



Overview

Doctors Across New York (DANY) is a series of state-funded programs enacted in 2008 and administered by the Department of Health (DOH) to help train and place physicians in a variety of settings and specialties to care for New York's diverse population. In the enacted budget of FY 2016-17 the Office of Mental Health (OMH) received permission to administer (with continued support from DOH) its own segment of DANY: **The OMH Psychiatrist Loan Repayment Program (DANY OMH PLRP).**

In the enacted budget of FY 2022-23, the DANY OMH PLRP can provide up to \$120,000 in funding over a three-year period for psychiatrists who commit to a three-year service obligation in an OMH facility where the Commissioner has determined the need to be the most critical.

A total of \$3 million is available to fund the DANY OMH PLRP during FY 2022-23. These funds will support a minimum of 75 awards.

This document provides information on the DANY OMH PLRP only.

Allocation of Funding

Each OMH facility listed below shall be allocated at least one (1) award for FY 2022-23. The OMH Telepsychiatry Program will be allocated at least two (2) awards. The remaining awards shall be available to those facilities with the greatest need. These allocations are based on a composite of information including estimated staffing needs; ward composition; census; number of locations; and anticipated attrition. Once a maximum number of allocated awards has been made for the fiscal year, a Waitlist of additional applicants will be kept.

Distribution and allocation of awards are at the discretion of the Commissioner of OMH. Allocations are subject to change as psychiatrist shortages are identified. Based on statute, and the determination of the Commissioner of OMH, FY 2022-23 funding will be allocated to provide seventy-five (75) DANY OMH PLRP awards.



Facility Name	Type of Facility
Bronx	Psychiatric Center
Buffalo	Psychiatric Center
Capital District	Psychiatric Center
Central New York	Forensic Psychiatric Center
Creedmoor	Psychiatric Center
Elmira	Psychiatric Center
Greater Binghamton Health Center	Psychiatric Center
Hutchings	Psychiatric Center
Kingsboro	Psychiatric Center
Kirby Forensic	Forensic Psychiatric Center
Manhattan	Psychiatric Center
Mid-Hudson Forensic	Forensic Psychiatric Center
Mohawk Valley	Psychiatric Center
New York City Children's Center	Children's Psychiatric Center
Pilgrim	Psychiatric Center
Rochester	Psychiatric Center
Rockland	Psychiatric Center
Rockland Children's	Children's Psychiatric Center
Sagamore Children's	Children's Psychiatric Center
Secure Treatment and Rehabilitation Center	Secure Residential Center
South Beach	Psychiatric Center
St. Lawrence	Psychiatric Center
Western NY Children's	Children's Psychiatric Center



Application Submission and Review Process

Applications are currently being accepted for the DANY OMH PLRP. An individual psychiatrist can apply for funds to be used to repay qualified educational loans up to the balance of total student loan debt, not to exceed \$120,000.

Applications will be accepted continuously. **Applicants should submit their applications electronically to DANY@omh.ny.gov.**

OMH staff will review applications in the order in which they are received. OMH will review to ensure all the necessary information is completed on the application and will contact the applicant to obtain any missing information. OMH will complete their review within 30 days of receipt of a completed application.

Individual psychiatrists cannot participate in both the DANY OMH PLRP and other DOH DANY programs, i.e. Physician Loan Repayment (PLR) or Physician Practice Support (PPS) programs. Only one DANY award will be made during the same service obligation period. Psychiatrists cannot be fulfilling any current state or federal loan repayment obligation where the obligation periods of that repayment program would overlap or coincide with the DANY OMH PLRP obligation period.

An applicant may withdraw an application at any time by notifying OMH in writing. An applicant who receives an award but is subsequently unable to fulfill the requirements of the award or resulting contract also must notify OMH in writing. Any applicant who submits an application that is deemed ineligible or who withdraws an application may resubmit a new application. When funding has been depleted to a level such that an applicant's total requested funding amount cannot be met, the applicant will be offered a reduced award amount. If the applicant accepts that amount, no further awards will be made. If the applicant declines that amount, the next eligible applicant will be offered an award until funds are completely exhausted.

Award Notifications

Applicants will be selected for an award on a first-come first-served basis if their applications are complete and meet the minimum threshold for an award, as described in the application instructions, and funding remains available. The funds will be provided **directly** to the psychiatrist. All applicants awarded DANY OMH PLRP funds will be notified by email and/or U.S. mail within a reasonable time following the conclusion of the application approval.

Term of Contract

Executed DANY OMH PLRP contracts resulting from an approved application and subsequent award will be between the psychiatrist and DOH and will be for a 36 month period. The effective date will be specified in the contract.

DANY OMH PLRP applicants should note that significant penalties may be instituted in the event the applicant cannot fulfill the full 3 year service obligation.



Award Disbursement

Awardees may receive up to \$120,000 over three years, payable upon execution of the contract between the psychiatrist and DOH; verification of the psychiatrist's qualifying educational debt; and semi-annual employment verification reports showing the psychiatrist has completed the minimum service obligation at the awarded site. Payments will be processed through the New York State Office of the Comptroller.

There will be 6 payments made as follows:

Payment 1 (Year 1): 1/6 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$20,000;
Payment 2 (Year 1): 1/6 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$20,000;
Payment 3 (Year 2): 1/6 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$20,000 ;
Payment 4 (Year 2): 1/6 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$20,000;
Payment 5 (Year 3): 1/6 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$20,000;
Payment 6 (Year 3): 1/6 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$20,000.

The first payment will be made after successful verification that the psychiatrist has completed a minimum of six months eligible obligated service at the awarded site.

Tax Issues

Section 10908 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) addresses federal taxability of state loan repayment programs that are not part of the Federal State Loan Repayment (SLRP) program. This section puts the state loan repayment programs on par with the federal/state SLRP programs in terms of federal taxability. The text is as follows:

SEC. 10908. EXCLUSION FOR ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS IN STATE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 108(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

"(4) PAYMENTS UNDER NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM AND CERTAIN STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS.—In the case of an individual, gross income shall not include any amount received under section 338B(g) of the Public Health Service Act, under a State program described in section 338I of such Act, or under any other State loan repayment or loan forgiveness program that is intended to provide for the increased availability of healthcare services in underserved or health professional shortage areas (as determined by such State)."

(a) EFFECTIVE DATE — The amendment made by this section shall apply to amounts received by an individual in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

Loan repayment funds under the OMH Psychiatrist Loan Repayment Program (OMH PLRP) are exempt from federal and state taxes. Please consult your tax professional for more information about your specific tax situation.



Change in Location of Obligation

Awardees will be expected to fulfill their three (3) year service obligation at the facility where originally assigned. Awardees may only be reassigned or permitted to change their service location at the discretion of the Commissioner of OMH. Requests for location changes should be sent to DANY@omh.ny.gov.

Deferral of Obligation

Awardees who need to defer their service obligations (e.g., for maternity/paternity leave, military service, etc.) must request permission from OMH in writing at least 30 days prior to the requested date of deferral. The decision to permit a deferral will be solely at the discretion of OMH; any deferral periods granted by OMH will be added to the obligated psychiatrist's term of obligation. Requests for deferrals should be sent to DANY@omh.ny.gov.

Default of Obligation

A default is defined as the awardee's failure to comply with the service obligations as stated in the contract. To review these criteria please see bullet number 5 in the "General Specifications" below.

Administrative Requirements

Issuing agency

This funding opportunity is issued by OMH. OMH is responsible for the requirements specified herein and for the evaluation of all applications. This funding opportunity has been posted on the OMH public website at:

<https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/employment/loan-repayment.html>

Frequently asked questions and answers, as well as any updates and/or modifications, may also be posted on the above website.



General Specifications

1. By signing the Application each signatory attests to the truth of all statements on the application.
2. The applicant will possess, at no cost to the State, all qualifications, licenses, and permits to engage in the required business as may be required within the jurisdiction where the work specified is to be performed. Workers to be employed in performance of this contract will possess the qualifications, training, licenses and permits as may be required within such jurisdiction.
3. Submission of an application indicates the applicant's acceptance of all conditions and terms contained in this funding opportunity, including the terms and conditions of the contract.
4. An applicant may be disqualified from receiving an award if such applicant has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts.
5. Provisions Upon Default:
 1. The services to be performed by the Awardee shall be at all times subject to the direction and control of the OMH as to all matters arising in connection with or relating to the contract resulting from this funding opportunity.
 2. In the event that the Awardee, through any cause, fails to perform any of the terms, covenants or promises of any contract resulting from this funding opportunity, the OMH acting for and on behalf of the State, shall thereupon have the right to terminate the contract by giving notice in writing of the fact and date of such termination to the Awardee.
 3. If, in the judgment of the OMH, the Awardee acts in such a way which is likely to or does impair or prejudice the interests of the State, the OMH acting on behalf of the State, shall thereupon have the right to terminate any contract resulting from this funding opportunity by giving notice in writing of the fact and date of such termination to the Awardee.
 4. In such case the Awardee shall receive equitable compensation for such services as shall, in the judgment of the State Comptroller, have been satisfactorily performed by the Awardee up to the date of the termination of this agreement, which such compensation shall not exceed the total cost incurred for the work which the Awardee was engaged in at the time of such termination, subject to audit by the State Comptroller.
 5. Specific Provisions of this application:

If a DANY OMH PLRP Awardee defaults on his/her service obligation, the Awardee may incur a significant repayment penalty. The Awardee will be notified of a finding of default via a demand letter and given the option of repayment of funds owed in one lump sum or based on a repayment plan to be determined by the State of New York.

The State of New York, by and through the concurrence of OMH, DOH, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Office of the State Comptroller, reserves the right to postpone, change or waive the service obligation and repayment amounts in individual circumstances where there is compelling need or hardship due to circumstances beyond the control of the Awardee, which causes or is likely to cause Awardee's default under this contract.



Reservation of Rights

OMH reserves the right to:

1. Reject any or all applications received in response to this funding opportunity.
2. Withdraw the funding opportunity any time, at the sole discretion of OMH.
3. Make an award under the funding opportunity in whole or in part.
4. Disqualify any applicant whose conduct and/or proposal fails to conform to the requirements of the funding opportunity.
5. Seek clarifications and revisions of applications.
6. Use application information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the state's investigation of an applicant's qualifications, experience, ability or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the applicant in response to the agency's request for clarifying information in the course of evaluation and/or selection under the funding opportunity.
7. Amend the funding opportunity specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available.
8. Direct applicants to submit proposal modifications addressing subsequent funding opportunity amendments.
9. Change any of the scheduled dates.
10. Waive any requirements that are not material.
11. Award more than one contract resulting from this funding opportunity.
12. Conduct contract negotiations with the next responsible applicant, should OMH be unsuccessful in negotiating with the selected applicant.
13. Utilize any and all ideas submitted with the applications received.
14. Waive or modify minor irregularities in applications received after prior notification to the applicant.
15. Require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of an offerer's application and/or to determine an offerer's compliance with the requirements of the funding opportunity.
16. Negotiate with successful applicants within the scope of the funding opportunity in the best interests of the State.
17. Eliminate any mandatory, non-material specifications that cannot be complied with by all applicants; and
18. Award grants based on geographic or regional considerations to serve the best interests of the state and at the Commissioner's discretion.



Freedom of Information Law

All applications may be disclosed or used by OMH to the extent permitted by law. OMH may disclose an application to any person for the purpose of assisting in evaluating the application or for any other lawful purpose. All applications will become State agency records, which will be available to the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. Any portion of the application that an applicant believes constitutes proprietary information entitled to confidential handling, as an exception to the Freedom of Information Law, must be clearly and specifically designated in the application. If OMH agrees with the proprietary claim, the designated portion of the application will be withheld from public disclosure. Blanket assertions of proprietary material will not be accepted, and failure to specifically designate proprietary material may be deemed a waiver of any right to confidential handling of such material.

Questions

Questions regarding this funding opportunity and application materials should be submitted to: DANY@omh.ny.gov

Or

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DANY OMH Psychiatrist Loan Repayment Program - 7th Floor
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518-474-1261*

Prospective applicants should note that all clarifications and exceptions, including those relating to the terms and conditions of the contract, should be requested prior to the submission of an application.

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