

RFP: Expansion of Treatment and Recovery Services for Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth, and Their Families

OVERVIEW

On February 9th, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the enhancement and expansion of comprehensive treatment, early intervention, and recovery support services for adolescents, ages 12 to 18, and/or transitional aged youth (TAY), ages 16 to 25, with substance use disorders (SUD) or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, as well as their families. Approximately \$14.6 million dollars will be awarded over five years to 27 organizations to provide these services.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on April 10th.

FUNDING

Up to \$541,350 will be awarded annually through this RFP to 27 organizations interested in providing treatment, early intervention, and recovery support services. At least \$5 million of the total five-year funding will be awarded to federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes or tribal organizations.

Funding allowances and limitations are as follows:

- Up to \$25,000 of the annual award may be used for the purchase of Technical Assistance (TA);
- Up to 25 percent of the annual award may be used to pay for recovery housing;
- Up to 10 percent of the annual award may be used for medication to treat SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders;
- No more than 20 percent of the annual award may be used for data collection, performance measurements, and performance assessment; and
- No more than 15 percent of the annual award may be used for developing the infrastructure necessary for expansion of services.

Contracts are expected to last for up to five years beginning on September 30th.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In order to qualify for funding under this RFP, applicants must be domestic public or private not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, including the following types of health or behavioral health systems:

- Health maintenance organizations (HMOs);
- Preferred-provider organizations (PPOs);
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs);
- Hospital systems; and
- Community health or behavioral health centers.

In addition, provider organizations must have at least two years of experience providing relevant mental health/substance abuse services. Applicants who received grants from the 2016 or 2017 Adolescent and TAY Treatment Implementation are not eligible for funding through this RFP.

TARGET POPULATION

The target population for treatment and recovery services through this RFP are adolescents and/or TAY who have SUD or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders and their families/primary caregivers. Applicants may choose to serve one or both of the eligible populations (adolescents and their families and/or TAY and their families). In addition, applicants that choose to serve TAY may choose a subset of this population to focus services, such as a focus on youth ages 16 to 18, ages 18 to 21, or ages 21 to 25.

Organizations must serve a minimum of 50 youth in the first year of the program and 100 youth in the subsequent year. Organizations should, to the extent possible, utilize grant funding through this RFP only for services provided to individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance programs, individuals for whom coverage has been formally determined to be unaffordable, or individuals for whom services are not sufficiently covered by their health insurance plan.

PROGRAM SERVICES

Programs must provide the following services to the target population:

- Comprehensive, family-centered, trauma-informed, evidence-based, coordinated, and integrated outpatient system of care, including early intervention and recovery support services;
- Tobacco use counseling and interventions;
- Screening for alcohol misuse and illicit drugs and brief behavioral counseling interventions;
- Comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated service system to meet the complex needs of the target population; and
- Education and messaging on making healthy choices and avoiding substance use.

In addition, programs may choose to provide:

- Recovery housing as part of the SUD treatment continuum of care;
- Medication as part of the treatment approach;
- Peer recovery support services; and/or
- HIV and Viral Hepatitis testing and vaccinations for HAV and HBV.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Population of Focus and Statement of Need (10 points)
- Proposed Implementation Approach (30 points)
- Proposed Evidence-Based Service/Practice (20 points)
- Staff and Organizational Experience (15 points)
- Data Collection and Performance Measurement (25 points)

Awards will be distributed based on the above criteria, the availability of funds, and an equitable distribution of funding by geographic area, population need, and program size.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by April 10th. Questions should be submitted to Ramon Bonzon at ramon.bonzon@samhsa.hhs.gov for program issues and Eileen Bermudez at FOACSAT@samhsa.hhs.gov for grants management and budget issues.