



**OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Supplement
Legislative Report**

This report is prepared and submitted in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2021, regarding supplementary federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funding, which directs the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to report to:

the chairperson of the senate finance committee, the chairperson of the assembly ways and means committee, the chairperson of the senate committee on alcoholism and drug abuse, the chairperson of the assembly committee on alcoholism and drug abuse, on the disbursement of funding for each purpose.

Such reports shall include:

- (a) description of types of projects supported by these funds;
- (b) total funds committed by project type;
- (c) total funds liquidated by project type; and
- (d) number of addiction and substance use disorder providers who have received direct grant payments.

The following supplemental awards were received by OASAS:

	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act	American Rescue Plan Act	American Rescue Plan Act - Mitigation
Amount	\$104,819,223	\$90,525,693	\$2,783,125
Award Period	03/15/2021-03/14/2024	09/01/2021-09/30/2025	09/01/2021-09/30/2025

The below chart summarizes initiatives currently underway as of December 31, 2022.

Description of Types of Projects Supported by these Funds	Total Funds Committed by Project Type	Total Funds Liquidated by Project Type	Number of Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Providers who have received Direct Grant Payments
Provider Fiscal and Programmatic Stabilization	37,040,951	12,496,528	225
Workforce Development, including Training, Technical Assistance and Recruitment and Retention Incentives	16,898,832	9,088,427	292
Primary Prevention Support and Activities	4,988,136	875,138	35

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Recovery, including Recovery Community Centers, Youth Clubhouses, and Peer Engagement	2,549,503	551,914	11
Information Technology Infrastructure, including purchase of equipment, expansion of Telehealth, implementation, and upgrades to Electronic Health Records systems	6,250,154	2,048,969	149
Treatment, including funding to support conversion costs of comprehensive outpatient programs, and SBIRT screening/intervention programs	13,067,575	3,375,296	42
Outreach, including Transportation initiatives to engage patients and make treatment more accessible	8,688,349	2,034,205	42
Transitional Housing and support for Residential Reintegration programs	432,720	108,180	15
Testing resources for SUD treatment program staff and clients	2,783,125	526,000	37
Temporary staff to assist in the administration of the funds, including contract development and payments	9,767,245	1,302,086	-
Total	102,466,590	32,406,744	

Additional details for each Description of Types of Projects Supported by These Funds may be found in Attachment A.

Attachment A

Provider Fiscal and Programmatic Stabilization:

- Stabilization initiatives will assist providers with fiscal recovery and enable them to continue offering COVID-safe substance use disorder prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services. These initiatives will offer financial assistance to addiction services providers to resume programs interrupted by the pandemic and sustain or enhance existing programs and services.

Workforce Development, including Training, Technical Assistance and Recruitment and Retention Incentives:

- To attract and retain quality staff, the Workforce initiatives will invest in incentives for staff incentives to recruit, retain and strengthen workforce in eligible programs. such as hiring payments and/or retention incentives, education, and training,

Primary Prevention Support and Activities:

- Initiatives will strengthen and support existing prevention programming through training, purchasing materials to assist in evidence-based programming and prevention strategies, and fostering workforce development through internships, leadership academies, and collaboration with colleges. OASAS also seeks to expand awareness and impact through media campaigns and use of mobile technology and establishing more local coalitions to facilitate partnerships and linkages to reach more people more effectively.

Recovery, including Recovery Community Centers, Youth Clubhouses, and Peer Engagement:

- OASAS continues to strengthen and expand our existing recovery community services, such as Recovery Community Centers and Youth Clubhouses, as well as support of an Alumni Association and Youth Voices Matter, a youth recovery community organization toolkit.

Information Technology Infrastructure, including purchase of equipment, expansion of Telehealth, implementation, and upgrades to Electronic Health Records systems:

- These initiatives will provide funding to purchase equipment, software, and other technology to establish the necessary infrastructure to deliver SUD telehealth services and other technology upgrades in data collection and reporting tools to improve the ability to measure outcomes, collect data relevant to evolving practices and improve service delivery based on real-time information.

Treatment, including funding to support conversion costs of comprehensive outpatient programs, and SBIRT screening/intervention programs:

- To increase access to opioid treatment, grant funds are supporting the expansion of outpatient clinics to offer medication for addiction treatment and to purchase and outfit mobile medication units to bring services where they are needed.
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is a comprehensive public health approach to identify those at risk of developing substance use disorders and delivers

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early intervention and treatment services to individuals whose exhibit hab,its of risky use of alcohol and other substances

Outreach, including Transportation initiatives to engage patients and make treatment more accessible:

- Program outreach to individuals not connected to care will support harm reduction and provide in-community support services and engagement. This includes care coordination and the provision of transportation assistance to ensure access to treatment, recovery, and other basic services.

Transitional Housing and support for Residential Reintegration programs:

- Transition housing will help provide short-term transitional housing and case management for individuals leaving OASAS residential treatment or correctional facilities who cannot otherwise access permanent housing.
- The conversion of current Community Residences to Part 820 Residential Reintegration programs requires additional staffing resource. This initiative will provide one-time financial assistance to programs that are converting to the higher level of care, which may then bill Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care.

Testing resources for SUD treatment program staff and clients:

- This initiative provides testing resources for SUD treatment program staff; provides testing resources for clients receiving SUD treatment services; and other related and ancillary COVID-19 mitigation services as necessary and appropriate to keep the addiction treatment environment safer.

Temporary staff to assist in the administration of the funds, including contract development and payments

- To assist in managing these initiatives, OASAS has hired temporary staff to augment and support current OASAS staff for the development of procurements and resulting contracts, purchasing activities, processing payments, tracking expenditures, program implementation, and development and submission of required reporting.

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