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RFA: OASAS Telehealth Infrastructure

OVERVIEW

On February 11th, the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for one-time telehealth infrastructure funding, including the purchase of equipment (e.g., phones for programs, tablets) and connectivity. Through this opportunity, OASAS will award a total of up to \$1.5 million to eligible providers for the purchase of infrastructure to support the continued provision of services via telehealth. This funding is made available through supplemental funding allocated by the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant program.

The full RFA is available <u>here</u>. Applications are due on March 11th and will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis in order of receipt.

FUNDING

OASAS will issue one-time awards of up to \$15,000 for the purchase of equipment, software, and other technology to establish the necessary infrastructure to deliver substance use disorder (SUD) treatment via telehealth. Funding may not be used to purchase any items for consumers/clients.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit 501(c)(3) agencies or Local Government Units that operate the following OASAS SUD programs:

- Medically Supervised Outpatient;
- Outpatient Rehabilitation;
- Outpatient Opioid Treatment;
- Recovery Community Centers;
- Youth Clubhouses:
- Family Navigators; and
- Peer Engagement Specialist.

OASAS will only accept one application/budget request per eligible program.

APPLICATION

Applicants will be required to complete a contract budget and funding summary, inclusive of costs for both equipment and installation. Funding will be awarded based on a determination that an applicant is eligible for the award and that the budget document is completed in full.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by March 11th and will be reviewed in order of receipt. Awards are expected to be announced on March 23rd. Questions may be submitted to COVIDFunds@oasas.ny.gov with the subject "OASAS Project No. SUPP1006 Inquiry" and a citation to the relevant RFA section by February 18th. Answers to questions will be posted on the OASAS website on February 22nd.