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General Instructions: Applicants must use application form PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 7/00). The application kit contains the two-part application materials (complete programmatic guidance and instructions for preparing and submitting applications), the PHS 5161-1 which includes Standard Form 424 (Face Page), and other documentation and forms. Application kits may be obtained from: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI): (800) 789-2647 or (800-487-4889 TDD).

The PHS 5161-1 application form and the full text of the grant announcement are also available electronically via SAMHSA's World Wide Web Home Page: <http://www.samhsa.gov> (Click on "Grant Opportunities").

When requesting an application kit, the applicant must specify the particular announcement number for which detailed information is desired. All information necessary to apply, including where to submit applications and application deadline instructions, are included in the application kit.

Purpose: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for cooperative agreements to implement effective clinical and administrative practices to improve client access and retention in substance abuse treatment.

Eligibility: Public and domestic private nonprofit entities are eligible to apply, including units of State or local government, tribal governments and organizations, and community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations.

Since SAMHSA/CSAT believes that only an existing, experienced, and appropriately credentialed provider with demonstrated capacity and expertise will be able to conduct the required practice improvement activities, the treatment providers implementing the proposed project must meet three criteria:

- The provider must have been providing treatment services for a minimum of two years prior to the date of this application.
- If the applicant organization is not a direct provider of substance abuse treatment services, the applicant must document a commitment from an experienced, licensed substance abuse treatment provider to implement the proposed project.
- The provider must be in compliance, at the time the application

is submitted, with all local, city, county and State requirements for licensing, accreditation, or certification.

Availability of Funds: It is expected that approximately \$2.5 million will be available for twelve to fourteen awards in FY 2003. The average annual award will be \$175,000 to \$200,000 in total costs (direct and indirect). Applications with proposed Federal budgets that exceed \$200,000 will be returned without review.

Period of Support: Awards may be requested for up to 3 years.

Criteria for Review and Funding:

General Review Criteria: Competing applications requesting funding under this activity will be reviewed for technical merit in accordance with established PHS/SAMHSA peer review procedures. Review criteria that will be used by the peer review groups are specified in the application guidance material.

Award Criteria for Scored Applications: Applications will be considered for funding on the basis of their overall technical merit as determined through the peer review group and the appropriate National Advisory Council review process. Availability of funds will also be an award criterion. Additional award criteria specific to the programmatic activity may be included in the application guidance materials.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.243.

Program Contact: For questions on program issues, contact: Suzanne Cable, Division of Services Improvement, CSAT/SAMHSA, Rockwall II, 7th Floor, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-9713, [e-mail] scable@samhsa.gov; or Frances Cotter, MA, MPH, Division of Services Improvement, CSAT/SAMHSA, Rockwall II, 7th Floor, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-9713, [e-mail] fcotter@samhsa.gov.

For questions on program issues related to rural populations in need of medication assisted therapy for addiction to heroin or prescription opiates contact: Jacqueline Hendrickson, Division of Pharmacologic Therapies, CSAT/SAMHSA, Rockwall II, 7th Floor, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-1109, [e-mail] jhendri@samhsa.gov.

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Public Health System Reporting Requirements: The Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS) is

intended to keep State and local health officials apprised of proposed health services grant and cooperative agreement applications submitted by community-based nongovernmental organizations within their jurisdictions. Community-based nongovernmental service providers who are not transmitting their applications through the State must submit a PHSIS to the head(s) of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be affected not later than the pertinent receipt date for applications. This PHSIS consists of the following information:

- a. A copy of the face page of the application (Standard form 424).
- b. A summary of the project (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, which provides:
 - (1) A description of the population to be served.
 - (2) A summary of the services to be provided.
 - (3) A description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State or local health agencies.

State and local governments and Indian Tribal Authority applicants are not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements. Application guidance materials will specify if a particular FY 2003 activity is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

PHS Non-use of Tobacco Policy Statement: The PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care, or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

Executive Order 12372: Applications submitted in response to the FY 2003 activity listed above are subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372, as implemented through DHHS regulations at 45 CFR Part 100. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of applications for Federal financial assistance. Applicants (other than Federally recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact the State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as early as possible to alert them to the prospective application(s) and to receive any necessary instructions on the State's review process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the