitted to SOR@oasas.ny.gov by September 14th with the subject line “SOR – RFA Regional Approach,” Answers to questions will be posted on the OASAS website on September 18th. Awards are expected to be announced on November 1st.