

FOA: 2020 Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers

OVERVIEW

On January 17th, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers program. This program provides funding for the operation of comprehensive centers that offer a full spectrum of treatment and recovery support services to address the opioid epidemic.

Approximately \$6.8 million in total funding over four years will be awarded through this program to eligible organizations who will operate a Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Center and provide medication-assisted treatment and other substance use services.

The full FOA is available [here](#). Applications are due on March 17th.

FUNDING

Up to \$850,000 will be awarded annually through this program to two organizations. No more than 15 percent of the annual award may be used for data collection.

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. Awarded organizations will also be expected to facilitate the health insurance application and enrollment process for eligible uninsured clients.

Contracts are expected to last for up to four years beginning on September 1st.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit organizations that provide substance use disorder treatment and meet the following criteria:

- A provider organization for direct client services (e.g., substance abuse treatment, mental health) appropriate to the grant is involved in the proposed project. The provider organization may be 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.

Awarded organizations must hire a full-time Project Director who must be approved by SAMHSA before the project is initiated.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Within four months of receiving an award, awarded organizations must use program funding to conduct outreach activities and provide the full continuum of treatment and recovery services including, but not limited to:

- Intake, evaluations, and assessments;
- Medically supervised withdrawal management;
- Counseling;
- Peer recovery support services;
- Residential rehabilitation;
- Outpatient and intensive outpatient programs;
- Recovery housing;
- Treatment for patients with co-occurring substance use and mental disorders;
- Job training and continuing education;
- Medication-assisted treatment; and
- Family support 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 (10 points)
- Proposed Implementation Approach (30 points)
- Proposed Evidence-Based Service/Practice (25 points)
- Staff and Organizational Experience (15 points)
- Data Collection and Performance Measurement (20 points)

Awards will be distributed based on the above criteria, the availability of funds, and the strengths and weaknesses of the application as identified by peer reviewers.

Timeline

Applications must be submitted by March 17th.

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