Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

The Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities Ages 13-24 Cooperative Agreement

(Short Title: Prevention Navigator)

(Initial Announcement)

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No. SP-17-004

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PART 1: Programmatic Guidance

Note to Applicants: This document MUST be used in conjunction with SAMHSA’s “Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) PART II: Administrative and Application Submission Requirements for Discretionary Grants and Cooperative Agreements”. PART I is individually tailored for each FOA. PART II includes requirements that are common to all SAMHSA FOAs. You MUST use both documents in preparing your application.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Eligible Applicants: Community-based domestic, public and private nonprofit entities, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes (AI/AN) and tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations.

[See Section III-1 of this FOA for complete eligibility information.]

Be sure to check the SAMHSA website periodically for any updates on this program.

IMPORTANT: SAMHSA is transitioning to the National Institutes of Health (NIH)'s electronic Research Administration (eRA) grants system. Due to this transition, SAMHSA has made changes to the application registration, submission, and formatting requirements for all Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). All applicants must register with NIH’s eRA Commons in order to submit an application. Applicants also must register with the System for Award Management (SAM) and Grants.gov (see PART II: Section I-1 and Section II-1 for all registration requirements).

Due to the new registration and application requirements, it is strongly recommended that applicants start the registration process six (6) weeks in advance of the application due date.

I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

1. PURPOSE

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and transition assistance (substance misuse prevention and HIV medical care, housing, employment, family, education and prescription drug assistance services) that will reduce morbidity and mortality for this high risk group.

More than 1.2 million people in the US are living with HIV, and 1 in 8 of them is not aware of his or her status.¹ CDC reports, “While we have made progress in HIV prevention and care, only 30% of all people living with HIV have achieved viral suppression. Achieving viral suppression by taking HIV medicines allows people living with HIV to have nearly normal lifespans and greatly reduces their chances of transmitting the virus. If they are in HIV medical care, however, 76% of people achieve viral suppression.”²

The goal of this project is to prevent substance misuse and the transmission of HIV and hepatitis using a navigation approach. The identified population of focus is known to be at increased risk for substance misuse, HIV and hepatitis infection, and homelessness. It is expected that award recipients would train screened community members in this population to conduct extensive outreach and assist the population of focus in receiving culturally appropriate supportive services, care and HIV treatment.

The Prevention Navigator Program supports infrastructure development and the provision of services.

The Prevention Navigator Program grants are authorized under Section 516 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2020, Mental Health and Mental Disorders Topic Area HP 2020-MHMD and/or Substance Abuse Topic Area HP 2020-SA.

2. **EXPECTATIONS**

Awards will be made for up to five years to support infrastructure development, environmental strategies and services using evidence-based interventions and SAMHSA’s Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). SPF is a process that moves community stakeholders from vision to practice. Using SAMHSA’s online data system, applicants will be required to collect and submit progress data on each of the following five SPF steps (Assessment, Capacity Building, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation) to achieve the goals of the program. (See Section I-2 Expectations below). Applicants can access SAMHSA’s Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) at: [http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/applying-strategic-prevention-framework](http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/applying-strategic-prevention-framework) and should base their program on using all five components of the SPF.

¹ [https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/ataglance.html](https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/ataglance.html)

² [https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/ataglance.html](https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/ataglance.html)
Although applicants will have flexibility in designing the comprehensive strategies for their project, they must develop and submit a budget that complies with the activities/services and budget restrictions outlined below:

Applicants must budget for the following required activities:

- Up to 40 percent for key staff/personnel
- At least 15 percent for prevention services
- Up to 5 percent for HIV and hepatitis testing
- Up to 25 percent for environmental strategies (including social media, awareness campaigns, marketing and extensive outreach services and strategies)
- Up to 10 percent for data collection and reporting

The recommended key staff for this program will be the Project Director, the Peer Support Specialist, and Evaluator. It is expected that award recipient key staff will collectively provide a minimum level of 40 percent effort toward proposed project activities.

**Required Activities:**

The Prevention Navigator Program grant funds must be used to support infrastructure development, environmental strategies, and prevention services, particularly the prevention of substance misuse, HIV and hepatitis.

1. **Conduct a Needs Assessment**

SAMHSA expects grantees to conduct a needs assessment of the community. The needs assessment should assess current substance misuse, HIV, and hepatitis problems in this community.

The needs assessment should be based on the collection and analysis of epidemiological data and must include:

- Assessment of the magnitude of substance misuse, HIV, and hepatitis;
- Assessment of risk and protective factors associated with substance misuse, HIV, and hepatitis;
- Assessment of the number of individuals at risk for substance misuse, HIV, and hepatitis;
- Assessment of the community’s assets and resources;
- Identification of gaps in services and capacity;
• Assessment of readiness to act; and
• Identification of priorities based on epidemiological analyses.

Needs assessment data may be obtained from state governmental agencies and community programs, including those listed below:

• HIV Prevention Community Planning Groups funded by the CDC, National Center for HIV/AIDS, VH, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP);
• Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White Planning Councils;
• Juvenile and adult criminal justice, correctional, parole systems, and reentry programs;
• National Immunization Program and HIV/AIDS CDC funded projects; and
• American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribal councils, tribal community-based organizations, tribal governments, and Indian Health Service-funded programs.

NOTE: Applicants who have completed a comprehensive needs assessment on the population of focus for this FOA within the last two years should include a copy of their needs assessment in Attachment 5 of the application. If a grant is awarded, SAMHSA’s Government Project Officer (GPO) will review and approve the needs assessment to determine whether or not it adequately addresses the population of focus for this FOA. If the needs assessment is not approved, the grantee will need to submit a revised needs assessment after consultation with the GPO and have it approved by the GPO before beginning to provide prevention services.

2. Mobilize and/or Build Capacity to Address Substance Misuse, HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Needs

Grantees must develop and enhance local capacity and mobilize community resources in order to implement effective programs, practices, and policies to prevent substance misuse, reduce sexual risk factors to prevent new HIV and hepatitis infection cases, and decrease HIV transmission among at-risk racial/ethnic minority youth and young adults (ages 13-24). Grantees should develop and implement culturally and linguistically appropriate substance misuse, HIV, and hepatitis prevention strategies that can effectively reach the population of focus in their environments.

3. Develop a Data-Driven Comprehensive Strategic Plan

Grantees are required to develop a strategic plan resulting from the community needs assessment. Grantees must plan to provide evidence-based substance misuse, HIV, and hepatitis prevention services that are culturally, linguistically, and age appropriate
for the population of focus. The comprehensive strategic plan must be based on documented population needs and include an array of appropriate evidence-based prevention strategies. In particular, the strategic plan must describe how prevention services and environmental strategies will be implemented to most effectively address the needs of the population of focus, including HIV and hepatitis testing, and how persons identified as HIV positive will be linked to HIV medical care.

[NOTE: SAMHSA expects that all grantees will have a needs assessment and strategic plan completed and approved within the first six months of the project. The strategic plan must be approved by the SAMHSA GPO before grantees can implement their prevention strategies and move forward with Steps 2-5 of the SPF.

4. Implement Substance Misuse, HIV, and Hepatitis Prevention Strategies

Grantees are expected to implement the following activities:

- Prevention education: implementing evidence-based strategies;
- Awareness campaigns-implementing strategies to facilitate behavior change and reduce stigma;
- Outreach and intensive case management – identifying, recruiting and engaging the population of focus in the program and providing assistance to access and follow through with needed support services;
- Social media – using social media tools for outreach/recruitment and to identify and encourage those with HIV to engage in HIV medical care, including substance misuse services;
- Data collection and evaluation – adhering to SAMHSA GPRA/NOMS and programmatic reporting requirements;
- HIV and hepatitis testing – conducting testing on-site or through referral with a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certified organization; and
- Housing support services – providing referral for and coordination of housing support services.

It is expected that the Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program will:

- Increase in the number of at-risk individuals who are identified, tested for HIV, and linked with HIV care, housing and support services;
- Increase the period of time that participants are retained in HIV care.
Other Expectations:

If your application is funded, you will be expected to develop a behavioral health disparities impact statement no later than 60 days after your award. (See PART II: Appendix E, Addressing Behavioral Health Disparities.)

Although people with behavioral health conditions represent about 25 percent of the U.S. adult population, these individuals account for nearly 40 percent\(^3\) of all cigarettes smoked and can experience serious health consequences\(^4\). A growing body of research shows that quitting smoking can improve mental health and addiction recovery outcomes. Research shows that many smokers with behavioral health conditions want to quit, can quit, and benefit from proven smoking cessation treatments. SAMHSA strongly encourages all grantees to adopt a tobacco-free facility/grounds policy and to promote abstinence from all tobacco products (except in regard to accepted tribal traditions and practices).

SAMHSA encourages all grantees to address the behavioral health needs of returning veterans and their families in designing and developing their programs and to consider prioritizing this population for services, where appropriate. SAMHSA will encourage its grantees to utilize and provide technical assistance regarding locally-customized web portals that assist veterans and their families with finding behavioral health treatment and support.

2.1 Using Evidence-Based Practices

SAMHSA’s services grants are intended to fund services or practices that have a demonstrated evidence base and that are appropriate for the population(s) of focus. An evidence-based practice (EBP) refers to approaches to prevention or treatment that are validated by some form of documented research evidence. However, SAMHSA recognizes that EBPs have not been developed for all populations and/or service settings. See Appendix A of this document for additional information about using EBPs. In Section C of your project narrative, you will need to:

\(^3\) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. (March 20, 2013). The NSDUH Report: Adults with Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder Account for 40 Percent of All Cigarettes Smoked. Rockville, MD. http://media.samhsa.gov/data/spotlight/spot104-cigarettes-mental-illness-substance-use-disorder.pdf

• Identify the evidence-based practice(s) you propose to implement for the specific population(s) of focus. If an EBP does not exist/apply for your program/population(s) of focus, describe the service/practice you plan to implement as an appropriate alternative.

• If you are proposing to use more than one evidence-based practice, provide a justification for doing so and clearly identify which service modality and population of focus each practice will support.

• Discuss the population(s) for which the practice(s) has (have) been shown to be effective and show that it (they) is (are) appropriate for your population(s) of focus. Indicate whether/how the practice(s) will be adapted for a specific population. SAMHSA encourages you to consult with an expert or the program developer to complete any modifications to the chosen EBP. This is especially important when adapting EBPs for specific underserved populations for whom there are fewer EBPs.

In selecting an EBP, be mindful of how your choice may impact disparities in service access, use, and outcomes for your population(s) of focus, particularly since you will be working with populations who are unstably housed or homeless. While this is important in providing services to all high risk populations, it is especially critical for those minority populations who are unstably housed.

[Note: See PART II: Appendix C - Standard Funding Restrictions, regarding allowable costs for EBPs.]

2.2 Data Collection and Performance Measurement

All SAMHSA grantees 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. You must document your ability to collect and report the required data in Section E: Data Collection and Performance Measurement of your application. Grantees will be required to report performance, in May and November, on the following performance measures:

1. The number of program participants exposed to substance misuse prevention education services. (Output Measure)
2. The number of persons tested for HIV and/or hepatitis through the MAI prevention activities. (Output Measure)
3. The number of participants who test positive for HIV (Output Measure).
4. The number of homeless participants tested for HIV and/or hepatitis (Output Measure).
5. The number of program participants linked to housing and other health care support services (Output Measure).
6. The percent of program participants who report no use of alcohol at pre-test who remain non-users at post-test (all ages). (Outcome Measure)
7. The percent of program participants that rate the risk of harm from substance misuse as great. (Outcome Measure)

This information will be gathered using SAMHSA’s data reporting systems. Additional information about these systems will be provided after award. In addition to these required outputs and outcomes, data collected by grantees will be used to demonstrate how SAMHSA’s grant programs are reducing disparities in access, service use, and outcomes nationwide. Participants will be required to participate in the cross-site evaluation using SAMHSA’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved instruments.

**Grantees will also be provided with technical assistance (TA).**

SAMHSA has aligned its HIV and hepatitis testing and data collection efforts with the HHS Secretary’s mandate to standardize indicators for HIV prevention, treatment and care services. To meet these requirements, grantees must report on the following core indicators:

1. HIV positivity (number of HIV positive tests),
2. Antiretroviral therapy among persons in HIV medical care,
3. Linkage to HIV medical care and/or hepatitis care; and
4. Housing status (number of persons successfully linked to housing).

Additional information on these requirements will be provided to grantees after award.

Performance data will be reported to the public, OMB, and Congress as part of SAMHSA’s annual budget request.

2.3 Local Performance Assessment

Each year grantees must review the performance data they report to SAMHSA (as required above), assess their progress, and use this information to improve management of their grant projects. The assessment should be designed to help you determine whether you are achieving the goals, objectives, and outcomes you intend to achieve and whether adjustments need to be made to your project. Performance assessments also should be used to determine whether your project is having the intended impact on behavioral health disparities. You will be required to report on your
progress achieved, barriers encountered, and efforts to overcome these barriers in a performance assessment report to be submitted yearly. At a minimum, your performance assessment should include the required performance measures identified above. You may also consider outcome and process questions, such as the following:

**Outcome Questions:**

- What was the effect of the intervention on key outcome goals?
- What program/contextual/cultural/linguistic factors were associated with outcomes?
- What individual factors were associated with outcomes, including race/ethnicity/sexual orientation/gender identity?
- How durable were the effects?

As appropriate, describe how the data, including outcome data, will be analyzed by racial/ethnic group or other demographic factors to ensure that appropriate populations are being served and that disparities in services and outcomes are minimized.

**Process Questions:**

- How closely did implementation match the plan?
- What types of changes were made to the originally proposed plan?
- What types of changes were made to address disparities in access, service use, and outcomes across subpopulations, including the use of the National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards?
- What led to the changes in the original plan?
- What effect did the changes have on the planned intervention and performance assessment?
- Who provided (program staff) what services (modality, type, intensity, duration), to whom (individual characteristics), in what context (system, community), and at what cost (facilities, personnel, dollars)?
- How many individuals were reached through the program?

**Performance Assessments should be completed each year of the grant to assess the effectiveness of the activities provided.**
No more than 15 percent of the total grant award may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment, e.g., activities required in Sections I-2.2 and 2.3 above.

2.4 Grantee Trainings

Applicants must plan to send a minimum of two people (including the Project Director and the Evaluator) to at least one training in every other year of the grant (years 1, 3, and 5). You must include a detailed budget and narrative for this travel. At these trainings, grantees will receive training and technical assistance. Each training will last up to three days. These trainings are held in the Washington, D.C. area and attendance is mandatory.

II. AWARD INFORMATION

Funding Mechanism: Cooperative Agreement

Anticipated Total Available Funding: $4,000,000

Estimated Number of Awards: 20

Estimated Award Amount: Up to $200,000

Length of Project Period: Up to 5 years

Proposed budgets cannot exceed $200,000 in total costs (direct and indirect) in any year of the proposed project. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, grantee progress in meeting project goals and objectives, timely submission of required data and reports, and compliance with all terms and conditions of award.

Funding estimates for this announcement are based on an annualized Continuing Resolution and do not reflect the final FY 2017 appropriation. Applicants should be aware that funding amounts are subject to the availability of funds.

Cooperative Agreement

These awards are being made as cooperative agreements because they require substantial post-award federal programmatic participation in the conduct of the project. Under this cooperative agreement, the roles and responsibilities of grantees and SAMHSA staff are:
Role of Grantee:

Grantees must comply with the terms of the Prevention Navigator Program, including implementation of all required SPF activities described in Section I-2, Expectations, of this FOA. Grantees must agree to provide SAMHSA with all required performance data, collaborate with SAMHSA staff in aspects of the Prevention Navigator Program, and participate in submission of all required forms, data, and reports on a quarterly basis.

Role of SAMHSA Staff:

- Reviews or approves one stage of a project before work may begin on a subsequent stage during a current approved project period;
- Assists the grantee in the development of a selection process for the grant’s sub-awards, and reviews and approves sub-recipient contracts and awards;
- Recommends outside consultants for training, site specific evaluation, and data collection; and
- Oversees development and implementation of a multi-site evaluation in partnership with evaluation contractors and grantees.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible applicants are community-based domestic public and private nonprofit entities, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes (AI/AN) and tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations. For example, non-profit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, health care delivery organizations, territories, and local governments are eligible to apply. Tribal organization means the recognized body of any AI/AN tribe; any legally established organization of AI/ANs 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 AI/ANs in all phases of its activities. Consortia of tribal organizations are eligible to apply, but each participating entity must indicate its approval. A single tribe in the consortium must be the legal applicant, the recipient of the award, and the entity legally responsible for satisfying the grant requirements.

SAMHSA is limiting eligibility to these entities consistent with the intent of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1999, which states that these grant funds are to be used to expand HIV related services in minority
communities. Community-based entities are in the best position to strengthen organizational capacity, expand the number of minority service providers in the HIV/AIDS system of care, and provide HIV prevention services in racial and ethnic communities, as they have direct responsibility for these services and supports.

1. **COST SHARING and MATCH REQUIREMENTS**

Cost sharing/match is not required in this program.

2. **EVIDENCE OF EXPERIENCE AND CREDENTIALS**

SAMHSA believes that only existing, experienced, and appropriately credentialed organizations with demonstrated infrastructure and expertise will be able to provide required services quickly and effectively. You must meet the following additional requirement related to the provision of services.

The requirement is:

- A provider organization for substance misuse prevention services appropriate to the grant must be involved in the proposed project. The provider may be the applicant or another organization committed to the project. More than one provider organization may be involved.

Following application review, if your application’s score is within the fundable range, SAMHSA may contact you to request that additional documentation be sent by email, or to verify that the documentation you submitted is complete.

If SAMHSA does not receive this documentation within the time specified, your application will not be considered for an award.

IV. **APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

In addition to the application and submission language discussed in PART II: Sections I and II, you must include the following in your application:

1. **ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION COMPONENTS**

- **Budget Information Form** – Use SF-424A. Fill out Sections B, C, and E of the SF-424A. A sample budget and justification is included in Appendix D of this document. **It is highly recommended that you use the sample budget format in Appendix D.** This will expedite review of your application.

- **Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation** – The Project Narrative describes your project. It consists of Sections A through E. Sections A-E together may not be longer than 30 pages. **(Remember that if your Project**
Narrative starts on page 5 and ends on page 35, it is 31 pages long, not 30 pages.) More detailed instructions for completing each section of the Project Narrative are provided in Section V – Application Review Information of this document.

The supporting documentation section provides additional information necessary for the review of your application. This supporting documentation must be attached to your application using the Other Attachments Form from the Grants.gov application package. Additional instructions for completing these sections and page limitations for Biographical Sketches/Position Descriptions are included in PART II: Section II-3.1, Required Application Components, and Appendix D, Biographical Sketches and Position Descriptions. Supporting documentation should be submitted in black and white (no color).

• **Budget Justification and Narrative** – The budget justification and narrative must be submitted as file BNF when you submit your application into Grants.gov. (See PART II: Section II-3.1, Required Application Components.)

• **Attachments 1 through 5** – Use only the attachments listed below. If your application includes any attachments not required in this document, they will be disregarded. Do not use more than a total of 30 pages for Attachments 1, 3 and 4 combined. There are no page limitations for Attachments 2 and 5. Do not use attachments to extend or replace any of the sections of the Project Narrative. Reviewers will not consider them if you do. Please label the attachments as: Attachment 1, Attachment 2, etc. Use the Other Attachments Form from Grants.gov to upload the attachments.

  o **Attachment 1**: (1) Identification of at least one experienced substance misuse prevention provider organization; (2) a list of all direct service provider organizations that have agreed to participate in the proposed project, including the applicant agency if it is a treatment or prevention service provider organization; (3) letters of commitment from these direct service provider organizations; **(Do not include any letters of support. Reviewers will not consider them if you do.)** (4) the Statement of Assurance (provided in Appendix B of this announcement) signed by the authorized representative of the applicant organization identified on the first page (SF-424) of the application, that assures SAMHSA that all listed providers meet the two-year experience requirement, are appropriately licensed, accredited and certified, and that if the application is within the funding range for an award, the applicant will send the GPO the required documentation within the specified time.
Attachment 2: Data Collection Instruments/Interview Protocols – if you are using standardized data collection instruments/interview protocols, you do not need to include these in your application. Instead, provide a web link to the appropriate instrument/protocol. If the data collection instrument(s) or interview protocol(s) is/are not standardized, you must include a copy in Attachment 2.

Attachment 3: Sample Consent Forms

Attachment 4: Letter to the SSA (if applicable; see PART II: Appendix B, Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372) Requirements).

Attachment 5: If completed in the last two years, a copy of your comprehensive needs assessment for your population of focus.

2. APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are due by 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on April 17, 2017.

IMPORTANT: Due to SAMHSA’s transition to NIH’s eRA grants system, SAMHSA has made changes to the application registration, submission, and formatting requirements.

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- Up to 25 percent for environmental strategies (including social media, awareness campaigns, marketing and extensive outreach services and strategies)
• Up to 10 percent for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment, including any incentives for participating in the required data collection follow-up.

Be sure to identify these expenses in your proposed budget.

SAMHSA grantees also must comply with SAMHSA’s standard funding restrictions, which are included in PART II: Appendix C, Standard Funding Restrictions.

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW (E.O. 12372) REQUIREMENTS

All SAMHSA grant programs are covered under Executive Order (EO) 12372, as implemented through Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulation at 45 CFR Part 100. Under this Order, states may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed federal assistance under covered programs. See PART II: Appendix B for additional information on these requirements as well as requirements for the Public Health System Impact Statement.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Project Narrative describes what you intend to do with your project and includes the Evaluation Criteria in Sections A-E below. Your application will be reviewed and scored according to the quality of your response to the requirements in Sections A-E.

• In developing the Project Narrative section of your application, use these instructions, which have been tailored to this program.

• The Project Narrative (Sections A-E) together may be no longer than 30 pages.

• You must use the five sections/headings listed below in developing your Project Narrative. **You must indicate the Section letter and number in your response, i.e., type “A-1”, “A-2”, etc., before your response to each question. You may not combine two or more questions or refer to another section of the Project Narrative in your response, such as indicating that the response for B.2 is in C.7. Only information included in the appropriate numbered question will be considered by reviewers.** Your application will be scored according to how well you address the requirements for each section of the Project Narrative.

• The number of points after each heading is the maximum number of points a review committee may assign to that section of your Project Narrative.
Section A: Population of Focus and Statement of Need (15 points)

1. Identify the proposed catchment area and provide demographic information on the population(s) to engage in activities through the targeted systems or agencies in terms of race, ethnicity, federally recognized tribe, language, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, and socioeconomic status.

2. Discuss the relationship of your population of focus to the overall population in your geographic catchment area and identify sub-population disparities, if any, relating to access/use/outcomes of your provided activities, citing relevant data. Demonstrate an understanding of these populations consistent with the purpose of your program and intent of the FOA.

3. Document the need for an enhanced infrastructure to increase the capacity to implement, sustain, and improve effective substance misuse prevention services in the proposed catchment area that is consistent with the purpose of the program and intent of the FOA. Include the service gaps and other problems related to the need for infrastructure development. Identify the source of the data. Documentation of need may come from a variety of qualitative and quantitative sources. Examples of qualitative data sources that could be used are local epidemiologic data, state data (e.g., from state needs assessments, SAMHSA’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)), and/or national data (e.g., from SAMHSA’s NSDUH or from the National Center for Health Statistics/Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports, and Census data). This list is not exhaustive and applicants may submit other valid data, as appropriate for your program.

4. Describe how you will develop your Needs Assessment.

Section B: Proposed Implementation Approach (30 points)

1. Describe the purpose of the proposed project, including its goals and measurable objectives. These must relate to the intent of the FOA and performance measures you identify in Section E: Data Collection and Performance Measurement.

2. Describe how achievement of the goals will increase systems capacity to support effective substance misuse, HIV, and hepatitis prevention services.

3. Provide a chart or graph depicting a realistic time line for the entire five years of the project period showing dates, key activities, and responsible staff. These key activities should include the requirements outlined in Section I-2: Expectations. [Note: The time line should be part of the Project Narrative. It should not be placed in an attachment.]
4. Describe how the key activities in your timeline will be implemented.

5. Describe how you will identify and recruit the population of focus. Discuss how you will address the challenges identifying and engaging individuals who are not in stable housing and reside in communities with high incidence and prevalence of substance use and HIV infection.

6. Describe how you plan to implement environmental strategies, including using social media and conducting awareness campaigns, to positively impact the behavior of the population of focus.

7. Identify any other organization(s) that will partner in the proposed project. Describe their specific roles and responsibilities. Demonstrate their commitment to the project by including Letters of Commitment from each partner in Attachment 1 of your application. If you are not partnering with any other organization(s), indicate so in your response.

8. Describe what strategies will be implemented to retain the population of focus in the program for at least six months and up to one year.

9. Describe how the proposed activities will adhere to the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health and Health Care (go to http://ThinkCulturalHealth.hhs.gov). Select one element of each of the CLAS Standards: 1) Governance, Leadership and Workforce; 2) Communication and Language Assistance; and 3) Engagement, Continuous Improvement, and Accountability, and specifically describe how these activities will address each element you selected.

10. Describe how the proposed project will address the following issues in your catchment area:

   o Demographics – race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, geography, and socioeconomic status;

   o Language and literacy; and

   o Disability.

Section C: Proposed Evidence-Based Service/Practice (25 points)

1. Describe the Evidence-Based Practice(s) (EBPs) that will be used. Document how each EBP chosen is appropriate for the outcomes you want to achieve. Justify the use of each EBP for your population of focus. Explain how the chosen EBP(s) meet SAMHSA’s goals for this program. If an EBP does not exist/apply for your program, fully describe the practice you plan to implement, explain why it
is appropriate for the population of focus, and justify its use compared to an appropriate existing EBP.

2. Explain how your choice of an EBP or practice will help you address disparities in service access, use, and outcomes for your population(s) of focus.

3. Describe any modifications that will be made to the EBP or practice and the reasons the modifications are necessary, particularly since you will be working with high risk populations who are unstably housed or homeless. If you are not proposing any modifications, indicate so in your response.

4. Explain how you will monitor the delivery of the EBPs to ensure that they are implemented according to the EBP guidelines.

Section D: Staff and Organizational Experience (10 points)

1. Discuss the capability and experience of the applicant organization with similar projects and populations, including experience in providing culturally appropriate/competent services.

2. Discuss the capability and experience of other partnering organizations with similar projects and populations, including experience in providing culturally appropriate/competent services. If you are not partnering with any other organizations, indicate so in your response.

3. Provide a complete list of staff positions for the project, including the Project Director and other key personnel, showing the role of each and their level of effort and qualifications. Demonstrate successful project implementation for the level of effort budgeted for the Project Director and key staff.

4. Discuss how key staff has demonstrated experience and are qualified to service the population(s) of focus and are familiar with their culture(s) and language(s). Describe how you will identify, screen, and train individuals to function as Prevention Navigators (Community Health Workers, Neighborhood Navigators, Peer Support Specialists) with the population of focus.

Section E: Data Collection and Performance Measurement (20 points)

1. Document your ability to collect and report on the required performance measures as specified in Section I-2.2 of this FOA.

2. Describe your specific plan for:
   - data collection,
   - management,
   - analysis, and
• reporting of data for the population served by your infrastructure program.

The data collection plan must specify the staff person(s) responsible for tracking the measureable objectives that are identified in your response to question B1.

3. Describe your plan for conducting the local performance assessment as specified in Section I-2.3 of this FOA and document your ability to conduct the assessment.

4. Describe the quality improvement process that will be used to track whether your performance measures and objectives are being met, and how any necessary adjustments to the implementation of the project will be made.

Budget Justification, Existing Resources, Other Support (other federal and non-federal sources)

You must provide a narrative justification of the items included in your proposed budget, as well as a description of existing resources and other support you expect to receive for the proposed project. Other support is defined as funds or resources, whether federal, non-federal or institutional, in direct support of activities through fellowships, gifts, prizes, in-kind contributions, or non-federal means. (This should correspond to Item #18 on your SF-424, Estimated Funding.) Other sources of funds may be used for unallowable costs, e.g., meals, sporting events, entertainment.

An illustration of a budget and narrative justification is included in Appendix D - Sample Budget and Justification, of this document. It is highly recommended that you use the Sample Budget format in Appendix D. This will expedite review of your application.

Be sure your proposed budget reflects the funding limitations/restrictions specified in Section IV-3. Specifically identify the items associated with these costs in your budget.

The budget justification and narrative must be submitted as file BNF when you submit your application into Grants.gov. (See PART II: Section II-3.1, Required Application Components.)

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Section F: Biographical Sketches and Position Descriptions.

See PART II: Appendix D, Biographical Sketches and Job Descriptions, for instructions on completing this section.
Section G: Confidentiality and SAMHSA Participant Protection/Human Subjects

You must describe procedures relating to Confidentiality, Participant Protection, and the Protection of Human Subjects Regulations in Section G of your application. **Failure to include these procedures will impact the review of your application.** See Appendix C of this document for guidelines on these requirements.

2. REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

SAMHSA applications are peer-reviewed according to the evaluation criteria listed above.

Decisions to fund a grant are based on:

- the strengths and weaknesses of the application as identified by peer reviewers;
- when the individual award is over $150,000, approval by the CSAP, National Advisory Council
- availability of funds; and
- In accordance with 45 CFR 75.212, SAMHSA reserves the right not to make an award to an entity if that entity does not meet the minimum qualification standards as described in section 75.205(a)(2). If SAMHSA chooses not to award a fundable application, SAMHSA must report that determination to the designated integrity and performance system accessible through the System for Award Management (SAM) [currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)].

VI. ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the data reporting requirements listed in Section I-2.4, grantees must comply with the reporting requirements listed on the SAMHSA website at http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-management/reporting-requirements.

VII. AGENCY CONTACTS

For questions about program issues contact:
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Appendix A – Using Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs)

SAMHSA recognizes that EBPs have not been developed for all populations and/or service settings. For example, certain practices for American Indians/Alaska Natives, rural or isolated communities, or recent immigrant communities may not have been formally evaluated and, therefore, have a limited or nonexistent evidence base. In addition, other practices that have an established evidence base for certain populations or in certain settings may not have been formally evaluated with other subpopulations or within other settings. Applicants proposing to serve a population with a practice that has not been formally evaluated with that population are required to provide other forms of evidence that the practice(s) they propose is appropriate for the population(s) of focus. Evidence for these practices may include unpublished studies, preliminary evaluation results, clinical (or other professional association) guidelines, findings from focus groups with community members, etc. You may describe your experience either with the population(s) of focus or in managing similar programs. Information in support of your proposed practice needs to be sufficient to demonstrate the appropriateness of your practice to the individuals reviewing your application.

- Document the EBP(s) you have chosen is appropriate for the outcomes you want to achieve.
- Explain how the practice you have chosen meets SAMHSA’s goals for this grant program.
- Describe any modifications/adaptations you will need to make to your proposed practice(s) to meet the goals of your project and why you believe the changes will improve the outcomes. We expect that you will implement your evidence-based service(s)/practice(s) in a way that is as close as possible to the original service(s)/practice(s). However, SAMHSA understands that you may need to make minor changes to the service(s)/practice(s) to meet the needs of your population(s) of focus or your program, or to allow you to use resources more efficiently. You must describe any changes to the proposed service(s)/practice(s) that you believe are necessary for these purposes. You may describe your own experience either with the population(s) of focus or in managing similar programs. However, you will need to convince the people reviewing your application that the changes you propose are justified.
- Explain why you chose this EBP over other evidence-based practices.
- If applicable, justify the use of multiple EBPs. Discuss how the use of multiple EBPs will be integrated into the program. Describe how the effectiveness of each evidence-based practice will be quantified in the performance assessment of the project.
• Discuss training needs or plans for training to successfully implement the proposed evidence-based practice(s).

**Resources for Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs):**

You will find information on EBPs at [http://store.samhsa.gov/resources/term/Evidence-Based-Practice-Resource-Library](http://store.samhsa.gov/resources/term/Evidence-Based-Practice-Resource-Library). SAMHSA has developed this website to provide a simple and direct connection to websites with information about evidence-based interventions to prevent and/or treat mental and substance use disorders. The Resource Library provides a short description and a link to dozens of websites with relevant EBPs information – either specific interventions or comprehensive reviews of research findings.

In addition to the website noted above, you may provide information on research studies to show that the services/practices you plan to implement are evidence-based. This information is usually published in research journals, including those that focus on minority populations. If this type of information is not available, you may provide information from other sources, such as unpublished studies or documents describing formal consensus among recognized experts.

[Note: Please see PART II: Appendix C – Standard Funding Restrictions, regarding allowable costs for EBPs.]
Appendix B – Statement of Assurance

As the authorized representative of [insert name of applicant organization], I assure SAMHSA that all participating service provider organizations listed in this application meet the two-year experience requirement and applicable licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements. If this application is within the funding range for a grant award, we will provide the SAMHSA Government Project Officer (GPO) with the following documents. I understand that if this documentation is not received by the GPO within the specified timeframe, the application will be removed from consideration for an award and the funds will be provided to another applicant meeting these requirements.

- official documentation that all substance misuse prevention provider organizations participating in the project have been providing relevant services for a minimum of two years prior to the date of the application in the area(s) in which services are to be provided. Official documents must definitively establish that the organization has provided relevant services for the last two years; and

- official documentation that all substance misuse prevention provider organizations: 1) comply with all local (city, county) and state requirements for licensing, accreditation and certification; OR 2) official documentation from the appropriate agency of the applicable state, county, or other governmental unit that licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements do not exist.\(^5\) (Official documentation is a copy of each service provider organization’s license, accreditation, and certification. Documentation of accreditation will not be accepted in lieu of an organization’s license. A statement by, or letter from, the applicant organization or from a provider organization attesting to compliance with licensing, accreditation, and certification or that no licensing, accreditation, certification requirements exist does not constitute adequate documentation.)

- for tribes and tribal organizations only, official documentation that all participating substance misuse prevention provider organizations: 1) comply with all applicable tribal requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification; OR 2) documentation from the tribe or other tribal governmental unit that licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements do not exist.

__________________________________________________________  ______________________________
Signature of Authorized Representative                  Date

\(^5\) Tribes and tribal organizations are exempt from these requirements.
Appendix C – Confidentiality and SAMHSA Participant Protection/Human Subjects Guidelines

Confidentiality and Participant Protection:

Because of the confidential nature of the work in which many SAMHSA grantees are involved, it is important to have safeguards protecting individuals from risks associated with their participation in SAMHSA projects. All applicants (including those who plan to obtain IRB approval) must address the seven elements below. Be sure to discuss these elements as they pertain to on-line counseling (i.e., telehealth) if they are applicable to your program. If some are not applicable or relevant to the proposed project, simply state that they are not applicable and indicate why. In addition to addressing these seven elements, read the section that follows entitled “Protection of Human Subjects Regulations” to determine if the regulations may apply to your project. If so, you are required to describe the process you will follow for obtaining Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. While we encourage you to keep your responses brief, there are no page limits for this section and no points will be assigned by the Review Committee. Problems with confidentiality, participant protection, and the protection of human subjects identified during peer review of the application must be resolved prior to funding.

1. Protect Clients and Staff from Potential Risks

   - Identify and describe any foreseeable physical, medical, psychological, social and legal risks or potential adverse effects as a result of the project itself or any data collection activity.

   - Describe the procedures you will follow to minimize or protect participants against potential risks, including risks to confidentiality.

   - Identify plans to provide guidance and assistance in the event there are adverse effects to participants.

   - Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that may be beneficial to the participants. If you choose not to use these other beneficial treatments, provide the reasons for not using them.

2. Fair Selection of Participants

   - Describe the population(s) of focus for the proposed project. Include age, gender, and racial/ethnic background and note if the population includes homeless youth, foster children, children of substance misusers, pregnant women or other targeted groups.
- Explain the reasons for including groups of pregnant women, children, people with mental disabilities, people in institutions, prisoners and individuals who are likely to be particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS.

- Explain the reasons for including or excluding participants.

- Explain how you will recruit and select participants. Identify who will select participants.

3. Absence of Coercion

- Explain if participation in the project is voluntary or required. Identify possible reasons why participation is required, for example, court orders requiring people to participate in a program.

- If you plan to compensate participants, state how participants will be awarded incentives (e.g., money, gifts, etc.). Provide justification that the use of incentives is appropriate, judicious and conservative and that incentives do not provide an "undue inducement" which removes the voluntary nature of participation. Incentives should be the minimum amount necessary to meet the programmatic and performance assessment goals of the grant. Applicants should determine the minimum amount that is proven effective by consulting with existing local programs and reviewing the relevant literature. In no case may the value if an incentive paid for with SAMHSA discretionary grant funds exceed $30.

- State how volunteer participants will be told that they may receive services intervention even if they do not participate in or complete the data collection component of the project.

4. Data Collection

- Identify from whom you will collect data (e.g., from participants themselves, family members, teachers, others). Describe the data collection procedures and specify the sources for obtaining data (e.g., school records, interviews, psychological assessments, questionnaires, observation or other sources). Where data are to be collected through observational techniques, questionnaires, interviews, or other direct means, describe the data collection setting.

- Identify what type of specimens (e.g., urine, blood) will be used, if any. State if the material will be used just for evaluation or if other use(s) will be made. Also, if needed, describe how the material will be monitored to ensure the safety of participants.
• Provide in Attachment 2, “Data Collection Instruments/Interview Protocols,” copies of all available data collection instruments and interview protocols that you plan to use (unless you are providing the web link to the instrument(s)/protocol(s)).

5. Privacy and Confidentiality

• Explain how you will ensure privacy and confidentiality. Include who will collect data and how it will be collected.

• Describe:
  o How you will use data collection instruments.
  o Where data will be stored.
  o Who will or will not have access to information.
  o How the identity of participants will be kept private, for example, through the use of a coding system on data records, limiting access to records, or storing identifiers separately from data.

NOTE: If applicable, grantees must agree to maintain the confidentiality of alcohol and drug misuse client records according to the provisions of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part II.

6. Adequate Consent Procedures

• List what information will be given to people who participate in the project. Include the type and purpose of their participation. Identify the data that will be collected, how the data will be used and how you will keep the data private.

• State:
  o Whether or not their participation is voluntary.
  o Their right to leave the project at any time without problems.
  o Possible risks from participation in the project.
  o Plans to protect clients from these risks.

• Explain how you will obtain consent for youth, the elderly, people with limited reading skills, and people who do not use English as their first language.

NOTE: If the project poses potential physical, medical, psychological, legal, social or other risks, you must obtain written informed consent.
• Indicate if you will obtain informed consent from participants or assent from minors along with consent from their parents or legal guardians. Describe how the consent will be documented. For example: Will you read the consent forms? Will you ask prospective participants questions to be sure they understand the forms? Will you give them copies of what they sign?

• Include, as appropriate, sample consent forms that provide for: (1) informed consent for participation in service intervention; (2) informed consent for participation in the data collection component of the project; and (3) informed consent for the exchange (releasing or requesting) of confidential information. The sample forms must be included in Attachment 3, “Sample Consent Forms”, of your application. If needed, give English translations.

NOTE: Never imply that the participant waives or appears to waive any legal rights, may not end involvement with the project, or releases your project or its agents from liability for negligence.

• Describe if separate consents will be obtained for different stages or parts of the project. For example, will they be needed for both participant protection in treatment intervention and for the collection and use of data?

• Additionally, if other consents (e.g., consents to release information to others or gather information from others) will be used in your project, provide a description of the consents. Will individuals who do not consent to having individually identifiable data collected for evaluation purposes be allowed to participate in the project?

7. Risk/Benefit Discussion

• Discuss why the risks are reasonable compared to expected benefits and importance of the knowledge from the project.

Protection of Human Subjects Regulations

SAMHSA expects that most grantees funded under this announcement will not have to comply with the Protection of Human Subjects Regulations (45 CFR 46), which requires Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. However, in some instances, the applicant’s proposed performance assessment design may meet the regulation's criteria for research involving human subjects.

In addition to the elements above, applicants whose projects must comply with the Human Subjects Regulations must fully describe the process for obtaining IRB approval. While IRB approval is not required at the time of grant award, these grantees will be required, as a condition of award, to provide documentation that an Assurance of Compliance is on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). IRB approval must be received in these cases prior to enrolling participants in the project.
General information about Human Subjects Regulations can be obtained through OHRP at http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp or (240) 453-6900. SAMHSA–specific questions should be directed to the program contact listed in Section VII of this announcement.
Appendix D – Sample Budget and Justification (no match required)

THIS IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF A SAMPLE DETAILED BUDGET AND NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION WITH GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING SF-424A: SECTION B FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD

A. Personnel: Provide employee(s) (including names for each identified position) of the applicant/recipient organization, including in-kind costs for those positions whose work is tied to the grant project.

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Annual Salary/Rate</th>
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<td>John Doe</td>
<td>$64,890</td>
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<td>(2) Grant Coordinator</td>
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<td>(3) Clinical Director</td>
<td>Jane Doe</td>
<td>In-kind cost</td>
<td>20%</td>
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**TOTAL** $52,765

JUSTIFICATION: Describe the role and responsibilities of each position.

1. The Project Director will provide daily oversight of the grant and will be considered key staff.

2. The Coordinator will coordinate project services and project activities, including training, communication and information dissemination.

3. The Clinical Director will provide necessary medical direction and guidance to staff for 540 clients served under this project.

Key staff positions require prior approval by SAMHSA after review of credentials of resume and job description.

FEDERAL REQUEST (enter in Section B column 1 line 6a of form S-424A) **$52,765**

B. Fringe Benefits: List all components that make up the fringe benefits rate
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<td>Workers Compensation</td>
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**JUSTIFICATION:** Fringe reflects current rate for agency.

**FEDERAL REQUEST** (enter in Section B column 1 line 6b of form SF-424A) $10,896

**C. Travel:** Explain need for all travel other than that required by this application. Applicants must use their own documented travel policies. If an organization does not have documented travel policies, the federal GSA rates must be used.

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<td>Conference</td>
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<td>Hotel</td>
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<td>Per Diem (meals and</td>
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<td>(2) Local travel</td>
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**JUSTIFICATION:** Describe the purpose of travel and how costs were determined.
(1) Two staff (Project Director and Evaluator) to attend mandatory grantee meeting in Washington, DC.

(2) Local travel is needed to attend local meetings, project activities, and training events. Local travel rate is based on organization’s policies/procedures for privately owned vehicle reimbursement rate. If policy does not have a rate use GSA.

**FEDERAL REQUEST** (enter in Section B column 1 line 6c of form SF-424A) $2,444

D. Equipment: An article of tangible, nonexpendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of $5,000 or more per unit (federal definition). Organizations should follow their documented capitalization policy thresholds.

**FEDERAL REQUEST** – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6d of form SF-424A) $0

E. Supplies: Materials costing less than $5,000 per unit (federal definition) and often having one-time use

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**JUSTIFICATION:** Describe the need and include an adequate justification of how each cost was estimated.

(1) Office supplies, copies and postage are needed for general operation of the project.
(2) The laptop computer and printer are needed for both project work and presentations for Project Director.
(3) The projector is needed for presentations and workshops. All costs were based on retail values at the time the application was written.
FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6e of form SF-424A) $ 3,796

F. Contract: A contractual arrangement to carry out a portion of the programmatic effort or for the acquisition of routine goods or services under the grant. Such arrangements may be in the form of consortium agreements or contracts. A consultant is an individual retained to provide professional advice or services for a fee. The applicant/grantee must establish written procurement policies and procedures that are consistently applied. All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner to provide to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition.

COSTS FOR CONTRACTS MUST BE BROKEN DOWN IN DETAIL AND A NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED. IF APPLICABLE, NUMBERS OF CLIENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE COSTS.

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| (3) John Smith (Case Manager) | Treatment Client Services | 1FTE @ $27,000 + Fringe Benefits of $6,750 = $33,750 | *Travel at 3,124 @ .50 per mile = $1,562  
*Training course $175  
*Supplies @ $47.54 x 12 months or $570  
*Telephone @ $60 x 12 months = $720  
*Indirect costs = $9,390 (negotiated with contractor) | $46,167    |
| (4) Jane Smith            | Evaluator                | $40 per hour x 225 hours | 12 month period                                                | $9,000     |
| (5) To Be Announced       | Marketing Coordinator    | Annual salary of $30,000 x 10% level of effort |                                                                      | $3,000     |
|                           |                          |               | TOTAL                                                               | $86,997    |

**JUSTIFICATION:** Explain the need for each contractual agreement and how it relates to the overall project.

(1) Certified trainers are necessary to carry out the purpose of the statewide Consumer Network by providing recovery and wellness training, preparing consumer leaders statewide, and educating the public on mental health recovery.
(2) Treatment services for clients to be served based on organizational history of expenses.

(3) Case manager is vital to client services related to the program and outcomes.

(4) Evaluator is provided by an experienced individual (Ph.D. level) with expertise in substance misuse, research and evaluation, is knowledgeable about the population of focus, and will report GPRA data.

(5) Marketing Coordinator will develop a plan to include public education and outreach efforts to engage clients of the community about grantee activities, and provision of presentations at public meetings and community events to stakeholders, community civic organizations, churches, agencies, family groups and schools.

*Represents separate/distinct requested funds by cost category

**FEDERAL REQUEST** – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6f of form SF-424A) **$86,997**

G. Construction: **NOT ALLOWED** – Leave Section B columns 1 & 2 line 6g on SF-424A blank.

H. Other: Expenses not covered in any of the previous budget categories

**FEDERAL REQUEST**

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**JUSTIFICATION:** Break down costs into cost/unit (e.g. cost/square foot). Explain the use of each item requested.

(1) Office space is included in the indirect cost rate agreement; however, if other rental costs for service site(s) are necessary for the project, they may be requested as a direct charge. The rent is calculated by square footage or FTE and reflects SAMHSA’s fair share of the space.
*If rent is requested (direct or indirect), provide the name of the owner(s) of the space/facility. If anyone related to the project owns the building which is less than an arm’s length arrangement, provide cost of ownership/use allowance calculations. Additionally, the lease and floor plan (including common areas) are required for all projects allocating rent costs.

(2) The monthly telephone costs reflect the percent of effort for the personnel listed in this application for the SAMHSA project only.

(3) The $10 incentive is provided to encourage attendance to meet program goals for 278 client follow-ups.

(4) Brochures will be used at various community functions (health fairs and exhibits).

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6h of form SF-424A) $15,815

Indirect Cost Rate: Indirect costs can be claimed if your organization has a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement. It is applied only to direct costs to the agency as allowed in the agreement. For information on applying for the indirect rate go to: https://rates.psc.gov/fms/dca/map1.html. Effective with 45 CFR 75.414(f), any non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate, except for those non-federal entities described in Appendix VII part 75 (D)(1)(b), may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely. If an organization has a federally approved rate of 10%, the approved rate would prevail.

FEDERAL REQUEST (enter in Section B column 1 line 6j of form SF-424A)

8% of personnel and fringe (.08 x $63,661) $5,093

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TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES:

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6i of form SF-424A) $172,713

INDIRECT CHARGES:

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6j of form SF-424A) $5,093

TOTAL: (sum of 6i and 6j)
FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6k of form SF-424A) $177,806

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Provide the total proposed project period and federal funding as follows:

Proposed Project Period

a. Start Date: 09/30/2012     b. End Date: 09/29/2017

BUDGET SUMMARY (should include future years and projected total)

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TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: Sum of Total Direct Costs and Indirect Costs

FEDERAL REQUEST (enter in Section B column 1 line 6k of form SF-424A) $889,030
*FOR REQUESTED FUTURE YEARS:

1. Please justify and explain any changes to the budget that differs from the reflected amounts reported in the 01 Year Budget Summary.

2. If a cost of living adjustment (COLA) is included in future years, provide your organization’s personnel policy and procedures that state all employees within the organization will receive a COLA.

IN THIS SECTION, REFLECT OTHER FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL SOURCES OF FUNDING BY DOLLAR AMOUNT AND NAME OF FUNDER e.g., Applicant, State, Local, Other, Program Income, etc.
Other support is defined as funds or resources, whether federal, non-federal or institutional, in direct support of activities through fellowships, gifts, prizes, in-kind contributions or non-federal means. [Note: Please see PART II: Appendix D, Funding Restrictions, regarding allowable costs.]

IN THIS SECTION, include a narrative and separate budget for each year of the grant that shows the percent of the total grant award that will be used for data collection, performance measurement and performance assessment. Be sure the budget reflects the funding restrictions in Section IV-3 of the FOA Part I: Programmatic Guidance.

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