

**FY 2019 GLS State & Tribal Suicide Prevention
FOA No. SM-19-006**

Frequently Asked Questions

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

Q: I am reaching out to you to see if you could clarify if my university is eligible for the SAMHSA grant opportunity titled, “Garrett Lee Smith State / Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Grant Program”. I am unclear as to whether or not we fall under the “A public organization or private non-profit organization designated by a State to develop or direct the state-sponsored statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies” stipulation or not.

A: The eligibility criteria in plain language is: states, organizations designated by the state, or tribes. If your state designates your university as their applicant, then you would complete a special form and you would be eligible. Without the state’s designation, you would not be an eligible entity on your own.

Q: Are we eligible? We are a non-profit that has developed curriculum for AI/NA students at risk for suicide but we need additional funding to implement and study the curriculum, would those be considered allowable activities of this grant?

A: Alone, as a non-profit, you are not eligible unless you are a tribe or tribal organization.

Q: I am calling representing a Tribal Health Board, are we eligible?

A: Yes! Tribal Health Boards are eligible.

Q: I’m the director of wellness for all of our high schools in my school district. Are we eligible for this grant?

A: The school district is not eligible for this grant application. In plain language the eligible entities are states, tribes, or non-profit organizations designated by the state to conduct statewide youth suicide prevention.

Q: Are State Departments of Education eligible to apply for the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Grant Program?

A: State Departments of Education are eligible if the state determines that this is the agency that will hold the grant. More often, states designate their health department or behavioral health departments to hold this grant. There can only be one single grant application from a state. Connect with your local state agencies to determine which agency will hold the grant.

Q: We are a current cohort 10 grantee, are we eligible for the newest round of GLS funding?

A: You are not eligible for funding while a current grantee. Cohort 9 grantees will end their project in Sept. 2019, they are eligible for this grant.

Q: Is the start date June 30, 2019? If so, what considerations are in place for those with current grants that end in September 2019?

A: Yes, the anticipated start date for the new cohort funded under this FOA is 6/30/19. Current GLS State/Tribal grantees in cohort 9 are eligible to apply.

Q: I noticed that the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Grant Program announcement was recently published. Is this replacing the Garrett Lee Smith **Campus** Suicide Prevention Grant program? Do you expect that the **Campus** Suicide Prevention program will be funded, and if so, when do you anticipate there might be an announcement? I would appreciate any information you could share.

A: The State/Tribal Grant that you saw published is for **States, Tribes** and public entities identified by States to embark on suicide prevention activities for youth ages 10-24. It is not replacing the Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention Grant program. Thank you for your interest in the Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention Grant Program. We do not know currently if/when an announcement for an additional round of funding will be made available and whether there will be any changes to the Funding Opportunity Announcement.

PERSONNEL QUESTIONS

Q: Can the 1.0 FTE key personnel be split between two persons?

A: 1.0 FTE refers to one person working full-time. However, if a grantee proposes two persons that total 1.0 FTE the proposals would be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Q: Does the Project Director have to get paid with grant funds or can the full FTE be dedicated to the grant if other funds (ex: state general fund) pay for the position.

A: They only have to have a 1.0 FTE level of effort. The FOA does not state that their personnel and fringe costs have to be paid for with grant funds.

Q: How many hours would an individual on the grant work to be considered 1 FTE?

A: 1 FTE means one full time employee. One full time employee works 40 hours a week.

Q: On page 8 it indicates that the Project Director should be a 100% FTE dedicated to the grant but on page 68 it has a Project Director at 10% and Project Coordinator at 100%. Please clarify.

A: There is a budget template provided for your benefit beginning on page 66-85 of the FOA. This example template contains an example of a sample grant budget in which the project director is listed as 10% FTE. This sample template does not change your grant requirements of 1 FTE Project Director.

BUDGET QUESTIONS

Q: Can this funding be used to establish an in-state Lifeline call center?

A: Yes, GLS funds can be used to support an in-state crisis center in the Lifeline network

Q: Could you provide more information on the 5% budget set-aside for institutions of higher education?

A: Institutions of higher education should be included in any statewide collaborative suicide prevention plans and coalitions. Grantees may also provide funding directly to institutions of higher education for the purposes of creating/enhancing suicide prevention efforts.

CONTENT QUESTIONS

Q: Is the pre-application webinar recording available?

A: The pre-application webinar recording is posted on the SAMHSA.gov website dedicated to the FOA:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-19-006> . Scroll to the bottom of this page and look for a light blue box labeled 'Application Materials'. You will need to open the .pdf titled 'pre-application webinar announcement', in the .pdf there is a link highlighted in yellow to the recording.

Q: Do states/tribes need to develop and deliver trainings on behalf of the SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers?

A: No. Grantees are not required to develop any trainings themselves. Grantees can use the materials and resources created by the SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers. If grantees develop useful resources, they can share them with the SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers.

Q: What type of informed consent is required for an at risk child?

A: Active, written (signed), informed consent from the parent/guardian of a minor is required for participation in any GLS-related activities. This requirement does not apply in the following circumstances:

- In an emergency, where it is necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or other students;
- Other instances, as defined by the State, where parental consent cannot reasonably be obtained.

Q: Are there specific requirements for the evaluation report?

A: The evaluation report is due 18 months after the start of the grant. This document can serve as a plan for your continued evaluation of process and outcome measures throughout the life of your grant along with any preliminary data you might have. More information on the report will be shared with grant awardees.

Q: Are we able to provide screening and intervention for upstream risk factors, such as alcohol use and depression, in addition to suicide risk using grant funds? Specifically alcohol and drug use and depression?

A: Yes, screening for risk factors of suicide, as well as direct screening for suicide risk, is allowable.

Q: Several of our projects will be offered throughout the state while others will be offered on a more regional basis. Do I need to prove that those regions have higher than average need?

A: Yes, in "Section A: Population of Focus and Statement of Need", you should highlight data that provides justification for the populations/geographic regions you intend to serve with GLS funds.