
**FY 2024 Community-Based Maternal Behavioral Health Services Program
(Short Title: Community-Based Maternal BHS)
NOFO SM-24-013**

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Frequently Asked Questions

Application Due Date

1. When is the application due date?

The application due date for this NOFO has been extended. Submit your application no later than 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on September 9, 2024.

Eligibility

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants are listed on page 20 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Eligible applicants include the following:

- state, local, tribal, and territorial governments
- tribal organizations
- nonprofit community-based entities
- primary care and behavioral health organizations

2. Does the applicant need to be a nonprofit?

Yes. Only domestic public and private non-profit entities can apply for SAMHSA grants. Refer to How to Apply for a SAMHSA Grant: [How to Apply for a SAMHSA Grant | SAMHSA](#)

Page 25 of the NOFO that outlines Attachment 8: Documentation of Nonprofit Status. It lists the acceptable evidence of nonprofit status that must be submitted.

- A reference to the applicant organization's listing in the Internal Revenue Service's most recent list of tax-exempt organizations as described in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.
- A copy of a current and valid Internal Revenue Service tax exemption certificate.
- A statement from a State taxing body, State Attorney General, or other appropriate state official certifying the applicant organization has non-profit status.
- A certified copy of the applicant organization's certificate of incorporation or similar document that establishes non-profit status.
- Any of the above proof for a state or national parent organization and a statement signed by the parent organization that the applicant organization is a local non-profit affiliate.

3. Can a partnering organization be for-profit if the applicant is a nonprofit organization?

Yes

4. Can state educational institutions apply?

Yes, as long as they are a non-profit and fit into one of the eligibility terms listed in the funding opportunity.

Key Personnel

1. Can the Program Director (PD), which is 1 FTE, be split across more than one person?

No, the Program Director position cannot be split. The PD is responsible for all project/program oversight.

Letters of Intention (LOIs)

1. Can I submit less than 2 LOIs if I am applying to fulfill multiple roles to address the requirements of the NOFO?

No. You must fulfill the requirements of the NOFO which requires LOIs from at least two pregnancy and postpartum healthcare organizations and at least two community-based behavioral health organizations. However you choose to apply, LOIs are required for the entities with which you choose to partner. You can consider one or more of the LOIs coming from a different department or area of your organization if you are serving a dual role.

Required Activities

1. When is service delivery expected to begin?

As stated on page 9 under Required Activities, "You are expected to begin the delivery of services by the sixth month after award."

2. How do you define perinatal?

Perinatal is defined as the period of time during pregnancy and up to one year after pregnancy.

3. How do you define postpartum?

Postpartum is defined as the period of time up to one year after the end of pregnancy (live birth, still birth, miscarriage, complication).

4. Can you clarify the perinatal addiction medicine specialist role?

This must be an individual with prescribing authority (e.g., MD/DO, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant) however it does not have to be a physician. The individual may not need to be formally certified or trained in this area, but it is recommended that they have experience working with the perinatal population. Refer to the Evidence of Experience and Credentials starting on page 20 which indicates requirements for appropriate experience and credentials.

5. Can you clarify the perinatal psychiatrist role?

This must be an individual with prescribing authority (e.g., MD/DO, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant); However, it does not have to be a physician. Refer to the Evidence of Experience and Credentials starting on page 20 which indicates requirements for appropriate experience and credentials.

6. Can the perinatal psychiatrist and the perinatal addiction medicine specialist be the same person?

Yes



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