

RFA SETT-23015 Non-Medical Transportation

Questions submitted by Applicants that were due by 7/21/2023 5:00 PM
Answers to be posted to OASAS Procurement website by approximately 7/27/2023

- Q1 I have not been able to find information relating to the Mohawk Valley SOR regional network. Is there a way to find contact information for that entity, or a list of participating agencies in that SOR regional network?
- A1** Please reach out to the OASAS SOR administrator mailbox for assistance: SOR@oasas.ny.gov
- Q2 I am writing to inquire as to why you are limiting this RFP to only SOR Funded Regional Networks.
- We are a Recovery Community Center located in Albany NY, and we have already created the infrastructure to provide transportation to people who need treatment, are currently in treatment, people in recovery and so on. We have been formally driving people since last October. We also cover the eight county region and beyond.
- So my question is, why are you limiting who is eligible to provide a response?
- A2** A Recovery Community Center can work through their Regional Network to be the lead agency for the network if they meet the requirements of being a non-profit and the network will support them as acting as the lead agency.
- Q3 I am writing to clarify eligibility for RFA SETT-23015 to establish a non-medical transportation program. Our agency, Citizen Advocates, is considering applying for this grant for our Massena clinic. Our Massena clinic is in the process of applying for its 32 certification and onboarding a CASAC, however has not completed the process yet. Other clinics within the agency are OASAS certified. Would we be eligible to apply for this award for our Massena location, or only those who have completed the certification process?
- A3** Eligible applicants are SOR Regional Networks:
- a. SOR regional networks can apply through a participating agency of the network and/or through a fiscal fiduciary which manages the network.
 - i. SOR regional networks can only allow one entity to act as their participating agency and/or a fiscal fiduciary to apply.
- All applicants must have not- for profit status or be an LGU.
- Q4 Can an IPA apply for this grant? Can the participating agency of an SOR regional network assigned to be the applicant for this RFA be an IPA?
- A4** Please see the response to Q3 above.
- Q5 Can transportation services available through this RFA be used by Medicaid recipients?
- A5** Yes for non-medical transportation. However, if for Medical appointments, this funding can be used only if Medical Transportation is not available.
- Q6 This project, if done so correctly, will need to include Partner forums, brainstorming sessions, and collaboration among multiple partners. Therefore, can a project management fee for the SOR lead and/or BHCC be included in the budget? If so, is there a percentage limit?

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A6 Such an arrangement would be considered a contractual service under Other Than Personal Services (OTPS) and should be at a reasonable rate for the services rendered. No additional funding will be provided to cover this cost type of cost.

Q7 Are only non-medical activities approved for transportation services under this grant? Or is transportation to behavioral health treatment appointments, lab work, MAT services, etc. allowed as well?

A7 Transportation for Medical appointments is an allowable expense only when Medical Transportation is not available, and this should be documented.

Q8 Are the services described in this RFP only supposed to be allocated for SOR-funded recipients? Or can participants who are part of a region and a behavioral health Network that has a SOR grant also receive transportation services?

A8 The Regional Network is only for the purposes of managing the funding. The non-medical transportation should be available to anyone in the region who is need of Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction or Recovery Services.

Q9 Can agencies that are not currently funded SOR Partners potentially receive funds to provide transportation services to their regional Partners as long as they are a part of the Network that is the SOR lead in their region?

A9 Yes, if the selected applicant chooses to sub-contract with additional organizations.

Q10 Are you anticipating this to be an ongoing, multi-year renewable project?

A10 The funding is for the amount for \$240,000 per year for two years.

Q11 What does the statement, "SOR regional networks can only allow one entity to act as their participating agency and/or a fiscal fiduciary to apply," mean? Will the applicant need to demonstrate meeting this requirement in the application?

A11 Each network is required to select one lead agency who will be the applicant and fiduciary for the Network. That agency can then contract with others to provide the transportation. The applicant will need to demonstrate that they are the fiduciary selected and/or the lead agency selected by the Network.

Q12 If we are a nonprofit organization that operates a Part 822 OASAS-licensed Outpatient Program, a Part 822 Opioid Treatment Program, and also an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, are we eligible to apply for this funding or do we require additional approval or permission?

A12 Please see the response to Q3 above.

Q13 How will billing be handled? Will funding (all or a portion) be provided prospectively or will we need to submit invoices for reimbursement? If we are submitting invoices, will they be through CFR or require full documentation backup?

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A13 As noted on page 6 of the RFA, awarded applicants may receive up to 100% of the Column A (Start Up) Total and 25% of the Column B (Operational) Total found in Attachment 3: Budget, as an advance. Subsequent reimbursements are contingent upon successful submittal and approval of expense reports.

Q14 Is the applicant supposed to serve the entire region or can we propose one county in the region?

A14 Applicants can propose to serve as many counties within the Region as they believe they can with the funding that is allowed.