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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Notice of Final Standard Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants Announcement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants announcement.

**SUMMARY:** On August 21, 2003, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced plans to change its approach to announcing and soliciting applications for its discretionary grant programs in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004. These changes involved the publication of four standard grant announcements that would provide the basic program design and application instructions for four types of grants—Services Grants, Infrastructure Grants, Best Practices

Planning and Implementation Grants, and Service-to-Science Grants. The four announcements were made available for public review and comment for 60 days. The comments received and changes made to the standard grant announcements are described in a separate **Federal Register** notice. This notice provides the final text for SAMHSA's standard Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants announcement.

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

**DATES:** Use of the standard Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants announcement will be effective November 21, 2003. The standard Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants announcement must be used in conjunction with *separate* Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) that will provide application due dates and other key dates for specific SAMHSA grant funding opportunities.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions about SAMHSA's standard Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants announcement may be directed to Cathy Friedman, M.A., Office of Policy, Planning and Budget, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 12C-26, Rockville, Maryland, 20857. Fax: (301-594-6159) E-mail: [cfriedma@samhsa.gov](mailto:cfriedma@samhsa.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Starting in FY 2004, SAMHSA is changing its

approach to announcing and soliciting applications for its discretionary grants. SAMHSA will publish 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 text for the final standard Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants announcement is provided below.

The standard Best Practices Planning and Implementation Grants announcement will be posted on SAMHSA's Web page ([www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)) and will be available from SAMHSA's clearinghouses on an ongoing basis. 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, HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention Planning Grants, etc.).

#### 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 [www.grants.gov](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 [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)).

#### KEY DATES

Application Deadline .....	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 <b>Federal Register</b> and on <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> .
Intergovernmental Review .....	(E.O. 12372) Letters from State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) are due 60 days after application deadline.
Public Health System Impact .....	Statement (PHSIS)/Single State Agency Coordination 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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