

collaborative action and potential effects of inaction.

- Examining the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities of potential network members and the communities they serve.
- d. Develops a business, operational, or strategic plan.
- e. Develops a plan for the network's sustainability.
- f. Carries out organizational development activities *e.g.*, creating a formal Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding (MOA/MOU); establishing a network board; establishing bylaws; applying for 501(c)(3) status, etc.

(4) Begins carrying out network activities, including activities to promote the network's sustainability.

Models That Work: If the application proposal is based upon another program that has worked in another community, please describe that program, why you think it will succeed in your community, what elements will be different in your community and how it was funded. There is particular interest in programs that may have received funding from the Department of Health and Human Services.

(5) **Project Monitoring:** The applicant describes measures to be implemented for assuring effective performance of the proposed project. The applicant describes on-going quality assurance/quality improvement strategies that will assist in the early identification and modification of ineffective project activities. For example, if one of the network's key strategies for reaching a network goal turns out to be ineffective, the applicant describes the measures in place to identify and address this situation.

IV. Budget (15 Points)

Applicants must provide details and justification for all items in the budget and explain the relevance of each cost to the overall goals and activities of the project. This includes a budget spreadsheet and a descriptive narrative justification that provides details for each budget item including contractual costs. The applicant illustrates that proposed grant funds will not be used to supplant funds already in place. The applicant is encouraged to include a description of funds already expended in support of networking activities.

V. Network Characteristics (5 Points)

Applicants that can demonstrate that their projects address any of the following criteria will receive a maximum of five additional points:

A. Projects that use telehealth and/or new and emerging technologies to help achieve their project goals. The advent of advanced communication tools such

as distance learning, remote patient monitoring, personal data assistants (PDAs), interactive video, satellite broadcasting and store-and-forward technology are just some of the many health care focused technological applications that can help improve access to care either directly or indirectly by improving the efficiency of local health care providers; or

B. Projects that significantly address oral health care needs of the community to be served; or

C. Projects that significantly address mental health service needs of the community to be served; or

D. Projects in which the proposed network includes at least one Critical Access Hospital; or

E. Projects in which the proposed network does not include a facility that currently receives a DHHS-sponsored grant.

Funding Preference

The authorizing legislation for Network Development Planning Grants provides a funding preference for some applicants. Applicants receiving a preference will be placed in a more competitive position among the applications that can be funded. A funding preference will be given to any qualified applicant that can demonstrate either of the following two criteria:

A. Those applicants for which at least 50 percent of the proposed rural health network's service area is located in officially designated health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) or medically underserved communities (MUCs) or serve medically underserved populations (MUPs).

To ascertain HPSA and MUP designation status, please refer to the following Web site: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/index.htm>.

To qualify as a Medically Underserved Community (MUC), at least 50 percent of the network's participation must include facilities that are federally designated as any of the following:

- (a) Community Health Centers,
- (b) Migrant Health Centers,
- (c) Health Care for the Homeless Grantees,
- (d) Public Housing Primary Care Grantees,
- (e) Rural Health Clinics,
- (f) National Health Service Corps sites,
- (g) Indian Health Service Sites,
- (h) Federally Qualified Health Centers,
- (i) Primary Medical Care Health Professional Shortage Areas,
- (j) Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas,

- (k) Nurse Shortage Areas,
- (l) State or Local Health Departments,
- (m) Ambulatory practice sites designated by State Governors as serving medically underserved communities; or

B. Those applicants whose projects focus on primary care, and wellness and prevention strategies.

To receive a funding preference, applicants must clearly identify and demonstrate which preference they are requesting as instructed in the program guidance and application instructions.

Executive Order 12372

This grant program is subject to Executive Order 12372, which requires applicants to seek comments on the application from their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) unless the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribal government or the State does not participate in this process. A list of State SPOCs and the non-participating States is included with the application kit and is also available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>. In general, SPOCs are State agents that review grant applications to determine if they are in accordance with State policy. Applicants in States with a SPOC must contact the SPOC about the application and receive any instructions on the State process. Further, applicants in participating States must submit a copy of the application to the SPOC no later than the Federal application receipt deadline.

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Administrator.

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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 intent to award a Single Source Cooperative Agreement to the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addictions Services' (ODADAS) Rehabilitation and Restitution project in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is publishing this notice to provide information to the