

FY 2020 Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program

OVERVIEW

On October 28th, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) released a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities Ages 13-24. This program uses Community Health Workers, Neighborhood Navigators, and Peer Support Specialists to provide:

- Training and education around the risks of substance misuse;
- Education on HIV/AIDS; and
- Linkages to services for individuals with HIV and substance use disorders.

SAMHSA will award over \$16 million in total funding to eligible community-based agencies who provide these services to individuals living with or at risk of HIV and substance use disorders in minority communities.

The full FOA is available [here](#). Applications are due on December 27th.

FUNDING

SAMHSA anticipates awarding up to \$200,000 annually to 82 organizations through this funding opportunity. No more than 15 percent of the total grant award for the budget period may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment, including any incentives for participating in the required data collection follow-up.

Contracts will last for up to five years beginning August 31, 2020.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are community-based domestic public and private not-for-profit entities, including not-for-profit community-based, faith-based, and/or health care delivery organizations.

An additional five points will be awarded to organizations located in areas that have been identified as being hardest hit by the HIV epidemic (see Appendix L in the FOA), which include:

- Bronx County
- Kings County
- New York County
- Queens County

Organizations must hire a Project Director and Lead Navigator for this program, who will collectively provide a minimum level of 75 percent effort for proposed project activities.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Organizations who receive funding through this program must perform the following activities:

- Partner with various community sectors, including health care, schools, justice systems, social services, the faith community, and other relevant community sectors to implement comprehensive community-based substance misuse and HIV prevention strategies;
- Develop and implement public messaging and awareness campaigns on the risk of substance misuse among individuals living with HIV and the importance of seeking care and treatment. Messaging should also be developed around risk behaviors and appropriate cautions associated with the risk of HIV transmission;
- Provide opportunities for screening and testing for HIV and viral hepatitis in the community;
- Provide navigation services to link individuals to care for HIV and substance misuse where indicated, which should also include follow-up to ensure treatment engagement; and
- Provide education and training to substance use disorder treatment providers and other health care providers on the importance of screening for HIV and assuring that clinical care needs are met if an individual is determined to be infected with HIV.

Program implementation must begin by the fourth month after award. In addition, awarded organizations are expected to develop a behavioral health disparities impact statement no later than 60 days after being awarded. Awarded organizations are encouraged to address and prioritize the behavioral health needs of returning veterans and their families in designing and developing their programs.

APPLICATION

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

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

Applications must be submitted by December 27th.

Program questions should be submitted to Wilma Pinnock at Wilma.Pinnock@samhsa.hhs.gov. Fiscal/budget questions should be submitted to Corey Sullivan at FOACSAP@samhsa.hhs.gov. Grant review process and application status questions should be submitted to Leonora Fleming at Leonora.Fleming@samhsa.hhs.gov.