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Addendum 2

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RFA Title: Regional Disability Health Clinics Program

Subject: Issuance of Responses to Questions

The New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is issuing this addendum to the RFA cited above. The following revision has been made:

1. OPWDD's Response to Bidder Questions (Q&A) is issued and attached to this addendum.

Bidders must sign and submit this notification as part of their proposal.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Does an applicant need to be all of these or one of these in order to be considered an eligible applicant? 1.3.1.1.1. Clinic Treatment Facility certified or licensed under Article 16 of the Mental Hygiene Law (MHL), 1.3.1.1.2. Diagnostic and Treatment Center licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL), excluding end-stage renal disease facilities and ambulatory surgery centers, 1.3.1.1.3. Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL), RFA OPD-2025-49 6 of 27 Regional Disability Health Clinics Program, 1.3.1.1.4. Rural Health Center (RHC) licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL), or 1.3.1.1.5. Hospital extension clinic (off-campus site) licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL).	No. An Applicant does not need to be all of these entities. The Applicant must be at least one of these entities as identified in the RFA.
2	RFA Section 1.3.1 - does an applicant have to meet ALL of these requirements (i.e, be a licensed FQHC and CTF and DTC and RHC)? Or can an organization that is a single entity, like an Article 28 FQHC, apply for this?	No. An Applicant must meet **at least one** of the minimum criteria requirements listed in Section 1.3.1.1 to apply for this RFA. However, an Applicant must meet **all** the qualifications listed from Section 1.3.1.2 through 1.3.1.5 of the RFA.
3	Is there any guidance on how many awards will be given?	There is no pre-determined number of awards for this RFA.
4	RFA Section 1.1.1 - how many awards are anticipated? Is there a cap or recommendation for requested funding?	There is no pre-determined number of awards for this RFA. There is no cap on the funding amount that can be requested by an Applicant. OPWDD cannot make recommendations on requested funding amounts.
5	Is there a threshold amount of clients/proportion of clients with developmental disabilities that an Article 28 clinic must serve that the funder feels is necessary to be competitive for this opportunity? If the percentage of clients with documented developmental disability is around 5% of the clinic's total patient population would this be sufficiently competitive?	No. OPWDD has not identified a threshold number of people/proportion of people with developmental disabilities to be served under this funding. OPWDD cannot provide a recommendation to Applicants on what would be considered sufficient or competitive for this grant application. The goal of the RFA is to expand access to health care services for people with

		developmental disabilities offered by qualifying organizations. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that their proposals make a significant impact on improving access to health care services for people with developmental disabilities.
6	Would expenses associated with the purchase and customization of a mobile dental van would be appropriate for this grant?	Yes. As long as it is not equipment with a useful life of less than three years (Section 2.1.2.2), asset acquisitions and equipment costs associated with one of the eligible settings are eligible for this grant (Sections 2.1.1.4 and 2.1.1.5).
7	I didn't see any guidelines on the award amount. Is there a maximum or minimum?	Per Section 1.1 of the RFA, the total amount available to fund capital projects under this initiative is $25 million. There is no maximum or minimum amount that can be requested under this RFA.
8	One of the programs we provide is a pediatric nursing home that is certified as an Article 28 clinic. Would renovations to the nursing station that provides services to individuals in wheelchairs an acceptable project?	Yes. However, Applicants should be aware that the RFA's focus is on increasing access to quality health care for people with developmental disabilities. Per Section 1.3.1 of the RFA, Article 28 clinics licensed as Diagnostic & Treatment Centers (excluding end-stage renal disease facilities and ambulatory surgery centers), Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, and Hospital Extension Clinics are eligible applicants. Renovations are eligible expenses (Section 2.1.1.3). Changes to physical plant/space to better accommodate wheelchairs is an identified priority area for funding (Section 1.2.1.2).
9	Can you provide additional details on the population to be served through this grant - what ages or diagnoses would be included in "developmental disabilities"?	45 CFR 1325.3 provides the federal definition of a developmental disability. For the purposes of this application and reporting, applicants are to also include information about people served who meet OPWDD's eligibility determination criteria and who then have the Restrictive Exemption (R/E) 95 code. OPWDD's eligibility criteria for a person with a developmental disability may be found at https://opwdd.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/12/eligibility_guidelines-final.pdf. Please note: Applicants that are Article 16 clinics certified by OPWDD may only provide ongoing treatment services to people who have been determined to have a developmental disability, as defined by New York Mental Hygiene Law Section 1.03(2)), by OPWDD and who will then have the associated R/E 95 code. Article 16 clinics may, however, provide assessment services for people who have not yet been determined eligible by OPWDD.
10	Is OPWDD prioritizing disability-specific organizations over community-based healthcare organizations that want to expand access for local individuals with DD?	No. The goal of this RFA is to expand access to health care services for people with developmental disabilities offered by qualifying organizations (Section 1.3.1.1.). OPWDD encourages all organizations, including

		community-based health care organizations, that meet the RFA's minimum criteria to consider applying.
11	Is there a minimum range of number of people served to be eligible for this grant?	No. However, Applicants are encouraged to ensure that their proposals make a significant impact on improving access to health care services for people with developmental disabilities.
12	Is there a maximum award amount per applicant or per project?	No. There is no maximum award per Applicant or per project for this RFA.
13	Is there a minimum threshold for funding requests?	No. There is no minimum threshold per funding request for this RFA. See response to question 7 for further guidance.
14	Is an article 28 hospital able to be the applicant under the following eligibility requirement (page 6 of RFA)? 1.3.1.1.5. Hospital extension clinic (off-campus site) licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL).	Yes. An Article 28 hospital that operates a hospital extension clinic (off-campus site) is eligible to be an Applicant per Section 1.3.1.1.5 of the RFA.
15	Can you apply for a site location that is not yet approved as a satellite office on the current Article 16 operating certificate?	No. Per Section 1.3.1.3 of the RFA, Applicants must have a current operating certificate for the location.
16	Can an applicant submit more than one application?	If an Applicant is applying for funding for more than 1 project, the Applicant should **submit 1 application**. This would include **1 submission in SFS** with the following files: • 1 administrative application package, and, • **for each project**, submit 1 technical application and 1 corresponding budget application. For example, applications with multiple renovations or purchases for the same location may be included in 1 technical and budget application. Applications from 1 Applicant submitting for projects at different site locations must submit separate technical and budget applications. Please note that for Applicants that submit for more than 1 project, OPWDD will prioritize the projects that align with the priorities outlined in Section 1.2.1 of the RFA.
17	Can an applicant apply for funding that addresses needs at more than one site location (e.g., equipment and minor renovations at two rural clinics)?	Yes. Applicants may apply for funding to be used at one or more locations. If applying to use funds at more than one location, information on the use of funds at each location must be included in the application. See response to question 16 for further guidance on how to apply for funding for more than one location.

18	Could you clarify if there is a capital lease option? This would be where we essentially own the space and pay the building owner over time, since the owner is covering the capital improvements to build out the Article 28 space.	Per Section 2.1.2.1.3 of the RFA, funding cannot cover operating lease payments. Additionally, this funding cannot cover capital leases.
19	The number of people with developmental disabilities, as identified by the Restrictive Exemption 95 code—is this asking for the total number of people served in the clinic in the last 12 months, or just the site we are applying for? Our agency has multiple clinic locations/satellites on our operating certificate.	The site you are applying for.
20	Is 5.1.1.3.3 asking for the types of services (e.g., PT, OT, ST etc) provided in the clinic as a whole or ONLY in the site we are applying for? Our agency has multiple clinic locations/satellites on our operating certificate.	The site you are applying for.
21	The length of time the service has been provided – is this asking for the amount of time each service has been provided per person at the site being applied for or the whole clinic? (Our agency has multiple clinic locations/satellites on our operating certificate) or the amount of time the clinic service has been provided over the course of the clinic being open?	The site you are applying for.
22	Is it expected that quotes from contractors be included in the submission?	Per Section 6.1.2 of the RFA, if the contractors' costs are included in the total project cost, Applicants should include them in the budget submission. To include additional sheets in the budget submission, Applicants should combine the Budget form pdf and the additional sheet(s) into 1 pdf.
23	Is a mobile health unit registered, licensed, and operated by the health center eligible for consideration under the terms of the grant?	Yes. Mobile health units registered, licensed, and operated by Applicants that meet the minimum qualifications in Section 1.3.1 are eligible.
24	Are costs related to a capital construction project initiated before March 1, 2026, but incurred and scheduled for completion after the initial contract date eligible for funding?	Yes.
25	What documentation is considered acceptable to identify an area as a healthcare desert?	The RFA refers to health care deserts as areas of the state with limited or no access to needed specialty physical health care services. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to clearly describe and document how the area its services are located in meet these criteria.
26	RFP states that applicant must be, among other things, a not-for-profit organization. Could OPWDD please expand on "not-for-profit"? Are Public Benefit Corporations such as [health care systems of hospitals, neighborhood health centers, long-term care, nursing homes, and home care, County Medical Centers], or similar Article 28 public	Not-for-profit is an entity that is incorporated under the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. Public Benefit Corporations are eligible to apply if they meet all other minimum requirements.

	benefit corporation hospitals considered not-for-profit and eligible for this opportunity?	
27	Can an Article 28 diagnostic and treatment center and an Article 28 hospital extension clinic that are in the same health system and have the same tax ID number submit a joint proposal to present a more efficient funding ask?	Joint applications are not permitted for this RFA. See response to question 16 for how an Applicant can apply for more than one project.
28	The restrooms that are used by people who receive services at our clinic are not ADA compliant or handicap accessible, and we would like to include renovation funds in our grant application. These restrooms are also used by people who participate in non-clinic services. Is this expense still eligible for consideration?	Per Section 2.1.1 of the RFA, construction and renovation projects are eligible for funding. However, consistent with Sections 2.2.1, 5.1.2, and 5.2.1, Applicants must demonstrate that any proposed grant funding will be used to expand access to quality health care specifically and primarily to people with developmental disabilities. If an application can demonstrate only incidental benefits to people with developmental disabilities, it may not meet the criteria of the RFA.
29	Per the grant guidelines, pieces of equipment such as lifts and treatment tables that accommodate people who use wheelchairs, are eligible. We would like to purchase a mobile robotic system (Andago) for over-ground for gait and balance training. Is this an eligible expense?	Per Section 2.1.1.5 of the RFA, equipment costs are eligible for funding, so long as the equipment has a useful life of over three years (Section 2.1.2.2.).
30	Will partial awards/funding be given?	Per Section 6 of the RFA, if full funding is not available and the Applicant can accept a lesser amount to implement the project on a smaller scale, the Applicant should describe this in their Budget Application. Partial funding requests should include the minimum acceptable funding amount and detail what the lesser amount would support. This may be included on an additional sheet attached to the Budget Application submission.
31	Is there a maximum award for a single request/applicant?	See response to question 7.
32	How many awards and in what funding range does OPWDD anticipate issuing?	See response to questions 3 and 4.
33	Are hospitals eligible to receive funding under this program?	Per Section 1.3.1.1 of the RFA, hospitals that operate a Clinic Treatment Facility certified or licensed under Article 16 of the Mental Hygiene Law, Diagnostic and Treatment Center licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL), Rural Health Center (RHC) licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL), or Hospital extension clinic (off-campus site) licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL) are eligible to apply for funds to be used in those settings only. See response to questions 1 and 2 for additional guidance.

34	Is there a maximum allowable ask for funding under this program, or guidance on the dollar amount of awards the OPWDD is expecting to make?	See response to question 7.
35	We are a diagnostic treatment center providing dental services and dental operating room services at a hospital. Are we eligible to request capital for equipment for the dental operating room?	No. Funds from this RFA cannot be used for equipment used in a hospital. Funds must be used only in the eligible settings identified in Section 1.3.1.1 of this RFA, including funds to better support access to dental services.
36	In section 2.1.1. it is noted that real property purchases and renovations are eligible expenses. If grants funds were used for a real property purchase or renovation will there be a lien sought by OPWDD for the property either renovated or purchased? If so, what are the terms of the lien?	Per the terms and conditions of the RFA, OPWDD will not seek any liens.
37	Through our Article 28 license, we provide a variety of services that benefit people with developmental disabilities under one roof. Could grant funds be used to support more than one distinct service type/population/area of our building? Or would one particular service type/population/area of our building need to be selected as the beneficiary of these grant funds?	Per Section 1.3.1 of the RFA, Article 28 clinics licensed as Diagnostic & Treatment Centers (excluding end-stage renal disease facilities and ambulatory surgery centers), Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, and Hospital Extension Clinics are eligible Applicants. The eligibility of a proposed project would be determined upon review of an application. The Applicant must describe how people with developmental disabilities will benefit from the Eligible Project (Section 5.2.1.1.). Applicants must meet at least one of the minimum requirements as outlined in Section 1.3.1.1, as not all Article 28 licenses are eligible for this RFA. Funds must be used on projects intended to increase and improve health care access for people with developmental disabilities. Eligible Applicants will be expected to explain how the project funds will be used for these purposes.
38	Is there a maximum/minimum award request?	See response to questions 7.
39	If subcontractors are planned for the project, but specific details regarding which subcontractors are not known at the time of submission, what would we include in Attachment 3a, New York State Business Usage Form?	Indicate unknown on the form and, if awarded, provide the information upon award notification or when the subcontractor is known.
40	"Agency A" would be the applicant to establish and operate a new Article 16 clinic location. The proposed site, however, is owned by "Agency B", which is currently on OPWDD's Early Alert list. Agency A, the potential applicant, is not on the Early Alert list. Please confirm that "Agency B" being on the Early Alert list would not automatically disqualify this potential project.	Agency A is not eligible to apply in this example as Agency A does not have a **current** operating certificate for the Article 16 clinic location as required in Section 1.3.1.1.
41	Would an Article 28 DTC's or FQHC's purchase of a van equipped to provide mobile health care services to people with developmental disabilities be considered an allowable project expenditure?	Yes, as long as the equipment does not have a useful life of less than three years (Section 2.1.2.2)

42	Our Center for Neurobehavioral Health is not licensed/certified under Article 16 or 28, but we feel we could expand services for those with developmental disabilities. If we do not meet this eligibility criteria but feel like we could provide these services to our rural community, should we still apply? Or, is there another grant that might be available for us to apply to?	No. This setting does not meet the minimum criteria identified in Section 1.3.1.1 of this RFA and is not eligible to apply.
43	Our Article 16 clinic operates several satellite locations under its license. We have identified accessibility needs at each of the satellite locations and would like to apply. Can OPWDD advise whether an applicant (we) should submit one application encompassing multiple satellite locations or submit an application for each satellite?	See response to question 16.
44	Can funding from this RFA be co-mingled with funding from the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program (NICIP) that is administered by DASNY? Our Article 16 clinic operates a satellite office within a day habilitation center. The day hab was awarded funds for capital improvements through NICIP. We would like to use this RFA to make improvements to our Article 16 satellite that are not funded by the NICIP.	Co-mingling of funds is not allowed. Applicants must include in their application details on how they will ensure that any funds awarded will only be used in the setting applicable to this grant.
45	Can OPWDD advise on how to assess the useful life of equipment?	Per Section 2.1.2.2 of the RFA, equipment with a useful life of less than three years cannot be funded under this RFA. The assessment and justifications should be provided by the Applicant as part of their Budget Application narrative.
46	Would replacement of flooring laminate be considered a maintenance cost, and therefore be not eligible?	Yes. This is not eligible.
47	Will subsequent awards be administered by OPWDD or some other NYS entity?	There will not be subsequent awards from this RFA after the intended awards are made. Per the RFA, all funds will be dispersed by OPWDD.
48	Would capital funding towards the acquisition of a mobile, accessible van to transport individuals with disabilities to and from healthcare appointments/services be eligible?	Yes. Per Section 2.1.1.4 of the RFA, asset acquisitions are eligible for funding, as long as the equipment does not have a useful life of less than three years (Section 2.1.2.2). See response to question 45 for additional guidance.
49	Would funding toward a staff training program aimed at enhancing the provision of care for individuals with developmental disabilities be considered eligible?	No. This RFA will provide grants in support of capital projects. Capital projects are defined in Section 2.1 of the RFA. Eligible Projects include alterations and improvements of property, acquisition of equipment and/or technology and/or other reasonable development costs associated with facilities licensed or certified pursuant to Article 16 of the Mental Hygiene Law or Article 28 of the Public Health Law.
50	We are a hospital with multiple extension sites (Article 28 and 31). Can we aim to include separate projects in the	See response to question 16.

	same grant application even if they will be at different locations?	Please note that Article 31 clinics are not eligible to apply for this grant.
51	Can you tell me if this section (5.1.1.1) refers to the entire agency and its services or specifically the Article 16 clinic and it's services?	This Section refers to the entire agency and its services.
52	Our agency serves six underserved counties, but we are not yet an article 16 clinic. Are we eligible to apply?	No. Applicants must already have a current Article 16 operating certificate or meet one other minimum qualification as identified in Section 1.3.1.1 of the RFA.
53	[Our agency] is a 501c3 non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center, licensed under Article 28. We are an urban-based organization serving underserved, minoritized populations. We read over the eligibility criteria in Section 1.3.1 of the RFA and think we meet most qualifications. However, we would appreciate clarification on whether this grant opportunity is open to urban FQHCs like ours or if it is intended specifically for Rural Health Centers (RHCs) only.	Per the RFA, this grant covers Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law (PHL). This grant is not only for Rural Health Centers (RHCs).
54	When identifying the number of people served with developmental disabilities, must that number be pulled from billing records using the R/E 95 code, or can we identify the number of people served with developmental disabilities using ICD-10 diagnosis codes?	Per Section 5.1.1.4.1 of the RFA, the Applicant must identify the number of people served using the R/E 95 code.
55	We are renovating a day habilitation center that contains an Article 16 satellite office. Renovations will include expanding the Article 16 space. The project budget encompasses the whole facility. Can we submit a budget that prorates the expenses associated with renovations of the Article 16 office?	Budgets submitted must be for what is allowable under this grant only. See also the response to question 44.
56	What is the amount per award?	There are no pre-determined award amounts for this RFA.
57	Can we purchase a new building to move an existing clinic to?	Yes. Per Section 2.1.1.4 of the RFA, asset acquisitions including but not limited to real property are eligible expenses.
58	We are an Article 28 licensed Federally Qualified Health Center evaluating this RFA. Can you please let us know if a capital project would be eligible at one of our licensed operating sites that is a leased facility? Or does our organization have to own the building that the grant work is occurring in?	Yes. Applications that propose a capital project on leased property are permitted and will be evaluated. However, please note that, consistent with the RFA's requirements that all projects demonstrate how they will expand access to quality health care for people with developmental disabilities, proposals for capital projects on leased property will be evaluated with consideration of the sustainability and long-term viability of the benefit of those projects. This may include, among other factors, consideration of the length and terms of the lease, or other property-specific information provided in the application.