

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

4. If you are a potential applicant for a SAMHSA BPPI Grant, do you believe you will be able to use the standard BPPI 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

Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants BPPI 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

Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)
Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS)/Single State Agency Coordination.

This Program Announcement provides 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 60 days after application deadline. Applicants must send the PHSIS to appropriate State and local health agencies by application deadline. Comments from Single State Agency are due 60 days after application deadline.

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I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Introduction

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announces its intent to solicit applications for Best Practices Planning and Implementation (BPPI) grants for substance abuse prevention, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services. These grants will help communities and providers identify substance abuse prevention, substance abuse treatment, and/or mental health practices, develop strategic plans for implementing/adapting those practices, and pilot-test the practices. The practices proposed by applicants for SAMHSA's BPPI grants must incorporate the best objective information available from recognized experts regarding effectiveness and acceptability. Often, these practices will have strong evidence of effectiveness.