

## OneCity Health gives out \$5M in innovation grants

OneCity Health, the Performing Provider System led by NYC Health + Hospitals, said Tuesday it has awarded \$5 million to eight organizations as part of its DSRIP Innovation Fund.

Among the grantees were Acacia Network, which will get \$699,450 to help enroll opioid-dependent residents in the Bronx in public benefit programs, and the Fortune Society, which will receive \$487,000 to perform physical, behavioral and social health assessments on individuals about to be released from Rikers Island. The nonprofit will also offer transportation to connect newly released individuals to a health care provider.

RiseBoro Community Partnership in Bushwick received the largest award, \$780,000, to deploy community health workers to help people with hypertension and link them to social, nutritional and primary care services.

"These innovative solutions help to bridge the gap to a value-based payment environment, and the collaborations between our community partners demonstrate a holistic approach to creating an integrated delivery system," Israel Rocha, CEO of OneCity Health, said in a statement.

Other Performing Provider Systems have used innovation funds to support projects that advance the goals of the state's Medicaid reform program, such as reducing avoidable hospital use, but do not fit within other DSRIP programs. OneCity Health, which is eligible to receive the largest amount of DSRIP money among PPS's, \$1.2 billion, has one of the largest innovation funds.

The [yearlong projects](#) start July 1, and participants must submit project evaluations by Sept. 1, 2019.