



**Department  
of Health**

# **Doctors Across New York**

**Physician Loan Repayment  
Physician Practice Support Programs**

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# Background

- The Doctors Across New York (DANY) initiative includes 2 programs designed to help train and place physicians in underserved communities to help recruit and retain physicians to work in medically underserved areas of the state.
  - Physician Loan Repayment (PLR) provides funding for repayment of qualified student debt
  - Physician Practice Support (PPS) provides funding to support the costs of establishing or joining a practice in an underserved community
- Funding is provided in exchange for a physician's commitment to work in an underserved area for a three-year period, aka the DANY service obligation period.

# Funding

- State Fiscal Year 2021-2022: \$9.065 million

Cycle #	Applied	Duplicate	With-drawn	Not Approved	Wait Listed	Approved	NYC (Goal 1/3)	ROS (Goal 2/3)	General Hospital (Goal 50%)
8	83	0	1	12	0	70	67%	33%	69%
7	88	0	1	11	0	76	41%	59%	57%
6	86	0	4	9	1	72	46%	54%	61%
5	136	1	5	21	9	100	39%	61%	42%

- State Fiscal Year 2022-2023: \$15.865 million

# Who May Apply

## 1. Individual Physician

## 2. Health Care Facility:

- General hospitals, diagnostic and treatment centers, or nursing homes licensed by the Department;
- Facilities certified, but not operated by, the OMH;
- Facilities certified, but not operated by, the OASAS;
- Medical practices registered in New York State as a PC or PLLC.



# Use of Funds

1. Repay qualified educational debt;
2. Support to a physician to establish or join a medical practice; or
3. Help health care facilities recruit or retain a physician.
  - i.e. sign-on bonuses, enhanced compensation

**In all cases, 100% of the funds ultimately must be distributed to the physician or to the physician's practice.**



# Application Limits

- No more than 1 application will be accepted from a single physician.
- No more than 4 applications will be accepted from a health care facility:
  - with the same operating certificate; or
  - that is a medical practice with the same Department of State Identification number.

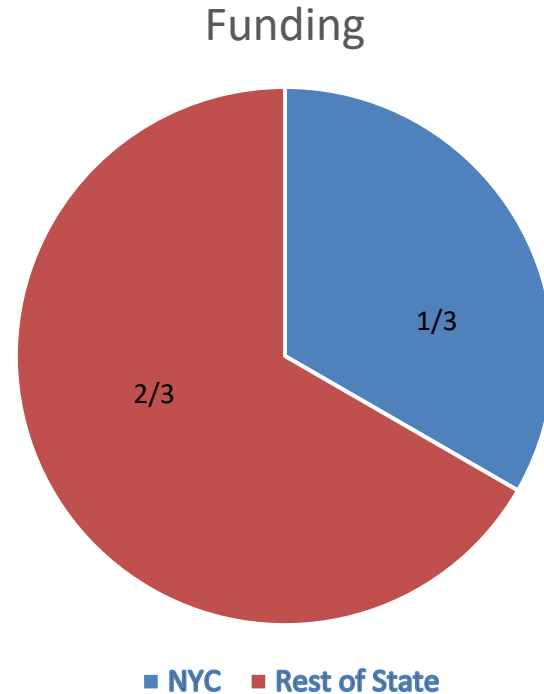
# Award Amounts

Currently:

- Maximum Award of \$120,000
  - Up to \$40,000/year for three years to, or on behalf of, a physician who agrees to practice in an underserved area for the 3-year DANY service obligation period.
- Up to \$15.8 million in total state funding.
- Approximately 132 three-year awards.

# Award Limits

- No less than 50% funds may be allocated to obligations in general hospitals.
- Goal: 1/3 Funding to New York City
- Goal: 2/3 Funding to Rest of State





# Review and Award Process

The Department:

- Reviews applications in the order that they are received.
- Notifies the applicant via email if the application is complete or incomplete.

If the application is deemed complete:

- No further action is necessary.
- A complete application DOES NOT guarantee funding.



# Review and Award Process

If the application is incomplete:

- A list of outstanding items is provided via email to the applicant.
- Applicants have **1 opportunity** to supply the missing information via email to the Department within 10 business days from receiving the outstanding item list.
- All correspondence takes place through [DANY2018@health.ny.gov](mailto:DANY2018@health.ny.gov) (no information is exchanged through the Gateway).

The Department cannot accept late submissions.

# Contract Modifications

The Department has the discretion to approve the following:

1. Change of physician's service location.
1. Deferment of physician's service obligation.

# Reasons for Disapproval

- Physician worked in an underserved area prior to designated date.
- Proposed use of funds for non-approved expenses.
- Applicant did not respond to Department's request for outstanding items.
- Physician does not meet minimum of 32 hours/week due to part time schedule or shift work.
- Physician did not work minimum 45 weeks/year.



# Reasons for Disapproval

- Facility not one of the (4) approved health care facility types.
- Physician did not provide documentation to show that work locations were in an underserved area.
- Physician spends 40% of their time working in a state other than New York.
- Physician did not complete residency before DANY start date.



# Reasons for Default

- Physician moved out of state.
- Physician became ill or disabled.
- Physician needed to care for sick or disabled family member.
- Physician was dismissed by the facility for various reasons.

# Questions?