

**RFP: Medication Dosing Units**  
Questions and Responses

1. We are working with community partners to understand how to expand access to treatment services in our county, but are not an OTP. Can you clarify the process for deciding on funding MDU through this grant, instead of seeking broader proposals for improving the treatment landscape in our county? Similarly, might there be a funding opportunity for OBOT programs that want to create a robust site for buprenorphine treatment, including long-acting injectable buprenorphine, without needing to be an OTP or equipped to administer methadone?

Per Act 22, passed by the Legislature, the funding was specific to the development of MDUs:

*2)(A) \$2,000,000.00 divided equally between four opioid treatment programs to cover costs associated with partnering with other health care providers to expand satellite locations for the dosing of medications, including costs associated with the satellite locations' physical facilities, staff time at the satellite locations, and staff time at opioid treatment programs to prepare medications and coordinate with satellite locations;*

DSU would suggest any OBOT program who is interested in providing long-acting buprenorphine connect with the Blueprint for Health and the Department of Vermont Health Access to explore existing coverage for those services.

2. Can an organization apply that is not currently licensed as an OTP but has a reasonable plan to become licensed?

Per the RFP, eligible organizations will be licensed in Vermont as an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

***Eligible Organizations:*** *Eligible organizations will 1) develop and implement a MDU at one or more of the following locations: Chittenden County, Addison County and/or Eastern or Southern Vermont, 2) be in good standing with the state including the licensing and credentialing of staff that allows for the provision of SUD treatment, including MOUD that includes Vermont licensed and Vermont Medicaid enrolled DSU certified SUD treatment Preferred Providers, licensed in Vermont as an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) 3) have submitted any outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies to DSU for approval prior to submission of a proposal if the organization has an outstanding PoC, 4) be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the organization's financial viability justification and/or audited financial statements. If an organization is determined, at DSU's sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after proposal submission, DSU will deem the proposal ineligible for award.*