

## NOFO: FY 2022 Harm Reduction Program Grant

### OVERVIEW

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Harm Reduction Program Grants. This program supports community-based overdose prevention programs, syringe services programs, and other harm reduction services to:

- Enhance overdose and other prevention activities for individuals with or at risk of developing substance use disorders;
- Support distribution of opioid overdose reversal medication to individuals at risk of overdose;
- Build connections for individuals to overdose education, counseling, and health education;
- Refer individuals to treatment for infection diseases; and
- Encourage individuals to take steps to reduce the negative personal and public health impacts of substance use or misuse.

SAMHSA will award over \$29 million in total funding across 25 awards during the three-year grant period.

The full NOFO is available [here](#). Applications are due on February 7, 2022.

### FUNDING

SAMHSA will provide up to \$400,000 in annual funding per awardee. Funding restrictions are as follows:

- No more than 20 percent of the total grant award for the budget period may be used for administrative costs, data collection, performance measurement, and performance enhancement, including incentives for participating in the required data collection follow-up; and
- Recipients must use funding to supplement and not supplant existing prevention activities in their organization.

Awardees are expected to use third-party reimbursements and other revenue generated from the provision of services to the extent possible and only use grant funds for services provided to individuals 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.

Contracts will last for up to three years starting on May 30, 2022.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit community-based organizations and primary and behavioral health organizations.

Required personnel for this program are a Project Director and a Peer Support Worker, who will require prior approval from SAMHSA.

## TARGET POPULATION

The priority populations for this program include:

- Rural communities;
- LGBTQ+; and/or
- Racial and ethnic minorities.

## APPLICATION

Proposals will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Population(s) of Focus and Statement of Need (20 points)
- Proposed Implementation Approach (35 points)
- Staff and Organizational Experience (20 points)
- Data Collection and Performance Measurement (15 points)

An additional 10 bonus points will be awarded to applicants with more than 50 percent of their total population(s) of focus belonging to rural, LGBTQ+, and/or racial/ethnic minority communities.

Awards will be determined based on the above and a consideration of geographic distribution of awards and a balance among populations of focus and program size.

## Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by February 7, 2022. Awards are expected to be announced on May 15, 2022.

Program and eligibility questions may be submitted to Cara Alexander at [DTPHarmReduction@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:DTPHarmReduction@samhsa.hhs.gov). Fiscal/budget questions may be submitted to [FOACSAP@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:FOACSAP@samhsa.hhs.gov). Grant review process and application status questions may be submitted to Sherresa Bailey-Jones at [sherresa.bailey@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:sherresa.bailey@samhsa.hhs.gov).