

**Department of Health and Human Services
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Administration**

**FY 2016 Grants to Expand Care Coordination Targeted
Capacity Expansion (TCE) through the Use of
Technology Assisted Care (TAC) in Targeted Areas of
Need**

(Short Title: TCE-TAC)

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No. TI-16-001

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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 – General Policies and Procedures Applicable to all SAMHSA Applications 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.]

Key Dates:

Application Deadline	Applications are due by January 4, 2016.
Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)	Applicants must comply with E.O. 12372 if their state(s) participate(s). Review process recommendations from the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.
Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS)/Single State Agency Coordination	Applicants must send the PHSIS to appropriate state and local health agencies by application deadline. Comments from Single State Agency are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Funding Opportunity Title:	Grants to Expand Care Coordination through the use of Technology Assisted Care in Targeted Areas of Need
Funding Opportunity Number:	TI-16-001
Due Date for Applications:	January 4, 2016
Anticipated Total Available Funding:	\$3.6 Million
Estimated Number of Awards:	Up to 13 grants
Estimated Award Amount:	Up to \$280,000 per year
Cost Sharing/Match Required	No
Length of Project Period:	Up to 3 years

Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. [See <u>Section III-1</u> of this FOA for complete eligibility information.]
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Be sure to check the SAMHSA website periodically for any updates on this program.

I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

1. PURPOSE

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2016 Grants to Expand Care Coordination Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) through the Use of Technology Assisted Care (TAC) in Targeted Areas of Need (Short Title: TCE-TAC). The purpose of the program is to enhance and/or expand the capacity of substance use disorder treatment providers to serve youth and adults with substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders who have been underserved and/or have special needs (e.g., elderly, ethnic and racial minorities, criminal justice involved individuals, etc.). This is referred to as the “population of focus.” For the purposes of this FOA, underserved is defined as a individuals that lack access to treatment due to the rural location, transportation challenges in the community, an inadequate number of behavioral health providers including shortages of primary medical care and substance use disorder treatment and mental disorder treatment providers, and/or financial constraints that impact the ability of these clients to access needed behavioral health treatment services. The use of technology, including web-based services, smart phones, and behavioral health electronic applications (e-apps) will expand and/or enhance the ability of providers to effectively communicate with persons in treatment and to track and manage their health to ensure treatment and services are available where and when needed. The technology may also be used by grantees to support recovery and resiliency efforts and promote wellness.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) require that the health system move towards greater use of TAC in support of Health Information Technology (HIT) for service delivery, quality improvement, cost containment, and increased patient involvement in their health care. TAC innovations and tools such as web-based services, messaging systems, smart phones, and e-apps support the functionality of interoperable Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems. In addition, TAC tools allow individuals to have more contact with their clinicians and become more active partners in enhancing the effectiveness of their care. TAC tools also complement existing and new EHR systems to create patient-centered treatment, providing an opportunity for providers to closely monitor client progress and make appropriate adjustments to treatment strategies that result in better outcomes, improved health and effective use of resources. The use of these tools is important in emergency situations by providing critical information to behavioral health and medical staff.

These grants support SAMHSA's Strategic Initiative on Health Information Technology by increasing the ability of substance use disorder treatment providers to enhance and/or expand their capacity to use HIT (e.g., TAC tools).

The TCE-TAC program seeks to address behavioral health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities by encouraging the implementation of strategies to decrease the differences in access, service use and outcomes among the racial and ethnic minority populations served. (See PART II: Appendix F – Addressing Behavioral Health Disparities.)

The TCE-TAC program is one of SAMHSA's services grant programs. SAMHSA intends that its services grants result in the delivery of services as soon as possible after award. Service delivery should begin by the 4th month of the project at the latest.

TCE-TAC grants are authorized under Section 509 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2020 Substance Abuse Topic Area HP 2020-SA.

2. EXPECTATIONS

The TCE-TAC program is designed to improve and expand treatment opportunities and communication with youths and adults who have substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders who may also have limited access to behavioral health treatment and other needed health services due to geographic, socioeconomic and/or psychological issues that can impact negatively on their living conditions, financial situation and family responsibilities.

The expected outcomes for the program include:

- Sharing of effective treatment models and results among providers;
- Increased engagement of persons in treatment in their health care;
- Increased monitoring and tracking the health status of individuals; and
- Improvement in recovery and resiliency rates.

It is expected that the key staff will contribute to the programmatic development or execution of your project in a substantive, measurable way. The key staff for this program will be the Project Director and Evaluator.

Required Activities:

Applicants must propose to expand and/or enhance substance use disorder treatment services and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorder treatment services. Below are specific examples of service expansion and service enhancement.

Service Expansion: An applicant may propose to increase access and availability of substance use disorder treatment services to a larger number of persons in treatment through TAC innovations such as electronic systems and tools that support communication between providers, and/or provider and persons in treatment. Expansion applications should propose to increase the number of persons in treatment who receive services through the use of TAC tools. For example, if the treatment program currently serves 50 persons per year, it can propose to expand access to treatment for an additional identified number of persons in rural areas through the expanded use of technology (e.g., web-based services or e-apps for smart phones). Applicants must state clearly the number of additional persons in treatment and/or services provided for each year of the proposed grant based on measureable outcomes.

Service Enhancement: An applicant may propose improving the quality and/or functionality of their electronic system. For example, a tangible improvement in the quality and/or functionality of a grantee's electronic health record system (e.g., a new personal health record system or a patient communication portal). By implementing a personal health record system, the provider may elect to provide persons in treatment access to their personal health records and instruct them on the meaning of their personal health record and how it may be used to increase communication between the provider and them, and monitor on-going health. By using a patient communication portal, the feedback loop between a person in treatment and clinician can be improved. Applicants proposing to enhance treatment services through the use of electronic tools must indicate the number of persons in treatment who will benefit from the enhancement of this technology.

You must use SAMHSA's services grant funds primarily to support allowable direct services and EHR infrastructure. This includes the following types of activities:

- Purchase and maintenance of web-based service and electronic applications that can be accessed from smart phone devices and are designed to enhance or support substance abuse treatment and services (e.g., self-management through reminders and educational prompts or locations of treatment facilities or services).
- Purchase and maintenance of web-based or mobile applications that deliver real-time data on their health condition to both persons in treatment and their providers.
- Purchase and maintenance of web-based support groups and personal health records, including appropriate training for persons in treatment on the use of their personal health records.
- Purchase and maintenance of consumer-oriented, wireless technology (e.g., iPhones, iPads, Androids, other smart devices) to monitor chronic health conditions while the person in treatment is at home.

- Provide wrap-around/recovery support services (e.g., child care, vocational, educational and transportation services) designed to improve access and retention.

Although there is some flexibility in expanding and/or enhancing treatment through the use of TAC innovations and other web-based tools/applications, applicants must demonstrate that they have the organizational infrastructure and technology in place to address the treatment needs of persons with substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. Applicants must describe their experiences using technology in the treatment of substance using populations, as well as their successes, challenges and outcomes in Section C of the Project Narrative.

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act places a strong emphasis on the widespread adoption and implementation of EHR technology. Applicants must provide the following documentation in **Attachment 5** of the application:

- If your organization currently is using a certified EHR (an electronic health record system that has been tested and certified by an approved ONC certifying body):

You must identify the certified EHR system that you, or the primary provider of clinical services associated with the grant (i.e., the grantee or sub-contractor that is expected to deliver clinical services) have adopted to manage client-level clinical information; **or**

- If your organization currently is using an EHR system that is **not certified** by ONC, demonstrate the implementation of the plan to gain certification.

Applicants must provide a detailed description of how the expansion and/or enhancement of TAC tools will be used to reach the specified population(s) of focus in Section C of the Project Narrative.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have the appropriate consent regarding the sharing of information as defined by 42 CFR Part 2 in Section C of the Project Narrative.

Applicants may partner with other organizations to accomplish their goals. Examples of possible community partners include, but are not limited to:

- Primary health care providers;
- Mental and substance use disorder treatment providers;
- Community-focused educational and preventive efforts;
- Private industry-supported work placement programs for recovering persons;
- Faith-based organizations;
- Organizations providing support for people who are homeless;
- HIV/AIDS community-based projects;

- Opioid treatment programs; and
- Health education and risk reduction information programs.

Allowable Activities:

Grant funds may also be used to support the following activities:

- Technology in the integration of treatment plans for individuals;
- Partnership development and share outcomes;
- Wellness promotion through personal empowerment and engagement of persons in their own treatment;
- Tools for better recovery and resiliency through ongoing monitoring of health status (i.e., e-apps and electronic devices for clients); and
- Tools for grantees to better track and measure their ability to achieve improved health outcomes for persons in treatment.

By the end of this three-year grant, grantees will be expected to demonstrate the ability to:

- Effectively share treatment models and results among providers;
- Meaningfully engage persons in treatment in their health care;
- Monitor and track the health status of individuals; and
- Achieve improvement in recovery and resiliency rates.

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. In this statement you must propose: (1) the number of individuals to be served during the grant period and identify subpopulations (i.e., racial, ethnic, sexual and gender minority groups) vulnerable to behavioral health disparities; (2) a quality improvement plan for the use of program data on access, use and outcomes to support efforts to decrease the differences in access to, use and outcomes of service activities; and (3) methods for the development of policies and procedures to ensure adherence to the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health and Health Care. (See PART II: Appendix F – Addressing Behavioral Health Disparities.)

Grantees must utilize third party and other revenue realized from provision of services to the extent possible and use SAMHSA grant funds only for services to individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance programs, individuals for whom coverage has been formally determined to be unaffordable, or for services that are not sufficiently covered by an individual's health insurance plan. Grantees are also expected to facilitate the health insurance application and enrollment process for eligible uninsured clients. Grantees should also consider other systems from which a potential service recipient may be eligible for services (for example, the Veterans Administration or senior services) if appropriate for and desired by that individual to meet his/her

needs. In addition, grantees are required to implement policies and procedures that ensure other sources of funding are utilized first when available for that individual.

SAMHSA strongly encourages all grantees to provide a tobacco-free workplace and to promote abstinence from all tobacco products (except in regard to accepted tribal traditions and practices).

Recovery from mental disorders and/or substance use disorders has been identified as a primary goal for behavioral health care. SAMHSA's Recovery Support Strategic Initiative is leading efforts to advance the understanding of recovery and ensure that vital recovery supports and services are available and accessible to all who need and want them. Building on research, practice, and the lived experiences of individuals in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders, SAMHSA has developed the following working definition of recovery: *A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.* See <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SAMHSA-s-Working-Definition-of-Recovery/PEP12-RECDEF> for further information, including the four dimensions of recovery, and 10 guiding principles. Programs and services that incorporate a recovery approach fully involve people with lived experience (including consumers/peers/people in recovery, youth, and family members) in program/service design, development, implementation, and evaluation.

SAMHSA's standard, unified working definition of recovery is intended to advance recovery opportunities for all Americans, particularly in the context of health reform, and to help clarify these concepts for peers/persons in recovery, families, funders, providers and others. The definition is to be used to assist in the planning, delivery, financing, and evaluation of behavioral health services. SAMHSA grantees are expected to integrate the definition and principles of recovery into their programs to the greatest extent possible.

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. In Section B of your project narrative, you will need to:

- Identify the evidence-based practice(s) you propose to implement for the specific population(s) of focus.
- 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.

[Note: See PART II: Appendix D – Funding Restrictions, regarding allowable costs for EBPs.]

SAMHSA recognizes that EBPs have not been developed for all populations and/or service settings. See Appendix I of this document for additional information about using 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 on the following performance measures: abstinence from use, housing status, employment status, criminal justice system involvement, access to services, retention in services and social connectedness. This information will be gathered using a uniform data collection tool provided by SAMHSA. Grantees will be required to submit data via SAMHSA’s data-entry and reporting system; access will be provided upon award. An example of the type of data collection tool required can be found at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/gpra-measurement-tools/csat-gpra/csat-gpra-discretionary-services>.

Data will be collected via a face-to-face interview using this tool at three data collection points: intake to services, six months post intake, and at discharge. Grantees will be expected to do a GPRA interview on all clients in their specified unduplicated target number and are also expected to achieve a six-month follow-up rate of 80 percent. All data must be submitted through the specified online data submission tool within seven days of data collection or as specified after award. Grantees will be provided extensive training on the system and its requirements post award.

The collection of these data will enable SAMHSA to report on key outcome measures relating to the grant program. In addition to these 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.

In addition to these measures, grantees will be expected to report biannually on their progress and performance on achieving the goals and objectives of the grant project.

Performance data will be reported to the public, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress as part of SAMHSA's budget request.

2.3 Local Performance Assessment

Grantees must periodically review the performance data they report to SAMHSA (as required above) and 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/will have 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 at least semi-annually.

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?
- Was the intervention effective in maintaining the project outcomes at 6-month follow-up?

As appropriate, describe how the data, including outcome data, will be analyzed by racial/ethnic group or other demographic factors to assure 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 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)?
- What strategies were used to maintain fidelity to the evidence –based practice or intervention across providers over time?
- How many individuals were reached through the program?

The performance assessment should be completed at least semi-annually as directed by the Division of Grants Management and as specified in the Notice of Award.

No more than 20 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 Meetings

Every other year, grantees must plan to send a minimum of two people (including the Project Director) to an in-person joint grantee meeting. FY 2017 and FY 2019 will be “on” years for these meetings, which are usually held in the Washington, DC area. In FY 2018, grantees will have a virtual grantee meeting. Each meeting will be up to 3 days and is mandatory.

You must include a detailed budget and narrative for this travel in your budget. At these meetings, grantees will present the results of their projects and federal staff will provide technical assistance.

II. AWARD INFORMATION

Funding Mechanism: Grant

Anticipated Total Available Funding: \$3,600,000

Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 13 awards

Estimated Award Amount: Up to \$280,000

Length of Project Period: Up to 3 years

Proposed budgets cannot exceed \$280,000 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 2016 appropriation. Applicants should be aware that funding amounts are subject to the availability of funds.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example:

- State and local governments
- Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and tribal organizations
- Urban Indian organizations
- Public or private universities and colleges
- Community- and faith-based organizations

Tribal organization means the recognized body of any AI/AN tribe; any legally established organization of American Indians/Alaska Natives 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 American Indians/Alaska Natives in all phases of its activities. Consortia of tribes or tribal organizations are eligible to apply, but each participating entity must indicate its approval.

2. COST SHARING and MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Cost sharing/match is not required in this program

3. 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 five additional requirements related to the provision of services.

The five requirements are:

- A provider organization for direct client (e.g., substance abuse treatment) 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;
- A provider organization must demonstrate the commitment to the project of partners who bring additional expertise or services to the project;
- A provider organization with at least two years of experience using electronic systems for direct technology-based client substance use disorder treatment services appropriate to the grant must be involved in the proposed project. The provider may be an applicant or another organization committed to the project. More than one provider organization may be involved;
- Each mental health/substance use disorder treatment provider organization must have at least 2 years experience (as of the due date of the application) providing relevant services (official documents must establish that the organization has provided relevant services for the last 2 years); and
- Each mental health/substance use disorder treatment provider organization must comply with all applicable local (city, county) and state licensing, accreditation and certification requirements, as of the due date of the application.

[Note: The above requirements apply to all service provider organizations. A license from an individual clinician will not be accepted in lieu of a provider organization's license. Eligible tribes and tribal organization mental health/substance use disorder treatment providers must comply with all applicable tribal licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements, as of the due date of the application. See Appendix II, Statement of Assurance, in this document.]

Following application review, if your application's score is within the funding range, the government project officer (GPO) may contact you to request that additional documentation (see Appendix II, Statement of Assurance) be sent by email, or to verify that the documentation you submitted is complete.

If the GPO 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: Section I, 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 IV of this document. **It is highly recommended that you use the sample budget format in Appendix IV. 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 should be provided immediately following your Project Narrative in Sections F and G. Additional instructions for completing these sections and page limitations for Biographical Sketches/Job Descriptions are included in PART II-IV: Supporting Documentation. 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: Appendix B – Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications.)
- Applicants for this program are required to complete the Assurance of Compliance with SAMHSA Charitable Choice Statutes and Regulations Form SMA 170. This form is posted on SAMHSA's website at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/applying/forms-resources>.
- **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 Attachment 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.

- **Attachment 1:** (1) Identification of at least one experienced, licensed mental health/substance abuse treatment provider organization; (2) identification of at least one provider organization with at least two years of experience using electronic systems for direct technology-based client substance use disorder treatment services; (3) 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; (4) letters of commitment from these direct service provider organizations; **(Do not include any letters of support. Reviewers will not consider them if you do.)** (5) the Statement of Assurance (provided in Appendix II 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 2-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 C – Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372) Requirements).
- **Attachment 5:** Document how you are either utilizing a certified EHR system or implementing a plan to gain certification for an existing or new system. If you are using a certified EHR system, you must include a legible copy of a fully executed contract with your EHR vendor in this attachment and a screenshot of current certification from the ONC available at <http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/certified-health-it-product-list-chpl>. You must provide the full product name and the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) Product Number of the EHR product. If you are using a **non-certified** system, you must demonstrate that you are in the process of implementing a plan to

gain certification and provide a letter of commitment identifying the planned date for certification and a current maintenance and support contract from your EHR vendor.

2. APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are due by **11:59 PM** (Eastern Time) on 01/04/2016.

3. FUNDING LIMITATIONS/RESTRICTIONS

- No more than 20 percent of the total grant award may be used for data collection, performance measurement and performance assessment, including 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 D – Funding Restrictions.

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 or your application will be screened out, 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.
- Although the budget and supporting documentation for the proposed project are not scored review criteria, the Review Group will consider their appropriateness

after the merits of the application have been considered. (See PART II: Section IV and Appendix E).

- 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. Although scoring weights are not assigned to individual bullets, each bullet is assessed in deriving the overall Section score.

Section A: Population of Focus and Statement of Need (15 points)

1. Identify your population(s) of focus. Provide a comprehensive demographic profile of this population in your local area in terms of race, ethnicity, federally recognized tribe (if applicable), language, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age and socioeconomic status.
2. Discuss the differences in access, service use and outcomes for your population of focus in comparison with the general population in the local service area, citing relevant data. Describe how the proposed project will improve these disparities in access, service use, and outcomes.
3. Describe the nature of the problem, including service gaps, and document the extent of the need (i.e., current prevalence rates or incidence data) for the population(s) of focus identified in your response to question A.1. To the extent available, use local data to describe need and service gaps, supplemented with state and/or national data. Identify the source of the data.
4. If you plan to use grant funds for EHR infrastructure support, describe the changes you plan to implement and how they will enhance/improve access, service use, and outcomes for the population of focus. If you do not plan to use grant funds for infrastructure development, indicate so in your response.

Section B: Proposed Evidence-Based Service/Practice (25 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. State whether you are proposing to expand and/or enhance services.
2. 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, your purpose, goals and objectives for this program.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. If applicable, describe any modifications that will be made to the EBP or practice and the reasons the modifications are necessary.
6. Explain how you will monitor the delivery of the EBPs to ensure that they are implemented according to the EBP guidelines.

Section C: Proposed Implementation Approach (30 points)

1. Provide a chart or graph depicting a realistic time line for the entire 3 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. Be sure to show that the project can be implemented and service delivery can begin as soon as possible and no later than 4 months after grant award. [Note: The time line should be part of the Project Narrative. It should not be placed in an attachment.]
2. Describe how the key activities in your timeline will be implemented.
3. Describe how you will identify, recruit and retain the population(s) of focus. Discuss how the proposed approach to identify, recruit and retain the population(s) of focus considers the language, beliefs, norms, values and socioeconomic factors of this/these population(s).
4. Describe your experience using health information technology (HIT) for treating substance using populations and your current capacity. State whether your existing electronic health record (EHR) system is interoperable with general medical/primary care systems. If partnering with a primary care provider, include if they have an EHR system and explain how the applicant's current HIT infrastructure enhances or limits the quality of care provided. Explain how the EHR system enhances or limits your efficiency as an organization. Include successes, challenges and outcomes.
5. Explain how you will address the following factors influencing the expansion and/or enhancement of TAC (including, but not limited to, EHR and telemedicine systems and tools):
 - a. Organizational factors (i.e., redesign of workflows, capabilities of your practice, day-to-day operations of your practice)

- b. Provider training and competence factors (i.e., disparity in IT dexterity among clinicians and staff)
 - c. Relationship factors between provider and persons in treatment (i.e., support maintenance, operation of the system)
 - d. Financial factors (i.e., coverage of ongoing hardware upgrades and maintenance, software maintenance, IT staff and consultants, and refresher training costs that occur beyond the 3-year award period)
6. Describe how the proposed activities will adhere to the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistic 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.
 7. Describe how effective consent will be obtained and tracked, including any special conditions dictated by State Law and 42 CFR Part 2.
 8. Identify any other partnering organization(s), including at least one provider organization with two years of experience using electronic systems for direct technology-based client substance use disorder treatment services that will play a significant role 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.
 9. State the unduplicated number of individuals you propose to serve (annually and over the entire project period) with grant funds, including the types and numbers of services to be provided and anticipated outcomes. Explain how you arrived at this number and that it is reasonable given your budget request. You are required to include the numbers to be served by race, ethnicity, gender (including transgender populations), and sexual orientation. If your proposed project is an expansion of existing behavioral health services, include the number of additional clients that will be served. If you are proposing an enhancement project, include the number of persons in treatment who will benefit from the enhancement of services.
 10. Show that the necessary groundwork (e.g., planning, development of memoranda of agreement, identification of potential facilities) has been completed or is near completion so that the project can be implemented and service delivery can begin as soon as possible and by the 4th month of the project at the latest.

11. Provide a per-unit cost for this program. Justify that this per-unit cost is reasonable and will provide high quality services that are cost effective.

[NOTE: One approach might be to provide a per-person or unit cost of the project to be implemented. You can calculate this figure by: 1) taking the total cost of the project over the lifetime of the grant and subtracting 20 percent for data and performance assessment; 2) dividing this number by the total unduplicated number of persons to be served. Another approach might be to calculate a per-person or unit cost based upon your organization's history of providing a particular service(s). This might entail dividing the organization's annual expenditures on a particular service(s) by the total number of persons/families who received that service during the year. Another approach might be to deliver a cost per outcome achieved.]

Section D: Staff and Organizational Experience (10 points)

1. Discuss the capability and experience of the applicant organization with similar projects and populations. Demonstrate that the applicant organization has linkages to the population(s) of focus and ties to grassroots/community-based organizations that are rooted in the culture(s) and language(s) of the population(s) of focus.
2. Discuss the capability and experience of other partnering organizations with similar projects and populations. Demonstrate that other partnering organizations have linkages to the population(s) of focus and ties to grassroots/community-based organizations that are rooted in the culture(s) and language(s) of the population(s) of focus. 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 serve the population(s) of focus and are familiar with their culture(s) and language(s). If key staff are to be hired, discuss the credentials and experience the new staff must possess to work effectively with the population of focus.
5. Describe how your staff will ensure the input of consumers, clients and people in recovery in assessing, planning and implementing your project.

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.

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.

NOTE: Although the budget for the proposed project is not a scored review criterion, the Review Group will be asked to comment on the appropriateness of the budget after the merits of the application have been considered.

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 IV - Sample Budget and Justification, of this document. **It is highly recommended that you use the Sample Budget format in Appendix IV. This will expedite review of your application.**

Be sure that 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: Appendix B – Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications.)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Section F: Biographical Sketches and Job Descriptions

See PART II: Appendix E – 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. See Appendix III 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 Center for Substance Abuse Treatment's National Advisory Council;
- availability of funds; and
- equitable distribution of awards in terms of geography (including urban, rural and remote settings) and balance among populations of focus and program size.

VI. ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the data reporting requirements listed in Section I-2.2, grantees must comply with the reporting requirements listed on the SAMHSA website at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-management/reporting-requirements>. Grantees will be expected to submit reports semi-annually.

VII. AGENCY CONTACTS

For questions about program issues contact:

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Appendix I – 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 evidence that the practice(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 evidence-based practice over other evidence-based practices.
- If applicable, justify the use of multiple evidence-based practices. Discuss how the use of multiple evidence-based practices 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:

You will find information on evidence-based practices at <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 evidence-based practices 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 D – Funding Restrictions, regarding allowable costs for EBPs.]

Appendix II – 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 mental health/substance use disorder treatment provider organizations participating in the project have been providing relevant services for a minimum of 2 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 2 years;
- Official documentation that all mental health/substance use disorder treatment 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.¹ (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.);
- Documentation that a provider organization can demonstrate commitment to the project of partners who bring additional expertise or services to the enterprise;
- Documentation that a provider organization with at least two years of experience using electronic systems for direct technology-based client substance use disorder treatment 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;

¹ Tribes and tribal organizations are exempt from these requirements.

- For tribes and tribal organizations only, official documentation that all participating mental health/substance use disorder treatment 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

Appendix III – 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 abusers, 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 of 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:
 - How you will use data collection instruments.
 - Where data will be stored.
 - Who will or will not have access to information.
 - 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 abuse 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:
 - Whether or not their participation is voluntary.
 - Their right to leave the project at any time without problems.
 - Possible risks from participation in the project.
 - Plans to protect clients from these risks.
- Explain how you will get 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 IV – 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.

FEDERAL REQUEST

Position	Name	Annual Salary/Rate	Level of Effort	Cost
(1) Project Director	John Doe	\$64,890	10%	\$6,489
(2) Grant Coordinator	To be selected	\$46,276	100%	\$46,276
(3) Clinical Director	Jane Doe	In-kind cost	20%	0
			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

FEDERAL REQUEST

Component	Rate	Wage	Cost
FICA	7.65%	\$52,765	\$4,037
Workers Compensation	2.5%	\$52,765	\$1,319
Insurance	10.5%	\$52,765	\$5,540
		TOTAL	\$10,896

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.

FEDERAL REQUEST

Purpose of Travel	Location	Item	Rate	Cost
(1) Grantee Conference	Washington, DC	Airfare	\$200/flight x 2 persons	\$400
		Hotel	\$180/night x 2 persons x 2 nights	\$720
		Per Diem (meals and incidentals)	\$46/day x 2 persons x 2 days	\$184
(2) Local travel		Mileage	3,000 miles @ .38/mile	\$1,140
			TOTAL	\$2,444

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

FEDERAL REQUEST

Item(s)	Rate	Cost
General office supplies	\$50/mo. x 12 mo.	\$600
Postage	\$37/mo. x 8 mo.	\$296
Laptop Computer	\$900	\$900
Printer	\$300	\$300
Projector	\$900	\$900
Copies	8000 copies x .10/copy	\$800
	TOTAL	\$3,796

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.

FEDERAL REQUEST

Name	Service	Rate	Other	Cost
(1) State Department of Human Services	Training	\$250/individual x 3 staff	5 days	\$750
(2) Treatment Services	1040 Clients	\$27/client per year		\$28,080

Name	Service	Rate	Other	Cost
(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 abuse, 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

Item	Rate	Cost
(1) Rent*	\$15/sq.ft x 700 sq. feet	\$10,500
(2) Telephone	\$100/mo. x 12 mo.	\$1,200
(3) Client Incentives	\$10/client follow up x 278 clients	\$2,780
(4) Brochures	.89/brochure X 1500 brochures	\$1,335
	TOTAL	\$15,815

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 arms 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)

Category	Year 1	Year 2*	Year 3*	Year 4*	Year 5*	Total Project Costs
Personnel	\$52,765	\$54,348	\$55,978	\$57,658	\$59,387	\$280,136
Fringe	\$10,896	\$11,223	\$11,559	\$11,906	\$12,263	\$57,847
Travel	\$2,444	\$2,444	\$2,444	\$2,444	\$2,444	\$12,220
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	\$3,796	\$3,796	\$3,796	\$3,796	\$3,796	\$18,980
Contractual	\$86,997	\$86,997	\$86,997	\$86,997	\$86,997	\$434,985
Other	\$15,815	\$13,752	\$11,629	\$9,440	\$7,187	\$57,823
Total Direct Charges	\$172,713	\$172,560	\$172,403	\$172,241	\$172,074	\$861,991
Indirect Charges	\$5,093	\$5,246	\$5,403	\$5,565	\$5,732	\$27,039
Total Project Costs	\$177,806	\$177,806	\$177,806	\$177,806	\$177,806	\$889,030

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.**

Infrastructure Development	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total Infrastructure Costs
Personnel	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$11,250
Fringe	\$558	\$558	\$558	\$558	\$558	\$2,790
Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment	\$15,000	0	0	0	0	\$15,000
Supplies	\$1,575	\$1,575	\$1,575	\$1,575	\$1,575	\$7,875
Contractual	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
Other	\$1,617	\$2,375	\$2,375	\$2,375	\$2,375	\$11,117
Total Direct Charges	\$6,000	\$11,758	\$11,758	\$11,758	\$11,758	\$53,072
Indirect	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$3,750

Infrastructure Development	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total Infrastructure Costs
Charges						
Total Infrastructure Costs	\$6750	\$12,508	\$12,508	\$12,508	\$12,508	\$56,782

Data Collection & Performance Measurement	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total Data Collection & Performance Measurement Costs
Personnel	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$33,500
Fringe	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$12,000
Travel	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$500
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$3,750
Contractual	\$24,950	\$24,950	\$24,950	\$24,950	\$24,950	\$124,750
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Charges	\$34,300	\$34,300	\$34,300	\$34,300	\$34,300	\$171,500
Indirect Charges	\$698	\$698	\$698	\$698	\$698	\$3,490
Data Collection & Performance Measurement	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$34,900	\$174,500