

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Promoting the Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIPBHC)

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) SM-23-005

NOFO Clarification

Eligibility to apply for PIPBHC SM-23-005

States that received initial Year 1 funding in FY 2019 under PIPBHC FOA SM-17-008 or FY 2020 or FY 2021 under the PIPBHC FOA SM-20-003 are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

FAQs

Eligibility

Q. We are a State agency and currently have a PIPBHC grant. Can we apply for this NOFO?

A. Recipients that received initial Year 1 funding in FY 2019 under PIPBHC FOA SM-17-008 or FY 2020 or FY 2021 under PIPBHC FOA SM-20-003 are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. Recipients should review their Year 1 Notice of Award— specifically Section I – Award Data, Fiscal Information. *A list of past PIPBHC recipients is attached at the end of this document.*

Q. Can more than 1 State agency apply for this NOFO?

A. Yes, more than 1 State agency can apply for NOFO SM-23-005. Only one application per State will be funded. If more than one entity from a State applies, SAMHSA will only fund the highest scoring application.

Q. We are a contracting agency that works with the State. Can we apply for this grant?

A. Eligibility for this program is statutorily limited to a State or appropriate State agency (e.g., state mental health authority, the single state agency (SSA) for substance abuse services, the State Medicaid agency, or the state health department).

Q. We are a behavioral health organization. Can we apply for SM-23-005?

A. Community organizations that wish to participate in this NOFO should contact their State to discuss how they can be a collaborating provider of services.

Program Tracks 1 and 2

Q. We want to implement Track 2. Can we also serve a broader population of individuals with mental health and substance use conditions?

A. Yes, grantees conducting services under Track 2 can serve a broader population of individuals with mental health and substance use conditions however, as part of their program, grantees must have an emphasis on a population of focus as indicated in the NOFO.

Q. Can we apply for both Tracks 1 and 2?

A. Applicants must address the required activities in Program Track 1 OR Program Track 2. Applicants are permitted to submit separate applications if they wish to apply for Track 1 and Track 2. Only one application per State will be funded. If more than one entity from a State applies, SAMHSA will only fund the highest scoring application.

Q. Do the primary care clinics in Program Track 2 have to be a FQHC?

A. No—for Program Track 2, primary care clinics do not have to be a FQHC.

Key Personnel

Q. Can the Project Director position be split between two individuals?

A. The Project Director (PD) for this program is considered Key Personnel and should have a 0.5 minimum level of effort. The PD is responsible for oversight of the entire project. Splitting the PD position between two individuals could be allowable.

Q. Can the Project Director or Evaluator be a contractor or must they be employed directly with the State?

A. The Project Director is responsible for oversight of the entire project and for monitoring the project's activities. This person is the primary point of contact for SAMHSA staff and therefore should be employed by the State. The Evaluator can be a contracted position.

Q. Are resumes and position descriptions required for all project staff?

A. Applicants should include resumes and positions descriptions, not to exceed 2 pages, for all project staff as supporting documentation to their application.

Partner Organizations

Q. What if our state wants to partner with a community (behavioral health or primary care) provider that is not fully operational? Is this, okay?

A. Providers of services must have at least two years of experience providing relevant services. The delivery of services must begin within seven months of the award. Grantees are expected to deliver the Required Activities as indicated in the NOFO and in the applicant's project narrative. Additionally, please review p. 24 of the NOFO regarding Letters of Commitment from qualified community program(s), community mental health center(s), rural health clinic(s), Federally qualified health clinic(s), Primary care Provider/ Practice(s)/ Evidence of Experience and Credentials.

Q. We are the state mental health authority. Do we need a Letter of Commitment from the SSA or our state Medicaid authority?

A. No—applicants do not need to submit Letters of Commitment beyond what is listed in the NOFO.

Funding Limitations & Restrictions and other Budgetary Questions

Q. Are indirect costs included in the Funding Limitations/Restrictions for our proposed budget?

A. Yes, indirect and direct costs are subject to the Funding Limitations/Restrictions. Please see Section IV.5 of the NOFO for additional information.

Q. Are costs related to an EHR allowable if it assists with the integration of primary and behavioral health care and if so, would these costs be limited to the 20% restriction for data collection?

A. Costs for an EHR are allowable and are not impacted by the 20% cap on data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment.

Q. Due to workforce shortages, would hiring bonuses and incentives provided to graduate students be allowable?

A. Hiring bonuses and incentives could be allowable. Additional agency documentation may be required to show established policies regarding hiring bonuses and incentives.

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Recipients of Promoting the Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIPBHC) Grants

| Award Number | FOA | Year 1 Fiscal Year Funding | Project Period | STATE | Grantee Name | Eligible for FY23 PIPBHC NOFO SM-23-005 |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|--|---|
| SM080250 | SM-17-008 | FY17 | 9/2017-9/2022 | KY | KY State Cabinet for Health and Family Services | YES |
| SM080251 | SM-17-008 | FY17 | 9/2017-9/2022 | NY | NY Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) | YES |
| SM080234 | SM-17-008 | FY17 | 9/2017-9/2022 | VT | VT Agency of Human Services, Dept of MH | YES |
| SM080232 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | IN | IN State Dept of Health | YES |
| SM080240 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | TX | TX Health and Human Services Commission | YES |
| SM080252 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | PR | PR Administracion de Servicios de Salud Mental Y Contract La Addiccion | YES |
| SM080241 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | IA | IA Dept of Public Health | YES |
| SM080237 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | DE | DE Division of Substance Abuse and MH | YES |
| SM080245 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | NH | New Hampshire State Dept/Public Health | YES |
| SM080246 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | NM | NM State Dept of Human Services | YES |
| SM080249 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | OK | OK Dept of Mental Hlth/Subs Abuse | YES |
| SM080254 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | MI | MI Dept of Health and Human Services | YES |
| SM080242 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | CT | CT State Dept MH and Addiction Svs | YES |
| SM080247 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | IL | IL State Dept of Human Services | YES |
| SM080236 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | LA | LA State Office of Behavioral Health | YES |
| SM080255 | SM-17-008 | FY18 | 9/2018-9/2023 | PA | PA State Dept/Public Welfare | YES |
| SM080259 | SM-17-008 | FY19 | 1/2019-12/2023 | OR | OR Health Authority | NO |
| SM080238 | SM-17-008 | FY19 | 1/2019-12/2023 | OH | OH State Dept of Mental Health & Addiction Services | NO |
| SM080248 | SM-17-008 | FY19 | 1/2019-12/2023 | MS | MS State Dept of Mental Health | NO |
| SM080253 | SM-17-008 | FY19 | 1/2019-12/2023 | RI | RI Dept of Behavioral Health Care & Developmtl Disabilities | NO |
| SM080244 | SM-17-008 | FY19 | 1/2019-12/2023 | NC | NC State Dept of Health and Human Services | NO |
| SM080257 | SM-17-008 | FY19 | 1/2019-12/2023 | UT | UT State Dept of Human Services | NO |
| SM082704 | SM-20-003 | FY20 | 3/2020-3/2025 | AL | AL STATE DEPT OF MTL HLTH & MTL RET | NO |
| SM082705 | SM-20-003 | FY20 | 3/2020-3/2025 | NE | NE ST DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVS | NO |
| SM082696 | SM-20-003 | FY20 | 3/2020-3/2025 | NJ | NJ STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES | NO |

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| SM082697 | SM-20-003 | FY20 | 3/2020-3/2025 | TN | TN STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES | NO |
| SM082699 | SM-20-003 | FY21 | 3/2021-3/2026 | IN | IN FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION | NO |
| SM082698 | SM-20-003 | FY22 | 9/2022-9/2027 | WV | WV State Department of Health & Human Services | NO |