

(3) Provide potential effectiveness of the proposed project in carrying out the purposes of Section 112, with special emphasis on the objectives and methodology portion of the application. This includes relevance of project objectives to grant program objectives; appropriateness and soundness of the procedures for identifying, recruiting, and retaining target population(s); and feasibility of project within proposed resources in time frames.

(4) Demonstrate capability of the applicant to successfully conduct the project, including organizational and scholarly commitment to the recruitment, education, and retention of students.

(5) The submission of verifying documentation when an applicant claims preference in order to be given priority.

Preference is given for programs which: (1) Provide a preference to AI/AN; (2) train nurse midwives or nurse practitioners; (3) are interdisciplinary; or (4) are conducted in cooperation with a center for gifted and talented AI/AN students established under section 5324 (a) of the Indian Education Act of 1988. Consideration will be given to the relationship of project objectives to Indian Health manpower's deficiencies, indicating the number of potential AI/AN students to be contacted and recruited as well as potential cost per student recruited; (6) those projects that have the potential to serve a greater number of AI/AN will be given first consideration; (7) the soundness of the fiscal plan for assuring effective utilization of grant funds; and (8) the completeness and responsiveness of the application.

(k) *Budget:* An itemized estimate of costs must be provided on Standard Form 424A. All applications shall include funding requirements for the second, third, fourth and fifth budget periods. Project funding will be based on an average of \$18,500 per scholarship. Projects must be for a minimum of five scholarship per academic year for all nursing programs.

Required Documentation

(a) Tribal Resolution

A resolution from the Tribal government specifically supporting this grant project must accompany the application submission. Resolution shall address the Tribal government's commitment to placement of program graduates. Applications by Tribal organizations will not require resolution(s) if the current Tribal resolution(s) under which they operate would encompass the proposed grant

activities. A statement of proof of a copy of the current operational resolution must accompany the application. If a resolution or a statement is not submitted, the application will be considered incomplete and will be returned without consideration.

(1) *Review Process and Criteria:* Applications that meet eligibility requirements, are complete, and conform to this announcement will be reviewed by an Ad Hoc Review Committee. Applications will be reviewed against established criteria. The Ad Hoc Review Committee will assign a numerical score to each application, which will be used to rank applications. The Program Director will consider geographic location in order to limit only one grant within an IHS Area.

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria and weights:

Weights—Criteria

40%—Methodology—Is the applicant's plan for conducting the project sound and effective? Has the applicant fully addressed the process of recruiting and selecting students? Will this process assure fair and consistent treatment of students? Is the monitoring process adequate to assure that students are complying with requirements? Will the process for placing, tracking, and retaining graduates be adequate to assure compliance with terms of the service obligation contract?

30%—Demonstrated capacity of the applicant to successfully conduct the project (accreditation). Is the applicant capable of successfully conducting the project from a technical and business standpoint? Are the qualification of the key personnel appropriate and adequate to carry out the projects? Is the applicant fiscal plan sound for use of both Federal and Non-federal funds?

15%—Need—Is the need for the project justified? Is there supporting documentation for conducting recruiting activities within the applicant's area?

10%—Evaluation—Does the applicant present a sound annual evaluation plan capable of determining success in announcing and carrying out the project? Does the applicant provide an evaluation plan for determining the success of the program within the applicant's organization at the end of the project period?

5%—Prior experience with similar programs.

(m) *Results of the Review:* Successful applicants will be notified through official Notice of Grant Award (NGA) documents. The NGA will state the

amount of the Federal funds awarded, the terms and conditions of the grant award, the effective date of the award, the project period, and the budget period.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Administration and Financing of Group Homes and Residential Facilities for Persons with Mental Illness—New—The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will conduct a survey of state health officials to determine what types of residential care programs for persons with mental illness are operated in each State and the District of Columbia. The state health officials will be identified through Web searches of State Mental Health Departments and other relevant agencies on a state-by-state basis.

The survey will contact identified state health officials in all fifty states