

Please share the following grant announcement with all interested OMH, OASAS, OPWDD and DOH-licensed clinics, including Voluntary Foster Care Agencies licensed to provide health-related services. Thank you.

Telehealth Capital Program Solicitation of Interest Announcement

On November 22, 2021, the New York State Department of Health announced the availability of a total of \$1.5 million of the DOH Capital IT Fund to provide grants in support of projects under the Telehealth Capital Program. The objective of the Telehealth Capital Program is to support investments that will create new, community infrastructure to expand telehealth access among low-income, minority, rural, older, and other under-resourced communities whose connectivity gaps and disparate access to health care have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded projects should address barriers such as lack of internet connectivity, equipment, or private spaces necessary to access telehealth.

A total of up to \$1,500,000 is available under this Solicitation of Interest (SOI #18828) to Eligible Applicants for awards not to exceed \$25,000 for use at Eligible Project Locations. Eligible Applicants are limited to Medicaid-enrolled outpatient clinics licensed by the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, and the Department of Health, including Voluntary Foster Care Agencies licensed to provide health-related services. Eligible Project Locations are locations other than an Eligible Applicant's professional office that best serve the identified population or community.

A private entity, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA), has also pledged additional funds of \$1.5 million in support of projects that invest in new community infrastructure to expand telehealth access. RPA will solely administer these private funds and any policy and/or policy decisions regarding the private funds will be made at the sole discretion of RPA. The contact information of applications chosen for awards under this SOI will be shared with RPA for their award consideration, if the awardee so chooses.

Questions regarding the Telehealth Capital Program (SOI #18828) are due by December 6, 2021 and can be e-mailed to megan.prokorym@health.ny.gov. Questions, Answers and Updates will be posted on or about December 13, 2021 in the NYS Contract Reporter. Although the Questions and Answers, Telehealth Capital Program SOI #18828 funding opportunity and related Attachments 1-8 are posted in the NYS Contract Reporter, applications must be submitted in Grants Gateway.

Applications will be due over a 2-week period and will be date and time stamped in Grants Gateway. Applications that pass specified pass/fail evaluation criteria will be funded on a "first in/first funded" basis. Applicants are encouraged to submit their application as close to the beginning of the NYS Grants Gateway release date, January 4, 2022, due to this first in/first funded basis. Applications must be submitted in Grants Gateway by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

For application information, visit the New York State Department of Health website at <http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/>.