

RFA: Opioid Treatment Program Additional Location

OVERVIEW

On March 18th, the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for one-time funding to support Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Additional Locations. An OTP Additional Location is a facility established as part of, but geographically separate from, an existing OASAS-certified OTP. OTP Additional Locations are not required to be freestanding entities and may be co-located with other services.

OASAS will provide up to \$1 million in total funding to support five providers in developing OTP Additional Locations. 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 April 14th.

FUNDING

Eligible providers may apply for up to \$200,000 in one-time funding to support the development of an OTP Additional Location. Funding may be used:

- To equip the OTP Additional Location with a safe, dispensing machine, medical and general supplies, alarm system, and furniture;
- For cosmetic renovations (not to exceed \$75,000 of the grant award).

Funding may not be used to purchase, construct, permanently improve, or change the structure of the building. However, minor maintenance such as replacing air filters in an HVAC system is permitted.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include voluntary agencies or other not-for-profit organizations that currently operate OASAS-certified OTPs. Providers must obtain full approval from OASAS, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to operate the OTP Additional Location.

Providers that operate multiple OTPs may apply for multiple awards; however, a separate application is required for each OTP Additional Location. Providers may only apply for one award per existing (“Home”) OTP. There are no minimum or maximum distance requirements from the Home OTP.

REQUIRED SERVICES

OTP Additional Locations must provide the following services in person:

- Medication administration and observation (including methadone and buprenorphine);
- Toxicology tests;
- Crisis/acute peer support or counseling services; and
- Crisis/acute medical services.

If the OTP Additional Location will not be providing counseling or medical services in person, a plan must be developed for how the OTP Additional Location will respond to a patient in need of acute/emergency medical or counseling services.

The following additional services must be available at the OTP Additional Location (in person or via telehealth, as appropriate) or there must be policies and procedures for how patients can receive the services from the Home OTP:

- Admission assessments and medication induction;
- Other medical services, such as physical examinations;
- Counseling services, including group and individual;
- Peer supports; and
- Other services deemed beneficial to providing person-centered care.

Other treatment services may be provided as allowable under OASAS Part 822 regulations. Awarded OTP Additional Locations must be operational by the end of 2022 and provide continued services for a minimum of two years from the first day of operation.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Needs Justification (26 points)
- Operation Location/Dispensing Location (3 points)
- Staffing (14 points)
- Security (4 points)
- Hours of Operation/Dispensing Hours (5 points)
- Projections (4 points)
- Protocols (18 points)
- Services (22 points)
- Coordination with Home OTP (4 points)

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by April 14th. Awards are expected to be announced on May 6th.

Questions may be submitted to COVIDFunds@oasas.ny.gov with the subject “Requests for Applications – OASAS Project No. SUPP1009” by March 25th. Answers to questions will be posted on the OASAS website on or around March 30th.