

RFA: Mobile Medication Units (MMUs)

OVERVIEW

On November 9th, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the development of Mobile Medication Units (MMUs). OASAS will allocate up to \$2 million in total funding available from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant to support Opioid Treatment Centers (OTPs) with the development of MMUs.

The full RFA is available [here](#). Applications are due on December 6th.

FUNDING

OASAS will provide one-time funding of up to \$200,000 to one provider in each of the 10 Empire State Development Regions (regions are identified in Attachment A). Providers that operate multiple OTPs may apply for awards in more than one region; however, a separate application will be required for each region.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are voluntary agencies or other not-for-profit organizations that currently operate OASAS-certified OTPs.

Awarded applicants will require full approval from OASAS, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to operate the MMU.

REQUIRED SERVICES

Awarded MMUs must provide the following services for a minimum of two years:

- Medication administration and observation, including methadone and buprenorphine;
- Admission assessments and medication induction;
- Other medical services, including physical examinations; and
- Toxicology tests.

OTPs may also choose to provide counseling services, peer support services, and any other services that are deemed beneficial to support MMUs with the provision of person-centered care. Counseling and peer support services may be delivered in-person, via telehealth, or a hybrid of in-person and telehealth delivery. If the OTP chooses not to provide these additional services on the MMU, the MMU's policies and procedures must outline how patients can obtain such services.

APPLICATION

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Needs Justification (30 points)
- Operation Location(s)/Dispensing Location(s) (3 points)
- Staffing (14 points)
- Security (4 points)

- Hours of Operation/Dispensing Hours (5 points)
- MMU Overnight Parking Location (4 points)
- Projections (4 points)
- Protocols (18 points)
- Services (18 points)

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by December 6th. Awards are expected to be announced on December 22nd.