

## **SAMHSA: Treatment and Recovery Services for Adolescents and Transitional Aged Youth**

### **OVERVIEW**

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Enhancement and Expansion of Treatment and Recovery Services for Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth, and their Families grant program (Youth and Family TREE). The purpose of this program is to enhance and expand comprehensive treatment, early intervention, and recovery support services for adolescents (ages 12-18) and transitional aged youth (ages 16-25) with substance use disorders (SUD) and/or co-occurring SUD and mental health disorders (COD) and their families/caregivers.

SAMHSA will award over \$9.5 million in total funding to eligible organizations that provide a coordinated multi-system, family-centered approach that will enhance and expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment to the target populations.

The full FOA is available [here](#). Applications are due on February 8, 2021.

### **FUNDING**

Up to \$545,000 annually will be awarded to each of 17 organizations through this program. At least three awards will be made to tribes/tribal organizations pending adequate application volume. Organizations may use up to \$25,000 of the total grant award for the budget period for the purchase of training and technical assistance.

Funding restrictions are as follows:

- No more than 20 percent of the total award for the budget period may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment;
- No more than 15 percent of the total award for the budget period may be used for infrastructure development (i.e., cultivating partnerships with other service providers, adopting or enhancing a computer system or electronic health records, developing policy to support system improvements).
- No more than 25 percent of the total award for the budget period may be used for the provision of recovery housing.
- No more than 10 percent of the total award for the budget period may be used for the provision of medication for the treatment of SUD and/or COD.

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 31, 2021.

## 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 substance abuse treatment services appropriate to the grant must be involved in the proposed project. The provider 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.

Organizations that received funding through the Youth and Family TREE program in 2018 are not eligible to apply.

Key personnel for the program include a Project Director and a Youth Service/Recovery Support Coordinator. The Youth Service/Recovery Support Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the availability of a coordinated, integrated system of care for the target populations.

## REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Awarded organizations must use program funding to support direct services, including the following:

- Provide a comprehensive, family-centered, trauma-informed, evidence-based, coordinated, and integrated outpatient system of care, which includes early intervention and recovery support services, to meet the complex needs of the target population (services should include screening, assessment, treatment, and wraparound services, and must be provided in outpatient, intensive outpatient, or day treatment settings);
- Screen clients and their family/caregivers who are included in treatment planning for alcohol misuse and illicit drug use, including marijuana, opioids, stimulants, inhalants, and benzodiazepines and provide, as applicable:
  - Brief behavioral counseling interventions to reduce alcohol misuse, for persons engaged in risky or hazardous drinking; and
  - Evidence-based treatment, for any individual assessed to meet criteria for a SUD.
- Screen all clients and their family/caregivers for tobacco use and provide tobacco use counseling and interventions, as appropriate, including augmented, pregnancy-tailored counseling for pregnant clients who use tobacco products and interventions for school-aged children and adolescents, including education or brief counseling;
- Increase access to comprehensive treatment services to a larger number of unduplicated youth clients than the organization currently serves (an applicant may also propose to expand services to family members of youth its organization currently serves);
- Provide services to a minimum of 50 youth in Year 1 and 100 youth in each subsequent year; and
- Provide education and messaging on making healthy choices that includes no use of any substances.

Additionally, awarded organizations may choose to provide the following allowable services:

- Screen and/or assess adolescents and/or transitional aged youth for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder;

- Provide recovery housing (up to 25 percent of the total grant award for the budget period);
- Provide medication for the treatment of SUD, specifically alcohol use disorder and opioid use disorder (up to 10 percent of the total grant award for the budget period);
- Provide peer recovery support services; and
- Test for HIV and Viral Hepatitis and vaccination for Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B.

Awarded organizations are expected to begin providing services to the target populations within four months of receiving a grant award. Additionally, awarded organizations must develop a behavioral health disparities impact statement no later than 60 days after receiving an award.

## TARGET POPULATIONS

The target populations of focus are adolescents and transitional aged youth with SUD and/or COD and their families/caregivers. Applicants may choose to provide services to:

- Adolescents and their families/caregivers;
- Transitional aged youth and their families/caregivers; or
- Both target populations.

Applicants that select transitional aged youth may choose a subset of this population as their target population (e.g., ages 16-18, ages 18-21, ages 21-25).

## APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Population of Focus and Statement of Need (10 points)
- Proposed Implementation Approach (30 points)
- Evidence-Based Practices (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

Applications must be submitted by February 8, 2021.

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