

NOFO: Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women

OVERVIEW

On February 3rd, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for fiscal year 2022 Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Grants. This program supports the provision of comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services, recovery support services, and harm reduction interventions to pregnant and postpartum women across the continuum of specialty SUD residential and outpatient levels of care.

SAMHSA will award up to \$10 million in total funding across 19 awards over the five-year program.

The NOFO is available [here](#). Applications are due on April 4th.

FUNDING

SAMHSA will award up to \$525,000 per year to up to 19 applicants. Awarded applicants are required to provide matching funds (directly or through donations from public or private entities) of no less than \$1 for each \$9 of federal funds in the first two years of the program, and no less than \$1 for each \$3 of federal funds in the remaining three years of the program. Contributions may be in cash or in-kind.

Awarded applicants must use third-party reimbursement and other revenue realized from the provision of services to the extent possible. Grant funds should only be used for:

- Services provided to individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance programs;
- Services provided to individuals for whom coverage has been formally determined to be unaffordable; or
- Services that are not sufficiently covered by an individual's health insurance plan.

No more than 20 percent of the total grant award may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment.

No more than 15 percent of the total grant award may be used for infrastructure development, including:

- Developing partnerships with other service providers for service delivery and stakeholders serving the population of focus;
- Adopting and/or enhancing computer systems, a management information system, or electronic health records;
- Training/workforce development; and
- Policy development to support needed service system improvements (e.g., rate-setting activities, establishment of standards of care).

Contracts will last for up to five years, starting on September 30th.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are domestic public and private not-for-profit entities, including community- and faith-based organizations. Proposals must demonstrate that:

- At least one provider of direct client SUD treatment services is involved in the project (which may be the applicant or another organization).
- Each involved mental health/SUD treatment provider has at least two years of experience providing relevant services.
- Each mental health/SUD treatment provider complies with all applicable local and state licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements.

Organizations may submit more than one application; however, each application must focus on a different geographic/catchment area. Organizations who received a grant award under previous editions of this NOFO from FY 2018 through FY 2020 are not eligible.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

The direct treatment, harm reduction, and recovery support services required for this grant include the following activities:

- Screening, assessment, treatment planning, and comprehensive SUD treatment services;
- Supplemental services, including prenatal and postpartum care and training on parenting;
- Services to the minor children, fathers of the children, partners of the women, and extended family members of the women and children, as requested by the woman and as appropriate;
- Recovery support services and services that address social determinants of health;
- Case management; and
- Outreach and harm reduction services.

All the required services above must be provided by the applicant directly or through agreements with other public or not-for-profit private entities. Activities that are allowable, but not required, include:

- Tobacco cessation programs, activities, and/or strategies;
- Cultural competency and implicit bias reduction training to service providers; and
- Activities that address behavioral health disparities.

Awarded applicants will be expected to develop a behavioral health disparity impact statement no later than 60 days after the award.

APPLICATIONS

Proposals will be reviewed based on the following:

- 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 Management (20 points)

In determining awards, SAMHSA will also consider an equitable distribution of awards in terms of geography, balance among populations of focus, and program size.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by April 4th. Awards are expected to be announced on July 29th.

Program/eligibility questions may be submitted to Andrea M. Harris at Andrea.harris@samhsa.hhs.gov. Fiscal/budget questions may be submitted to FOACSAT@samhsa.hhs.gov. Grant review process and application status questions may be submitted to Emily Chan at Emily.chan@samhsa.hhs.gov.