

RFP: Expanding Opioid Overdose Prevention Program Capacity

OVERVIEW

On November 22nd, the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for qualified applicants to operate Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs (OOPPs) that expand access to naloxone to reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Through this RFP, DOHMH seeks to reduce the number of opioid-related deaths in NYC and to:

- Support organizations in NYC currently registered as OOPPs, or interested in becoming OOPPs, to expand overdose education and naloxone dispensing (OEND) by increasing staffing;
- Dispense naloxone to those at risk of an opioid overdose (including people who use both opioid and non-opioid drugs that could be mixed with fentanyl) and to their families, friends, and loved ones;
- Increase the availability of naloxone to individuals and communities most affected by opioid overdose;
- Increase the availability of naloxone to communities with limited access to City-funded naloxone; and
- Offer OEND at no cost to individuals in a culturally and linguistically competent manner.

Through this opportunity, DOHMH will award over \$12.4 million in total funding across 27 awards during the 6-year program period.

The RFP documents may be accessed in the New York City PASSPort portal [here](#). Applications are due on December 8th.

FUNDING

This RFP includes the following two competition pools:

Competition Pool	Location	Number of Awards	Target Population	Maximum Annual Funding Per Contract
General OOPPs	See Table 1 for Priority Neighborhoods in NYC (applicants must provide services in at least one priority neighborhood)	23	Individuals at risk of witnessing or experiencing an overdose, including people who use drugs and their family, friends, and loved ones.	\$82,000
Criminal Justice OOPPs	NYC	4	Individuals who are currently or have been involved with the criminal justice system, and/or individuals that had an immediate family member	\$46,000

			who was incarcerated or under probation, parole, or community supervision.	
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Funding may only be used to increase staffing and may not be allocated for office supplies, rent, or activities outside the scope of this RFP. The anticipated payment structure will be based on unit payments tied to the achievement of deliverables, in which DOHMH anticipates paying award recipients:

- A unit rate for overdose education and services provided for each naloxone kit dispensed in target populations up to the maximum annual amount per contract; and
- A flat fee for monthly program narrative reports.

Organizations may apply for one or both competitions; however, a separate and complete proposal must be submitted for each competition. Applicants will only be awarded a maximum of one contract for one competition.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are organizations currently registered as an OOPP or that have submitted an application to the New York State Department of Health to become an OOPP. Applicants should have at least two years of experience engaging with the target population. Funding is not available for Syringe Service Programs.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Provider Experience (20 points)
- Program Services (40 points)
- Organizational Capacity, Staffing Plan, and Qualifications (15 points)
- Program Monitoring, Data Management, and Reporting (15 points)
- Budget Management (10 points)

Contracts will be awarded based on the above criteria and a consideration of which proposals are deemed the most advantageous to NYC.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by December 8th. Contracts will last for six years starting on July 1, 2022.