

FOA: 2020 Services Grant Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women

OVERVIEW

On January 30th, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women grant program. Under this grant, providers provide treatment for substance use disorders to pregnant and postpartum women in programs in which:

- The women reside in or receive outpatient treatment services from facilities provided by the programs;
- The minor children of the women reside with the women in such facilities if the women so request;
- The services are available to or on behalf of the women; and
- The services are operated at a location that is accessible to low-income women and are provided in the language and cultural context that is most appropriate.

SAMHSA will award approximately \$1.8 million in total funding to eligible organizations that conduct outreach and provide substance abuse treatment and case management services to pregnant and postpartum women and their families.

The full FOA is available [here](#). Applications are due on March 30th.

FUNDING

Up to \$525,000 annually will be awarded to three organizations through this program. At least one award will be made to tribes/tribal organizations pending adequate application volume. Non-federal matching funds are required for the program and may be cash or in-kind. The matching funds must not be less than \$1 for each \$9 of federal funds provided in years one and two, and not be less than \$1 for each \$3 of federal funds in year three. Sources of matching funds are state and local governmental appropriations (non-federal), foundations, and other private non-profit or for-profit organizations. In-kind contributions may include facilities, equipment, or services used in direct support of the project.

Funding restrictions are as follows:

- No more than 20 percent of the total award may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment, including incentives for participating in the required data collection follow-up;
- No more than 5 percent of the total award may be used for integration of evidence-based services and practices (e.g., trauma, parenting, and smoking cessation interventions) into their treatment service system of care;
- No more than \$75,000 over the total performance period may be used to support minor alternation and renovation activities; and
- No amount of funding may be used to support the construction, expansion, or major alteration and renovation of facilities.

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 unaffordable, or for services that are not sufficiently covered by an individual's health insurance plan. Awarded organizations are expected to facilitate the health insurance application and enrollment process for eligible uninsured clients.

Contracts will last for up to five years beginning on August 30th.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for funding are domestic public and private not-for-profit entities, including community- and faith-based organizations. Applicants must also meet the following three requirements:

- A provider organization for direct client (e.g., substance abuse treatment, mental health) services appropriate to the grant must be involved in the proposed project. The provider may be either the applicant or another organization committed to the project, and more than one provider organization may be involved;
- Each mental health/substance abuse treatment provider organization must have at least two years of experience providing relevant services; and
- Each mental health/substance abuse treatment provider organization must comply with all applicable local and state licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements.

Organizations that received funding for this project in previous grant years (2016-2019) are not eligible to apply.

The Single State Agency (SSA) for substance abuse services (must provide a letter documenting that the applicant has the capacity to carry out the program, the plans of the applicant align with the policies of the SSA, and the applicant meets all applicable State licensure and certification requirements. Awarded organizations must hire a full time Project Director.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Awarded organizations must use program funding to:

- Provide pregnant and postpartum women treatment for substance use disorders through programs;
- Provide outreach services in the community involved to identify women who have a substance use disorder and to encourage the women to undergo treatment for such disorder;
- In consultation with the women, prepare an individualized plan for the provision of services for the woman and her children, which includes counseling, medication therapy, and follow-up services to assist in preventing a relapse;
- Provide the following required supplemental services for women:
 - Prenatal and postpartum health care;
 - Referrals for necessary hospital services;
 - Training in parenting;
 - Counseling on risk for HIV and AIDS;
 - Counseling on domestic violence and sexual abuse;
 - Counseling on obtaining employment, including the importance of graduating from a secondary school;

- Therapeutic, comprehensive child care for children during the periods in which the woman is engaged in therapy or in other necessary health and rehabilitative activities;
- Planning for and counseling to assist reentry into society, both before and after discharge, including referrals to any public or nonprofit private entities in the community involved that provide services appropriate for the woman and the children of the woman; and
- Medical services including women’s health services.
- Provide the following required supplemental services for children:
 - Pediatric health care, including treatment for any perinatal effects of a maternal substance use disorder;
 - Screenings regarding the physical and mental development of infants and children;
 - Counseling and other mental health services; and
 - Comprehensive social services.
- Make reasonable efforts to preserve and support the family unit of the woman, which includes promoting the appropriate involvement of parents and others, and counseling the children of the woman; and
- Provide case management services.

Awarded organizations must also develop a behavioral health disparities impact statement no later than 60 days after receiving an award.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Population of Focus and Statement of Need (15 points)
- Proposed Implementation Approach and Evidence-Based Practices (45 points)
- Staff and Organizational Experience (25 points)
- Data Collection and Performance Measurement (10 points)
- Rural/Health Professional Treatment/Shortage Area Priority (5 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 30th.

Questions should be submitted to Linda White Young at linda.white-young@samhsa.hhs.gov for program and eligibility questions, Corey Sullivan at FOACSAT@samhsa.hhs.gov for fiscal and budget issues, and Toni Davidson at toni.davidson@samhsa.hhs.gov for review process and application status questions.