



Flexible Funding Town Hall – Invitation 6/23/23

The following was emailed to people identified as contacts for domestic violence service provider programs throughout NYS. Sent 6/23/23 via opdvpublicinfo@opdv.ny.gov

As announced in May 2023, The New York State FY 2024 budget includes \$5 million in new state funding for grants to not-for-profit organizations to provide financial assistance to victims and survivors of domestic violence. OPDV is excited to work with survivors, the provider network, and other stakeholders to administer these funds and to find a way to reach more survivors and further serve their needs in a trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and survivor-centered manner.

We are pleased to invite survivors, as well as any non-profit, educational organization, or government entity that provides services to survivors of domestic and gender-based violence to a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 1-3 PM via Webex. The purpose of this meeting is to seek input from stakeholders related to the factors the State of New York should consider in determining the methodology for administering this funding.

To register for the Town Hall, please click here:

<https://meetny.webex.com/weblink/register/r858d4c3115f00ac1e994ef3d9b9afa97>

During the Town Hall, OPDV will present detailed information about the approximately \$5 million in new State funding allocated in the FY '24 budget for “services and expenses of victims of domestic violence” and will share examples of ways flexible funding has been allocated in the past, both in NYS and other states.

OPDV will provide questions to guide Town Hall participants in providing comments that help New York State determine the most effective and efficient way to distribute this funding to survivors. Registered attendees will have the opportunity to share comments during the town hall. Approximately two weeks before the Town Hall, OPDV will send registered attendees the questions along with an electronic form to sign up to comment during the Town Hall. Due to the constraints of time, there will be a time limitation for verbal comments provided in answer to each question. There will also be opportunity for participants to provide comment in writing if they prefer not or are unable to speak at the town hall.

OPDV will use information gathered at the town hall to inform our development of a plan for distribution of the funding for final approval of the Division of Budget and subject to approval of the Office of the State Comptroller for distributing these funds.

Flex Funding Town Hall - Request for Comment

The following is the content of an email that was sent to all people who registered for the Flexible Funding Town Hall within one business day of their registration:

Thank you for registering for the OPDV Flexible Funding Town Hall scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 1-3 PM. This email is to provide you with the questions that will guide the comment portion of the town hall meeting.

Below is link to a form designed to gather information from registrants regarding their interest in providing comment. Registrants are invited to provide comment either verbally during the Town Hall or in writing via the form. Written comments will be accepted from now until 5 PM on Friday, July 14, 2023. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via DVSafeHousing@opdv.ny.gov.

Please use this [link](#) to access the form.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7417373/OPDV-Flexible-Funding-Town-Hall-July-2023>

Thank you,
OPDV Team