



Office of
Mental Health



NY CARES UP 

The New York State Office of Mental Health's [Suicide Prevention Center of New York](#) (OMH SPCNY) is excited **to announce 12 new funding opportunities** for three agencies in each discipline: **Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**. These twelve grants will be offered across the state of New York to support resiliency and wellness.

OMH SPCNY is the lead entity in New York State for addressing the issue of suicide. Our mission is to promote, coordinate, and strategically advance suicide prevention across the state with the aim of reducing suicide attempts and deaths among New Yorkers. Our strategies include the targeted use of data, public and private partnerships, and a comprehensive public health approach. SPCNY seeks to address suicide across the lifespan and for all populations, but we recognize there are certain populations that are more vulnerable to the risks of suicide.

It is with this recognition that SPCNY has focused on making an impact on wellness, resilience, and suicide prevention among certain occupations and high-risk groups, including Veterans and those involved in Fire service, Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Our initial efforts began with inviting representatives from these disciplines to join forces and identify recommendations they believe could have a meaningful impact on wellness and suicide prevention within these specific occupations and groups. After collaborating with representatives from these disciplines and experts in the field, OMH SPCNY developed the CARES UP initiative. The first cohort of twelve first responder departments began the program in 2022. It is SPCNY's belief that this multi-year investment of funds, training, and technical assistance will allow grant recipients to advance mental wellness, awareness, skills building for resiliency and suicide prevention across their workforce.

If you are interested in more information or in applying, the application and supporting documents will be found on our website. The following link directs you to the current funding opportunity. Thank you for the work you do and the sacrifices you make in serving your respective communities.