

Support for 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements
Pre-Application Informational Webinar, 10/03/22 12:00pm-1:30pm EST
Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Background:

This webinar reviewed the new SAMHSA 988 funding opportunity for Tribal response. Funding objectives, requirements, and due dates were reviewed, including operational, grants management, and grants review requirements. Submission for grant applications are due no later than 10/25/22. For questions, please refer to the Funding Opportunity SM 22-020 at <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-22-020>.

Q&A:

Q. What credentials is SAMHSA looking for in a Project Director (PD)?

A. Applicants must provide a complete list of staff positions for the project, including the Key Personnel (Project Director) and other significant personnel. Applicants must describe the role of each, their level of effort, and qualifications, to include their experience providing services to the population(s) of focus and familiarity with their culture(s) and language(s). Additionally, the Project Director MUST have an active eRA Commons account (with the PI role) affiliated with the organization in eRA Commons.

Q. Our tribal organization has a consortia of 6 tribes who might apply for the grant. There are 2 other tribes outside of our consortia who are in our state that want to apply with us. Can we submit one application with their tribal leadership's endorsement/support?

A. Yes, this is permissible. From Page 18 of the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#): *Tribal organization means the recognized body of any Indian Tribe; any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body, or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities. Consortia of Tribes or tribal organizations are eligible to apply, but each participating entity must indicate its approval in Attachment 7. A single Tribe in the consortium must be the legal applicant, the recipient of the award, and the entity legally responsible for satisfying the award requirements.*

Q. If a readiness/needs assessment has been done by a Tribe for another Program in the past few years, can this be used?

A. Yes, as long as it is specifically highlighting needs and response for 988.

Q. Is there any potential impact to the 2 States or Territories that did not apply for and receive funding?

A. SAMHSA has been in contact with both states who did not apply for state/territory funding. Alaska has support for this program and are connected in other ways. We do not anticipate any significant impact. SAMHSA will help grantees and centers any way we can.

Q. Can you talk about data collection when the applicant doesn't have a crisis center. For example, how will screening be tracked if not providing service directly?

A. Some of the data required will come directly from Vibrant (the administrator of the 988 lifeline). For the other data, we know that not everyone will be able to collect in the same way. Your Government Project Officer (GPO) will help facilitate that.