

RFA: Paid Prevention Internship Opportunity

OVERVIEW

On March 2nd, the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for one-time funding to support prevention providers with the establishment of a paid internship position for up to 12 months. This program aims to provide staff support to prevention providers, attract diverse individuals into the prevention field, and provide interns with job experience and an entry-level path towards a professional credential, such as a Certified Prevention Professional (CPP) or Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS).

OASAS will provide up to \$1 million in total funding to support at least thirty internship positions. 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 RFA is available [here](#). Applications are due on March 31st.

FUNDING

Eligible providers may apply for up to \$21,000 to support the one-year paid internship position, which may include hourly wages, fringe, OTPS, supervisor stipend (up to \$2,200), and agency administration costs (no more than 10% of operating expenses). OASAS will fund only one internship position per awarded agency; however, the position may be split between two part-time interns.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are existing OASAS-funded prevention providers, including Prevention Resource Centers.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Recruitment and Onboarding (30 points)
- Diversity in Selection Process (30 points)
- Training Capacity (15 points)
- Tasks and Duties (20 points)
- Attestation of Compliance (5 points)

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by March 31st. Awards are expected to be announced on April 22nd.

Questions may be submitted to COVIDFunds@oasas.ny.gov with the subject “Requests for Applications – OASAS Project No. SUPP1007 Inquiry” and a citation to the relevant RFA section by March 11th.

Answers to questions will be posted on the OASAS website on or around March 16th.