

**Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Ombuds Program 2018 RFP
Questions and Answers**

Q1. Questions 2 and 4 seem very similar (outreach-related)—what are the differences in responses for the two questions that you are looking for?

A1. Question 4 has been removed from the RFP, and the revised RFP is now posted on the website.

Q2. Page 1 of the RFP reads, “The contract is expected to begin on January 1, 2018 and likely to end on June 30, 2019....” Should it instead read “...begin on January 1, 2019....”?

A2. Yes. The contract is expected to begin on January 1, 2019 and likely to end on June 30, 2019, with the expectation of renewal for a 12-month period subject to New York State budget appropriations. The RFP has been corrected and is posted on the website.

Q3. Should the budget and narrative include the costs for the training in Albany?

A3. Yes.

Q4. Would my program qualify for funding under the RFP?

A4. Please refer to the RFP for a complete description of the types of organizations and projects that qualify for funding.

Q5. Can a single organization receive two awards for two different projects?

A5. CSS will review all applications it receives, and will award 4-5 contracts. Please refer to the RFP for a complete description of the types of organizations and projects that qualify for funding.

Q6. Does my organization need to fill out a conflict of interest form?

A6. CSS will not fund organizations or individuals that have a conflict of interest, such as individuals or companies that sell insurance or insurance-like products, including discount plans. However, if an organization’s healthcare services are incidental to its primary activities and would not create a conflict of interest, it may be funded at CSS’s discretion. Any organization that fits this circumstance should complete the Conflict of Interest attestation form. Please refer to the RFP for additional details.