

## MAI – High Risk Populations NOFO FAQ

### Eligibility

#### **1. Who is eligible to apply?**

Eligible applicants are listed on page 17 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), and in Appendix C. Eligible applicants include the following (See Appendix C for a full list of eligible organizations):

- Government Organizations
- Local, tribal, and territorial governments
- Other tribal entities
- Educational organizations
- Non-profit organizations

#### **2. Can an individual apply for and receive funding through the MAI – High Risk Populations grant program?**

- No, an individual cannot apply for this NOFO. An individual can find resources for treatment or assistance at SAMHSA's Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator (<http://www.findtreatment.gov>) or contact SAMHSA's National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP.

#### **3. Can an organization that is currently in the process of securing nonprofit status apply to this program?**

- An organization must have documentation of their nonprofit status when submitting the application. The documentation must be included in Attachment 8.

#### **4. My organization is funded under TI-17-011. Is my organization eligible to apply?**

- If your organization is funded under TI-17-011 and FY22 is the last year of your grant, then your organization is eligible to apply for TI-22-004.
- If your organization is funded under TI-17-011 and FY22 is not the last year of funding for your grant then your organization is not eligible to apply for TI-22-004.

#### **5. My organization is funded under TI-19-008. Is my organization eligible to apply?**

- No, your organization is not eligible to apply for TI-22-004.

#### **6. My organization is funded under TI-19-008. However, my organization has another satellite location that does not receive TI-19-008 funding. Can the second satellite location apply separately for TI-22-004?**

- No, if your organization is funded under TI-19-008 an alternate site is not eligible to apply separately.

#### **7. My organization is a sub-recipient of TI-17-011 or TI-19-008 but is not funded directly from SAMHSA. Is my organization eligible to apply?**

- Yes, your organization is eligible to apply.

#### **8. My organization has served our community for many years. We are opening a new location that serves a different community in a different state. This new location will not have been open for**

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**the required two years prior to submitting our application. Are we eligible to apply for the new location?**

- No. Organizations must provide services for a community for at least two years prior to being eligible for this grant program.

### Required Activities

**9. Do projects need to conduct all the required activities or select from those listed in the NOFO?**

- Yes, recipients must implement all required activities listed in Section 3: Required activities, with one exception: If your agency does not provide Viral Hepatitis (B and C) testing in-house but rather refers to a partner organization for this service, training for staff related to Viral Hepatitis (B and C) testing is not required. Applicants that plan to refer to a partner organization for testing must include information sharing in their MOA with the partner organization so the grant recipient organization receives the result of all viral hepatitis tests that are referred out on behalf of the grant.

### Allowable Activities

**10. Can Contingency Management be used for anything other than the treatment of stimulant use disorder and concurrent substance misuse?**

- No, at this time Contingency Management may only be used for the treatment of stimulant use disorder and concurrent substance misuse.

### Geographic Catchment Area

**11. The physical location of my organization's offices are not located in one of the 57 Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. Priority Jurisdictions, but many of our clients reside in from one of the 57 priority jurisdictions. For the purposes of this Notice of Funding Opportunity would my application receive the priority 5 additional points?**

- Yes, if you serve clients that reside in one of the 57 priority jurisdictions please submit documentation supporting this claim and your application will be eligible for the additional 5 points. (For example, if the physical location of your office is located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland (not an EHE priority jurisdiction) but you serve clients who live in Prince George's County, Maryland (which is an EHE priority jurisdiction), then your organization would be eligible for the additional 5 points. To receive these 5 additional points, you must submit documentation indicating that a portion of your clients reside in Prince George's County.) To see the full list of EHE Priority Jurisdictions, see: <https://www.cdc.gov/endhiv/jurisdictions.html>.

**12. My organization is located in Baltimore County, Maryland and does not serve clients that reside in Baltimore City. Is my organization eligible for the additional 5 points?**

- No, your organization is not eligible for the additional 5 priority points. An early version of the NOFO incorrectly included Baltimore County, rather than Baltimore City, as an EHE priority jurisdiction. However, similar to the example scenario above, if your organization is

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physically located in Baltimore County but serves clients that reside in Baltimore City, please submit documentation indicating this and your organization would still be eligible for the 5 priority points. To see the full list of EHE Priority Jurisdictions, see: <https://www.cdc.gov/endliv/jurisdictions.html>.

### **13. My organization is located in the United States but provides substance use disorder treatment services outside of the United States. Is my organization eligible to apply?**

- No. Grant activities must be provided within the United States and territories.

## **Application Formatting**

### **14. What aspects of the application are subject to a page limit?**

- The Project Narrative (Sections A through E) has a 10-page limit
- The Disparity Impact Statement (DIS) has a 2-page limit
- The Project Timeline has a 2-page limit
- The Biographical Sketches has a 2-page limit
- Each Position Description has a 1-page limit
- NOTE: Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and Letters of Commitment (LOCs) are **not** subject to a page limit.

### **15. My organization takes several months to fully execute a Memoranda of Agreement with a partner organization. Can we submit Letters of Commitment instead?**

- Yes, Letters of Commitment are allowable alternatives for the submission of Memoranda of Agreement for the purposes of this application. However, should your organization receive funding, Memoranda of Agreement for all required treatment providers must be finalized and in place prior to the start of grant activities.