

RFA: One-Time Grants for Treatment Supports

OVERVIEW

On April 5th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for one-time funding to expand services and activities within OMH licensed programs that support children and families with significant mental health needs. Through this RFA, OMH will provide \$2 million in total funding for the expansion of treatment services for children and families that:

- Have been considerably impacted by rates of Covid-19;
- Are identified as being high needs (e.g., homelessness, food insecurity, etc.); and /or
- Are disenfranchised or marginalized populations (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities).

This funding is made available through supplemental funding allocated by the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act to the Mental Health Block Grant program.

The RFA is available [here](#). Applications are due on July 1st. Applications will be reviewed in the order received and funding will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis until funds are exhausted.

FUNDING

OMH will provide one-time grants of \$40,000 per licensed provider agency. Funding may not be used for:

- Technical equipment for consumers; or
- Substantial capital improvements.

Funding must be expended by December 31, 2023.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are OMH licensed community-based provider agencies offering mental health treatment services to children with significant mental health needs and their families. Applicants must have at least one year of experience as an OMH licensed program.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Activities may include the expansion of existing services and additional activities or approaches to outreach to, engage, and/or serve the target population. Services should mitigate the risk of mental health crisis and/or involvement in emergency services and hospitalizations.

Applicants must apply for one of the following opportunities through an OMH licensed program serving children and their families:

- Establish and/or enhance mechanisms for service coordination and multi-disciplinary teams;
- Expand co-occurring treatment services; or
- Establish mechanisms to increase engagement and reduce use of emergency services.

Examples of treatment support services may include:

- Enhanced care coordination and treatment planning processes among providers serving high needs youth and families;
- Agency staff and/or peer outreach and engagement for children and families struggling to access or receive adequate services and supports; and
- Targeted treatment services or other support programming for youth experiencing challenges with multiple diagnoses in addition to mental health needs.

TIMELINE

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