



Substance Abuse and Mental Health
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TCE-Special Projects NOFO (TI-22-002) Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants are listed on page 14 of the NOFO, which includes the following:

- States
- Local, tribal, and territorial governments
- Tribal organizations
- Education organizations (e.g., colleges, universities, school systems)
- Non-profit community-based organizations (e.g., churches, faith-based organizations)

2. Can individuals apply for and receive funding through the TCE-Special Projects Grant program?

No, individuals cannot apply to this grant. Individuals can find resources for treatment or assistance at SAMHSA's Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator (<https://www.findtreatment.gov>) or contact SAMHSA's National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

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 of the application.

4. Can FY2019 TCE-SP grantees apply to this NOFO?

Yes, recipients that received their initial funding in FY2019 are eligible to apply. Recipients that received initial funding in FY2021 **are not** eligible to apply.

Key Personnel

5. What are the minimum qualifications and the level of effort for the Project Director?

The Project Director is key personnel and must have at least a 20 percent level of effort. The person in this role is expected to oversee all grant activities, including partnerships and implementation of the required activities. In Section D of the Project Narrative: Staff and

Organization Experience, the applicant must describe the Project Director's qualifications and experience. In addition, the applicant must submit a job description and Biographical Sketch for the Project Director in Attachment 5. The Government Project Officer will review this documentation to ensure that the Project Director has the credentials to be able to effectively oversee the project.

Required/Allowable Activities

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

Yes, projects must implement all required activities listed in Section 1.3 of the NOFO.

7. If we cannot provide an activity ourselves, can we subcontract with another provider to implement the activity?

Yes, as noted on Page 15, applicants may partner with a community-based organization to implement an activity if the applicant organization meets the eligibility criteria listed on page 14 of the NOFO. The roles and responsibilities of the partners must be described in Section D of the Project Narrative.

Allowable Expenses

8. Can grant funds be used for an individual's housing costs or rent?

No, organizations may not use grant funds to pay for an individual's housing costs or rent.

Data Collection/Reporting

9. How often will the recipient collect GPRA data?

SAMHSA recipients are required to collect and report certain data so that SAMHSA can meet its obligations under the Government Performance and Results (GPRA) Modernization Act of 2010. Data will be collected at baseline/intake, six-month follow-up, and discharge. Information on data collection and reporting can be found on pages 10 -11 of the NOFO.

Other Application Questions

10. Are Recovery Support Organizations eligible to apply for this grant?

Yes, Recovery Support Organization are eligible to apply and must have two years of experience as of the due date of the application as indicated on page 15.

11. Should Attachment 9: Statement of Certification come from a specific office within the state or county?

No, applicants should submit a letter from either a state or county office that can confirm that the project addresses a priority. The agency should have knowledge of the problem area or issues that need to be addressed in the catchment area.