

announcement will be reviewed for merit by an Ad Hoc Objective Review Committee (ORC) appointed by the IHS to review and make recommendations on these applications. The review will be conducted in accordance with the PHS Objective Review Guidelines. The technical review process ensures selection of quality projects in a national competition for limited funding. Applications will be evaluated and rated on the basis of the five evaluation criteria listed above for the type of project submitted. These criteria are used to evaluate the quality of a proposed project, to assign a numerical score to each application, and to determine the likelihood of success. Applications scoring below 60 points will be disapproved. The scoring of approved applications will assist the IHS in determining which proposals will be funded if the amount MHCSI funding is not sufficient to support all approved applications.

Reporting Requirements

(1) Progress Reports

Program progress reports are required quarterly. A final progress and financial status report are also required at the end (within 90 days) of the project period. Evaluation results must be included in each required quarterly and final report. IHS program staff will use this information to determine progress of the recipient toward meeting its goals.

Suggested elements for required reports are:

- (a) Description of activities conducted;
- (b) Number of persons participating, what groups, organizations, etc., they represented;
- (c) Emerging issues and consensus;
- (d) Problems encountered, planned resolution or problems;
- (e) Government Performance and Results Act and local evaluation findings during the reporting period; and
- (f) Activities planned for the next quarter.

The final report must summarize information from the quarterly reports and describe the accomplishments of the project and planned next steps for implementing plans developed during the cooperative agreement period.

(2) Financial Status Reports

Semi-annual financial status reports must be submitted within 30 days after the end of each 6-month period. Final financial status reports are due within 90 days after expiration of the budget/project period. Standard Form 269 (long form) will be used for financial reporting.

Cooperative Agreement Administration Requirements

Cooperative agreements are administered in accordance with the following documents:

(1) 45 CFR part 92, "Department of Health and Human Service, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments Including Indian Tribes," or 45 CFR part 74, "Administration of Grants to Non-Profit Recipients."

(2) PHS Policy Statement.

(3) Appropriate Cost Principles: OMB Circular A-87, "State and Local Governments," or OMB Circular A-122, "Non-profit Organizations."

(4) OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

Results of the Review

The recommendations of the objective review committee are forwarded to the Director, Office of Public Health, for a final review and approval. In addition to the objective review recommendations, the Director considers the program and business officials. After final decisions have been made on all applications, applicants will be notified of the results by August 15, 2003. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing.

Successful applicants are notified through the official Notice of Grant Award (NGA) document. The NGA will state the amount of Federal funds awarded, the project and budget period, the effective date of the award, and the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Funding Opportunity

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability for SAMHSA Cooperative Agreements for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse

Treatment (CSAT) announces the availability of FY 2003 funds for the cooperative agreements described below. A synopsis of this funding opportunity, as well as many other Federal Government funding opportunities, is also available at the Internet site: www.fedgrants.gov.

This notice is not a complete description of the program; potential applicants must obtain a copy of the Request for Applications (RFA), including Part I, Cooperative Agreements for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment, Part II, General Policies and Procedures Applicable to all SAMHSA Applications for Discretionary Grants and Cooperative Agreements, and the PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 7/00) application form before preparing and submitting an application.

Funding Opportunity Title: Cooperative Agreements for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment—Short Title: SBIRT.

Funding Opportunity Number: TI 03-009.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.243.

Authority: Section: 509 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended and subject to the availability of funds.

Funding Opportunity Description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2003 cooperative agreements to expand and enhance State substance abuse treatment service systems by: Expanding the State's continuum of care to include screening, brief intervention, referral, and brief treatment (SBIRT) in general medical and other community settings (e.g., community health centers, school-base health clinics and student assistance programs, occupational health clinics, hospitals, emergency departments); supporting clinically appropriate treatment services for nondependent substance users (i.e., persons with a Substance Abuse Disorder diagnosis) as well as for dependent substance users (i.e., persons with a Substance Dependence Disorder diagnosis); improving linkages among community agencies performing SBIRT and specialist substance abuse treatment agencies; and identifying systems and policy changes to increase access to treatment in generalist and specialist settings.

Eligible Applicants: All States, Territories, and Federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply but the applicant must be the immediate Office of the Governor of States (for