

Q&A Session for Opioid Settlement Fund Statewide Community Meeting
4.26.23 1:00pm

Q1. Is there an ETA for award announcements for low threshold RFA?

A1. May 8th.

Q2. Is there any applications for supportive housing community based operations?

A2. Not currently, but OASAS is working to make dollars available for housing initiatives.

Q3. Did I hear that you're still accepting applications for the Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program SETT-23004?

A3. No. This RFA is closed.

Q4. Can agencies apply for and receive more than one OS grant?

A4. Each RFA outlines eligibility requirements. If there are any restrictions that would eliminate an applicant based on receipt of other funding it would be indicated in the RFA.

Q5. Are there discussions on the state level to create a statewide, uniform database for opioid use and overdose?

A5. Not to the panelists knowledge.

Q6. Target date for Prevention RFA?

A6. Prevention RFAs were released during prevention week, see <https://oasas.ny.gov/opioid-settlement-funding-initiatives> .

Q7. Is there an ETA for the Housing RFA?

A7. OASAS is working to release a housing RFA this spring.

Q8. Will the housing funding include capital and programmatic?

A8. The Opioid Settlement Fund does not restrict capital use. Future RFAs for housing will outline allowable costs.

Q9. Will the same consideration be offered for the low threshold RFA? (meaning having a community meeting for agencies interested in applying)?

A9. No, the information session for outpatient integration is specific to that effort.

Q10. How many applications were received for the Comprehensive Outpatient Integration RFA?

A10. 13.

Q11. Will the Buprenorphine Assistance Program also apply to Sublocade (Buprenorphine extended release)?

A11. The Buprenorphine Assistance Program is funded through the Stewardship dollars, not Opioid Settlement Funds. Sublocade is not covered under the Buprenorphine Assistance Program (Bupe-AP). The Bupe-AP network consists of retail pharmacies located throughout New York State. Sublocade is not available through retail pharmacies, it is only available through a restricted distribution center.

Q12. Are the answers to the Connections to Care RFA posted?

A12. Yes: <https://oasas.ny.gov/rfa/connections-to-care>

Q13. Are there any grants available for addiction medicine and mental health in primary care?

A13. See each RFA for eligibility. For profit entities are not eligible for competitive awards from OASAS or NYSDOH as part of the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Q14. Is this applicable to school districts?

A14. Eligible applicant information is included as part of each RFA.

Q15. Can you do an RFA for a Family Disease management program to encourage family involvement?

A15. OASAS will continue to publish RFAs in consideration of the Advisory Board recommendations. Additional OSF are available at the local level through the regional abatement monies and all entities are encouraged to continue these discussions and planning at the local level.

Q16. Is the funding for these programs based on submitting claims like SOR or advances like regular funding?

A16. If the initiative will be funded for more than one year, funds will be advanced similar to State aid payments or 25% quarterly. If the initiative will only be funded for one year or less, a 25% advance will be provided, and all other funding will be paid based on submitted expenses reports.

Q17. Will there be another RFA for Intensive/Supportive Crisis Stabilization for communities still in-need of MH and SUD supports?

A17. There are no current plans to issue another RFA for Intensive or Supportive Crisis Stabilization Centers. OMH and OASAS are working with existing grantees to get these services in place.
<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp>

Q18. Can I find available grants for addiction medicine in the connections to care link mentioned above?

A18. See links to the RFA pages for each agency.

Q19. Any anticipated funding for mobile crisis teams? How about recruitment and retention of workforce? All these initiatives are so needed but finding staff to support them remains a significant challenge!

A19. Workforce challenges are a major focus of all agencies allocating OSF. OASAS is currently in the process of implementing scholarships for CASAC, CPP, CPS credentials and CRPA certification. SAPT Supplemental funding stream is being used for workforce initiatives, including workforce, stabilization and Statewide SUD System Support. Additionally, there was a 5.6% COLA in FY 23 and there is a proposed 2.5% COLA in the FY 24 Executive Budget; and there is the Governor's Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus. Also, OASAS utilized available enhanced FMAP to increase Medicaid rates that were directed towards workforce. Multiple funding streams and initiatives are being used to address this issue. Regional abatement dollars may also be used for workforce development and retention as directed by the counties, cities, and towns.

Q20. What metrics are in place to measure the effectiveness of the interventions being put into place?

A20. Each RFA will require data collection depending on the goals of the RFA. OASAS is developing an OSF evaluation plan to understand the use of dollars over time.

Q21. Will that integrated training for mobile crisis be a part of an RFA?

A21. The details of this project are being finalized and relevant information will be shared when available.

Q22. Any available funding for EHR/IT infrastructure developments to align with metrics/reporting requirements?

A22. To be determined.

Q23. Will an FAQ be available for how this may interplay with reporting on the CFR?

A23. No. Any funding awarded to a provider should be reported on the CFR. Funding provided to the LGUs for Regional Abatement is not reported by the LGU on the CFR unless the LGU uses any of those funds in LGU-operated OASAS services. If the LGU awards abatement funds to an OASAS provider, the provider must report the expense and revenue on the CFR. CFR questions can be submitted to the mailbox at OASAS.SM.CFRS@OASAS.ny.gov

Q24. Although not directly related to the settlement funds, given emphasis on models of integration of care, has there been more discussions on the merge of OASAS/OMH?

A24. Conversations on this topic would be held at higher levels of the administration.

Q25. Should the CFR be reported separately from state aid funding?

A25. Awards made in response to RFAs issued by OASAS will need to be reported on the provider's CFR.

Q26. Will the LGU know when organizations receive this funding?

A26. From RFA 23008 moving forward applicants will send a letter notifying the LGU of their application. This will help all programs in receipt of funds abide by the no supplantation rule. All RFAs will publicly announce those programs who are awarded.