

through formal agreements between practice initiators and researchers; etc.)

#### 5. Data and Performance Measurement

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62, or "GPRA") requires all Federal agencies to:

- Develop strategic plans that specify what they will accomplish over a 3 to 5-year period;
- Set performance targets annually related to their strategic plan; and
- Report annually on the degree to which the previous year's targets were met.

The law further requires agencies to link their performance to their budgets. Agencies are expected to evaluate their programs regularly and to use results of these evaluations to explain their successes and failures.

To meet these requirements, SAMHSA must collect performance data (*i.e.*, "GPRA data") from grantees. You are required to report these GPRA data to SAMHSA on a timely basis so that performance results are available to support budgetary decisions.

In particular, you will be required to provide data on a core set of required measures, depending on the SAMHSA Center that is funding the grant. In your application, you must demonstrate your ability to collect and report on these measures, and you must provide some baseline data.

Appendix A provides the performance indicators for SAMHSA's Service-to-Science grantees. For complete information on the core

measures relating to these indicators and the methodology for data collection and reporting, please consult the following Web sites:

- Center for Mental Health Services-funded grants: <http://www.samhsa.gov/aps/CMHS/GPRA>
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention-funded grants: <http://www.samhsa.gov/aps/CSAP/GPRA>
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment-funded grants: <http://www.samhsa.gov/aps/CSAT/GPRA>.

This information will be provided in the hard copy application kits distributed by SAMHSA's Clearinghouses, as well.

In some instances, you may be required to participate in cross-site evaluations and comply with additional data collection requirements; if so, this will be specified in the NOFA. Before grant award, a final agreement regarding data collection will be reached. The terms and conditions of the grant award will specify the data to be submitted and the schedule for submission. Grantees will be required to adhere to these terms and conditions of award.

#### 6. Grantee Meetings

You must plan to send a minimum of two people (including the Project Director) to at least one joint grantee meeting in each year of the grant, and you must include funding for this travel in your budget. At these meetings, grantees will present the results of their projects and Federal staff will provide technical assistance. Each meeting will be 3 days. These meetings will usually

be held in the Washington, DC, area, and attendance is mandatory.

## II. Award Information

### A. Award Amount

The NOFA will specify the expected award amount for each funding opportunity. Regardless of the amount specified in the NOFA, the actual award amount will depend on the availability of funds.

You may apply for either a combined Phase I & II grant or for a Phase II only grant.

- Awards for Phase I of the combined grants are for up to \$150,000 per year for up to 2 years.
- Awards for Phase II are \$300,000–\$500,000 per year for 1–3 years.
- Awards for combined Phase I and II grants may not exceed 5 years.

Phase II funding will be approved only if you provide compelling evidence that the practice has been sufficiently developed and documented to be evaluated and has produced positive results.

Applications with proposed budgets that exceed the allowable amount as specified in the NOFA in any year of the proposed project will be screened out and will not be reviewed. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, grantee progress in meeting project goals and objectives, and timely submission of required data and reports.

### Summary Table:

Phase	Activity focus	Years of support	Application requirement	Funding level
I .....	Practice Development and Documentation.	0–2	Optional .....	Up to \$150,000 per year.
II .....	Practice Evaluation .....	1–3	Required .....	\$300,000–500,000 per year.
Total .....	.....	1–5	.....	

### B. Funding Mechanism

The NOFA will indicate whether awards for each funding opportunity will be made as grants or cooperative agreements (see the Glossary in Appendix C for further explanation of these funding mechanisms). For cooperative agreements, the NOFA will describe the nature of Federal involvement in project performance and specify roles and responsibilities of grantees and Federal staff.

## III. Eligibility Information

### A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are domestic public and private *nonprofit* entities. For example, State, local or tribal governments; public or private universities and colleges; community- and faith-based organizations; and tribal organizations may apply. The statutory authority for this program precludes grants to for-profit organizations. The NOFA will indicate any limitations on eligibility.

Though not required, SAMHSA encourages community-based providers and independent researchers to partner

when applying for Service-to-Science grants. Such partnerships will use the expertise of each partner to ensure sound service delivery, high-quality evaluation, independent results, and relevance of the evaluation design to service delivery outcomes.

### B. Cost-Sharing

Cost-sharing is not required in this program, and applications will not be screened out on the basis of cost-sharing. However, you may include cash or in-kind contributions in your proposal as evidence of commitment to the proposed project. Reviewers may