

applications for its discretionary grant programs. The following announcement is a proposed standard announcement for SAMHSA's Infrastructure Grants. *It is not an actual grant solicitation.*

Authority: Sections 509, 516, and 520A of the Public Health Service Act.

When published in final, the standard SAMHSA Infrastructure Grant announcement will be used by applicants in conjunction with specific Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) to prepare applications for certain SAMHSA grants. SAMHSA is providing this draft announcement for public review and comment in order to ensure that the field is aware of the planned change and has an opportunity to identify areas where the announcement is unclear and needs improvement.

DATES: Submit written comments on this proposal by October 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding SAMHSA's proposed standard Infrastructure Grant announcement to: Office of Policy, Planning and Budget, SAMHSA, Attn: Jennifer Fiedelholz by fax (301-594-6159) or e-mail (samhsa_standard_grants@samhsa.gov). Please include a phone number in your e-mail, so that SAMHSA staff may contact you if there are questions about your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Fiedelholz of the Office of Policy, Planning and Budget, SAMHSA, by fax (301-594-6159) or e-mail (samhsa_standard_grants@samhsa.gov). If you would like a SAMHSA staff

person to call you about your questions, please state this in an e-mail or fax request and provide a telephone number where you can be reached between 8:30 and 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Starting in FY 2004, SAMHSA plans to change its approach to announcing and soliciting applications for its discretionary grants. SAMHSA plans to issue the following Infrastructure Grant announcement as one of four standard grant announcements that will describe the general program design and provide application instructions for four types of grants "Services Grants, Infrastructure Grants, Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants, and Service-to-Science Grants. The standard announcements will be used in conjunction with brief Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) that will announce the availability of funds for specific grant funding opportunities within each of the standard grant programs (e.g., Homeless Treatment grants, Statewide Family Network grants, or HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention Planning Grants).

A complete description of the proposed process, the other three proposed standard announcements and a sample NOFA are contained in separate notices in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

SAMHSA welcomes public comment on all aspects of the following announcement. In particular, SAMHSA welcomes comment on the following issues:

1. Is the difference between the standard announcement and a NOFA clear?

2. Are the programmatic requirements for SAMHSA's Infrastructure Grants clear?

3. Are the goals/objectives for SAMHSA's Infrastructure Grants clear?

4. If you are a potential applicant for a SAMHSA Infrastructure Grant, do you believe you will be able to use the standard Infrastructure Grant announcement with the NOFA to prepare your application? Will the ability to anticipate programmatic requirements through reviewing the standard grant announcements ahead of time improve your ability to prepare a solid application? Is the additional benefit "worth" the "cost" of having to use two different documents to prepare your application?

Text of Proposed Standard Announcement

Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Infrastructure Grants—INF 04 (Initial Announcement)

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No.: 93.243 (unless otherwise specified in a NOFA in the **Federal Register** and on <http://www.grants.gov>).

Authority: Sections 509, 516 and/or 520A of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, and subject to the availability of funds (unless otherwise specified in a NOFA in the **Federal Register** and on <http://www.grants.gov>).

Key Dates

Application Deadline	This Program Announcement provides general instructions and guidelines for multiple funding opportunities. Application deadlines for specific funding opportunities will be published in Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) in the Federal Register and on http://www.grants.gov . Letters from State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.
Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)	
Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS)/SSA 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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