

## RFP: Preventing Infectious Disease in People Who Use Drugs

### OVERVIEW

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Public Health Solutions (PHS), on behalf of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the provision of services that reduce hepatitis C and HIV infection and address health inequities faced by individuals who use drugs. PHS will award \$656,000 in annual funding across four substance use treatment programs that provide HIV and viral hepatitis screening, diagnosis, counseling, linkage to care, and harm reduction services.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

### FUNDING

PHS anticipates awarding up to four organizations with \$164,000 annually through this RFP. There will be one award in each of the following boroughs: Bronx; Brooklyn; Manhattan; and Queens. The payment structure will be deliverables-based with performance targets.

Funds awarded through this RFP may not be used for:

- Research;
- Clinical care (except as allowed by law);
- The purchase of furniture or equipment without prior approval;
- Publicity or lobbying (see RFP for details);
- The purchase of antiretroviral therapy or needles/syringes for drug injection;
- The purchase of medications other than those noted in the RFP, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) or family planning medications; and
- Construction.

Contracts will begin on October 1, 2021 and last through July 31, 2025.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations that operate a brick-and-mortar site in one of the four target boroughs. Applicants must be certified by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to provide:

- Crisis services;
- Inpatient rehabilitation;
- Outpatient services;
- Residential services; and/or
- Opioid treatment services.

Applicants should serve marginalized populations and have a minimum of 400 discharges per year.

### APPLICATION

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following:

- Organizational Experience and Capacity (25 points)
- Program Model (25 points)
- Staffing (10 points)
- Collaborations and Partnerships (10 points)
- Project Monitoring and Reporting (15 points)
- Data Management (15 points)

Proposals must receive an average score of 70 points or more to be considered for funding.

## Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by August 19<sup>th</sup>. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to submit a Notice of Intent to Respond form by August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Questions may be sent to Brian Fusco at [VHERFP@healthsolutions.org](mailto:VHERFP@healthsolutions.org) by July 22<sup>nd</sup>.