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RFA: MHOTRS Clinic Enhancement Grants

OVERVIEW

On October 18th, the New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for one-time funding to support providers with expanding access to specialized interventions in Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) programs (formerly known as Article 31 clinics). Through this RFA, OMH will provide a total of \$4 million in funding across 80 awards.

The RFA is available <u>here</u>. Applications are due on December 20th.

FUNDING

OMH will provide one-time funding of \$49,500 to eligible agencies that apply to:

- Establish or enhance mechanisms for increased engagement and service coordination;
- Enhance program capacity to provide effective group intervention; or
- Expand or create a fast-track for access or a behavioral health urgent care model to support timely access to in-person and telehealth MHOTRS programming for individuals with significant needs.

Funding may be used to offset costs associated with staffing or nonbillable activities. Funding may not be used to offset costs associated with start-up activities for new MHOTRS programs or satellites.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are existing OMH-licensed MHOTRS providers that have existed for at least one year and that are in good standing with OMH. Applicants must demonstrate that the target population served or intended to be served has significant mental health needs and that the type of support services being provided help to mitigate the risk of mental health crisis or involvement in emergency services and hospitalizations.

Only one application will be accepted per agency. MHOTRS sites that are located in high need counties (see page 8 of the RFA) will be prioritized for funding.

TIMELINE

Applications are due on December 20th. Questions may be submitted to OMHLocalProcurement@omh.ny.gov with the subject line "MHOTRS Access and Capacity Enhancement RFA" through November 7th. Awards are expected to be announced on January 24th.