

## FOA: 2020 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grants

### OVERVIEW

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Expansion Grants. These grants support the continued expansion of the CCBHC model in states that participated in the 2016 Planning Grant program for the development of CCBHCs, including New York State.

Approximately \$197 million in total funding will be awarded to eligible organizations, which include existing CCBHCs or organizations that can become certified within four months. CCBHCs provide comprehensive person- and family-centered services that aim to increase access to community-based care, stabilize individuals in crisis, and provide the necessary treatment and recovery support services for individuals with complex mental and substance use disorders.

The full FOA is available [here](#). Applications are due on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### FUNDING

Up to \$2 million will be awarded annually through this program to up to 98 organizations. Funding limitations are as follows:

- No more than \$25,000 of the annual award may be used to purchase Technical Assistance (TA);
- No more than 15 percent of the annual award may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment, including incentives for participating in the required data collection follow-up; and
- Project period for which funds are requested may not exceed two years.

Awarded organizations should take advantage of third-party payer and other revenue from providing services to the extent possible. Grant funds awarded through this program should be used only for services to individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance, individuals for whom coverage has been formally determined to be otherwise unavailable, or for services that are not sufficiently covered by an individual's health insurance plan. In New York State, CCBHCs (like federally qualified health centers) are reimbursed using a per diem rate calculated according to a Prospective Payment System (PPS), with additional bonus payments for clinics that meet certain quality measures.

Contracts are expected to begin on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In order to qualify for grant funding, applicants must be either existing CCBHCs or community-based behavioral health clinics who are not yet certified but who meet the CCBHC certification criteria and can be certified within four months of the award. CCBHCs are state-certified according to the certification criteria developed by the Department of Health and Human Services. The CCBHC certification criteria are available in Appendix M of the FOA.

In addition, if the applicant is proposing to have designated collaborating organizations (DCOs) assist in providing services to CCBHC patients, each DCO must be an organization for direct client substance use disorder treatment, substance misuse prevention, and/or mental health services appropriate to the grant. Each DCO must also:

- Have at least two years of experience providing relevant services and can establish that it has provided relevant services for the last two years; and
- Comply with all applicable local and state licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements.

Organizations who received CCBHC Expansion grant funding in 2019 will not be eligible for funding through this program. Organizations who have previously received CCBHC Expansion grant funding that is expiring by September 2020 are eligible to apply.

Awarded organizations must hire a full-time Project Director and a full-time Evaluator for the program. Both positions will require prior approval by SAMHSA.

## **PROGRAM SERVICES**

Awarded organizations must use program funding for the following direct services:

- Crisis mental health services, including 24-hour mobile crisis teams, emergency crisis intervention services, and crisis stabilization;
- Screening, assessment, and diagnosis, including risk assessment;
- Patient-centered treatment planning or similar processes, including risk assessment and crisis planning;
- Comprehensive outpatient mental health and substance abuse services; and
- Screening for HIV and viral hepatitis (A, B, and C).

The following services must be provided directly or through designated collaborating organizations:

- Outpatient primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risk;
- Provision of vaccinations where indicated, including for hepatitis A and B;
- Clinical monitoring for adverse effects of medications including monitoring for metabolic syndrome consistent with published guidelines;
- Case management;
- Psychiatric rehabilitation services;
- Social support opportunities through established models such as clubhouses that provide therapeutic individual and group interactions, assistance with employment, housing, and other community recovery supports;
- Development of comprehensive community recovery supports including peer support, counselor services, and family supports;
- Intensive community-based mental health care for members of the armed forces and veterans, particularly those members and veterans located in rural areas; and
- Assertive Community Treatment.

Awarded organizations will also be expected to establish cooperative relationships with judicial officials/court systems, establish an Advisory Work Group comprised of individuals with mental and substance use disorders and their family members, and develop and implement plans for sustaining the

delivery of services once federal funding for the program ends. Awarded organizations must also develop a behavioral health disparities impact statement no later than 60 days after receiving an award.

## TARGET POPULATION

The target population eligible for services under this program include:

- Individuals with serious mental illness (SMI);
- Individuals with substance use disorders (SUD), including opioid disorders;
- Children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance (SED); and
- Individuals with co-occurring disorders (COD).

## APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

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

Questions should be submitted to Nancy Kelly at [nancy.kelly@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:nancy.kelly@samhsa.hhs.gov) for program issues, Corey Sullivan at [FOACMHS@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:FOACMHS@samhsa.hhs.gov) for fiscal and budget issues, and Leonora Fleming at [Leonora.fleming@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:Leonora.fleming@samhsa.hhs.gov) for review process and application status questions.