

RFA: Mobile Medication Units - NYC

OVERVIEW

On June 6th, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the development of Mobile Medication Units (MMUs) in New York City. OASAS will allocate up to \$1.65 million in total funding available from 2020 State Opioid Response (SOR) funds to assist Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) with the development of MMUs. Priority will be given to entities seeking to establish MMUs in Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island and/or that are serving special populations as outlined in the RFA.

The full RFA is available [here](#). Applications are due on July 6th.

FUNDING

OASAS will provide one-time funding of up to \$550,000 to three awardees. Funding may be used for any or all of the following purposes:

- Purchase and/or retrofit an MMU;
- Purchase and/or upgrade equipment for the MMU;
- Recruitment and hiring costs; and
- Personal services and fringe benefits for key staffing, including nurses, peers, clinicians, physicians, or drivers/security.

Funding is available through September 29th, with a possibility of no cost extension depending on approval from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Providers may apply for multiple awards to deliver services in multiple locations; however, a separate application will be required for each proposed MMU. The MMU may serve locations outside of the borough in which the OTP is located.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Any agency or organization that currently operates an OASAS-certified OTP is eligible to apply for funding. Awarded applicants will require full approval from OASAS, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and SAMHSA to operate the MMU.

REQUIRED SERVICES

Awarded MMUs must provide the following services for a minimum of two years:

- Medication administration and observation, including methadone and buprenorphine;
- Admission assessments and medication induction;
- Other medical services, including physical examinations; and
- Toxicology tests.

OTPs may also choose to provide counseling services, peer support services, and any other services that are deemed beneficial to support MMUs with the provision of person-centered care. Counseling and peer support services may be delivered in-person, via telehealth, or a hybrid of in-person and telehealth

delivery. If the OTP chooses not to provide these additional services on the MMU, the MMU's policies and procedures must outline how patients can obtain such services.

Organizations may choose to provide services to special populations, including but not limited to individuals who are:

- Incarcerated;
- In long-term care facilities;
- In residential programs;
- In Part 816/818 programs; and
- Using Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).

APPLICATION

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Needs Justification (24 points)
- Operation Location(s)/Dispensing Location(s) (7 points)
- Staffing (14 points)
- Security (4 points)
- Hours of Operation/Dispensing Hours (5 points)
- MMU Overnight Parking Location (4 points)
- Projections (4 points)
- Protocols (18 points)
- Services (20 points)

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by July 6th. Awards are expected to be announced on July 20th.

Questions may be submitted to SOR@oasas.ny.gov with the subject line "(RFA) NYS OASAS SOR 2020 – Mobile Medication Units (MMU)" through June 15th. Answers to questions will be posted on the OASAS website on June 22nd.