

RFA Number 0610251129

Please Note:

MODIFICATION TO THE RFA

Page 6 of RFA is modified to reflect a change to the eligible institutions criteria.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

The Attestation document (Attachment 7) must be signed and included in the packet. Failure to submit will result in disqualification.

Not-for-profit diagnostic and treatment facilities certified through Article 28 of the Public Health Law or not-for-profit general hospital as defined by subdivision 10 of Section 2801 of the Public Health Law or recognized faculty practice groups.

- Applicants must demonstrate that they adhere to requirements for medical records confidentiality as outlined in Section 751.7 and Part 405.10 of the New York Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations and HIPAA regulations.
- Applicants will need computers with internet connection.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

- Would you please define what is meant by recognized faculty practice groups for the purposes of this grant?

Recognized faculty practice groups are group practices of faculty members based in medical universities.

- Please provide additional guidance on a reasonable budget request, i.e. an estimated award amount per contract.

Budget reasonableness is based on the work that is described in balance with the amount that you are requesting.

Through this RFA, approximately \$5,550,000 will be awarded annually to support the operation of occupational health clinics from 2008 through 2013. Every effort will be made to ensure workers in every county in NYS have reasonable access to services. The awards will be distributed regionally on a competitive basis from the regions listed below, with 2 to be awarded in the New York City region.

- Which clinic personnel positions are approved for grant funding? Secondly, is it possible to establish a contractual relationship for specific positions, i.e. the social worker?

All clinic personnel positions qualify for grant funding, they should however fall in the above mentioned reasonableness statement above. We do allow for positions to be contracted out and all subcontracts should be clearly indicated in the budget.

- Why are for profit organizations excluded from applying (paraphrased question)?

The Department has made the determination that only not-for-profit organizations listed above are eligible to apply.

- Will the funding algorithm be published?

No, because funding decisions are based in part upon the proposed budget submitted by applicants.

- Does there need to be a quality assurance program for industrial hygiene?

It is not necessary to have a QA program for the IH program, however having it be a part of an overall clinic quality assurance program is encouraged.

- Do faculty practice groups need to be part of a university?

Yes, faculty practice groups must be part of a university system.

- How does the Article 28 eligibility requirement apply to hospitals?

Please see the notation above about changes to the eligibility requirements.

- Can you provide more information on what Article 28 is?

Article 28 is the NYS law that covers health care services, it can be found on the New York State website under Laws of NY, Public Health Law.

- Is there an expectation that services will be offered for free?

No, Workers' Compensation or other insurance should be billed as appropriate, a sliding fee scale should be made available for those who do not have insurance.

- What guidance can you provide on the composition of the advisory board and does the Department approve the boards?

Department of Health does approve board membership.

Boards should be representative of the communities in which you serve. The goal for the make-up of the advisory board is to have representation from organizations interested or involved in occupational health and safety, including labor unions, business groups, health care organizations, advocacy groups, and community-based groups.

- What are community based groups?

Community based groups are those social groups with shared interests. Shared interested can include, religion, science, economics, or other sociological factor.

- In the past community based meant working populations?

Working populations are part of the community, but other groups should be included as well.

- Will the applicants be made public?

The Request for Application process is accessible under the Freedom of Information Law, which includes all submitted applications.

- Does the Medical Director need to be named?

No, the Medical Director does not need to be named. If a Medical Director is known a curriculum vitae or resume can be included in the appendix.

- Does the social worker need to be licensed?

No, social work services need to be provided but can be offered by staff members with appropriate training and/or experience.

- Are there sections of the application that are weighted heavier?

The sections are weighted as indicated on page 19 of the RFA and are as follows:

- **Description of Applicant Organization and Capability (Max Score: 20 points)**
- **Assessment of Target Community Needs (Max Score: 20 points)**
- **Integration with Local Community (Max Score: 10 points)**
- **Work Plan (Max Score: 30 points)**
- **Budget (Max Score: 20 points)**

- How is the Adirondack Region defined; is there a designated group of counties selected for the catchment area, or are applicants asked to propose a group of counties to be served?

The catchment areas are defined as follows:

WESTERN NEW YORK

Niagara
Erie
Chautauqua
Cattaraugus
Allegany

FINGER LAKES REGION

Orleans
Genesee
Wyoming
Monroe
Livingston
Wayne
Ontario
Yates
Seneca

CENTRAL NEW YORK

Oswego
Onondaga
Madison
Cayuga
Cortland
Hamilton
Herkimer
Oneida
Fulton
Montgomery
Schoharie

SOUTHERN TIER REGION

Otsego
Delaware
Chenango
Broome
Tioga
Tompkins
Chemung
Schuyler
Steuben

ADIRONDACK REGION

Clinton
Franklin
Essex
St. Lawrence
Jefferson
Lewis

MID-HUDSON / EASTERN NEW YORK

Warren
Washington
Saratoga
Schenectady
Rensselaer
Albany
Columbia
Greene

LOWER HUDSON VALLEY REGION

Ulster
Dutchess
Sullivan
Orange
Putnam
Westchester
Rockland

LONG ISLAND

Nassau
Suffolk

NEW YORK CITY

New York
Queens
Kings
Richmond
Bronx