

reviewers in evaluating the quality of the application.

Grant: A grant is the funding mechanism used by the Federal Government when the principal purpose of the transaction is the transfer of money, property, services, or anything of value to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by Federal statute. The primary beneficiary under a grant or cooperative agreement is the public, as opposed to the Federal Government.

In-Kind Contribution: In-kind contributions toward a grant project are non-cash contributions (e.g., facilities, space, services) that are derived from non-Federal sources, such as State or sub-State non-Federal revenues, foundation grants, or contributions from other non-Federal public or private entities.

Practice: A practice is any activity, or collective set of activities, intended to improve outcomes for people with or at risk for substance abuse and/or mental illness. Such activities may include direct service provision, or they may be supportive activities, such as efforts to improve access to and retention in services, organizational efficiency or effectiveness, community readiness, collaboration among stakeholder groups, education, awareness, training, or any other activity that is designed to improve outcomes for people with or at risk for substance abuse or mental illness.

Practice Support System: This term refers to contextual factors that affect practice delivery and effectiveness in the pre-adoption phase, delivery phase, and post-delivery phase, such as (a) community collaboration and consensus building, (b) training and overall readiness of those implementing the practice, and (c) sufficient ongoing supervision for those implementing the practice.

Stakeholder: A stakeholder is an individual, organization, constituent group, or other entity that has an interest in and will be affected by a proposed grant project.

Target population catchment area: The target population catchment area is the geographic area from which the target population to be served by a program will be drawn.

Wraparound Service: Wraparound services are non-clinical supportive services—such as child care, vocational, educational, and transportation services—that are designed to improve the individual's access to and retention in the proposed project.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Proposed Changes in Announcement of SAMHSA Discretionary Grant Funding Opportunities

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Sample Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for a SAMHSA Services Grant Funding Opportunity.

SUMMARY: Beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) plans to change its approach to announcing and soliciting applications for its discretionary grant programs. The following is a sample Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that would be used in conjunction with SAMHSA's standard Services Grant announcement. Although based on an actual SAMHSA grant program, this is a hypothetical NOFA. *It is not an actual grant solicitation.*

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

When published in final, NOFAs similar to the following NOFA will be used by applicants in conjunction with the standard SAMHSA Services Grant announcement to prepare applications for certain SAMHSA grants. SAMHSA is providing this sample NOFA 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 standard announcements and NOFA are unclear and need improvement.

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

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding SAMHSA's sample NOFA to: Office of Policy, Planning and Budget, SAMHSA, Attn: Jennifer Fiedelholz, by fax (301–594–6159) or e-mail (samha_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 (samha_standard_grants@samhsa.gov). If you would like a SAMHSA staff person to call you about your questions, please state this is an e-mail or fax request and provide a telephone number

where you can be reached between 8:30 a.m. 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 NOFAs similar to the following sample NOFA to announce specific funding opportunities within four standard grant programs (Services Grants, Infrastructure Grants, Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants, and Service-to-Science Grants). The standard grant announcements will describe the general program design and provide application instructions for each type of grant. The NOFA's will:

- Identify any specific target population or issue for the specific grant funding opportunity,
- Identify which of the four standard announcements applicants must use to prepare their applications,
- Specify total funding available for the first year of the grants and the expected size and number of awards,
- Specify the application deadline,
- Note any specific program requirements for each funding opportunity, and
- Include any limitations or exceptions to the general provisions in the standard announcement.

A complete description of the proposed process and the four proposed standard announcements are contained in separate notices in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

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

1. Is the difference between the standard announcement and a NOFA clear?
2. Are the special programmatic requirements for the hypothetical funding opportunity clear?
3. If you are a potential applicant for a SAMHSA grant, do you believe you will be able to use the standard grant announcements with the NOFAs to prepare your application? Will the ability to anticipate programmatic requirements 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?

Sample NOFA Text [Note: The following is not an actual funding opportunity. Certain information, such as size and number of awards, has been deliberately left out. This NOFA is provided as an opportunity for public comment on SAMHSA's proposed