

## 2023 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Planning, Development, and Implementation Grants

### OVERVIEW

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Planning, Development, and Implementation Grants. CCBHCs provide comprehensive person- and family-centered services that aim to increase access to community-based care, stabilize individuals in crisis, and provide the necessary treatment and recovery support services for individuals with complex mental and substance use disorders.

Through this opportunity, 62 organizations will receive \$1 million annually during the four-year grant period. Funding will support the establishment of new CCBHC programs by helping behavioral health care providers come into compliance with the CCBHC Certification Criteria within one year.

The full NOFO is available [here](#). Applications are due on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### FUNDING

SAMHSA will provide annual awards of up to \$1 million through this program. Funding limitations are as follows:

- No more than 25 percent of the total grant award may be used for infrastructure development in Years 1 and 2, and no more than 20 percent in Years 3 and 4;
- No more than 20 percent of the total grant 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 \$30,000 per year may be used for the purchase of prescribed or over-the-counter medications; and
- Funding may not be used to provide services in inpatient settings, residential treatment facilities, or jails/prisons (with the exception of in-reach, treatment planning, and transitional services).

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 to individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance programs; services 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.

Contracts will last for up to four years starting on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include community-based, behavioral health not-for-profit organizations. Applicants and their designated collaborating organizations (DCOs), if applicable, must:

- Be licensed to provide mental health and/or substance use disorder services and must comply with all applicable local and state licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements;

- Be an existing licensed mental health or substance use disorder provider that can become licensed, certified, and/or approved to provide both mental health and substance use disorder services to individuals of all ages 12 months after the award.; and
- Have at least two years of experience providing relevant services.

Entities that have received federal or state funding to start a CCBHC through a CCBHC-Medicaid Demonstration grant or CCBHC-Expansion grant are not eligible for funding through this NOFO. Applicants will be required to submit a letter from their state Mental Health Authority indicating approval of the applicant’s proposal to initiate and/or develop a CCBHC within the state and indicating whether the state will assume responsibility for CCBHC certification.

Awarded organizations must hire a part-time Project Director and a part-time Evaluator for the program and both positions will require prior approval by SAMHSA.

## **PROGRAM SERVICES**

Awarded organizations must use grant funding to complete the following activities:

- Within six months after award, complete a community needs assessment of the population(s) of focus in the catchment area;
- Within eight months after award, develop a plan for staffing, training, and delivery of all required services, including care coordination, language accessibility, and use of evidence-based practices;
- Within one year after award, provide all nine core CCBHC services (must provide five of the nine services by the sixth month after award);
- Implement infrastructure development activities to address operational changes needed to meet the certification criteria and improve the quality and effectiveness of CCBHC services;
- Involve consumers and family members in designing, providing, monitoring, and evaluating program services and participating in or providing meaningful input to the CCBHC board;
- Within one year after award, be in compliance with the CCBHC Certification Criteria;
- Within one year after award, develop and implement a sustainability plan to support delivery of services once federal grant funding ends; and
- Six months prior to the start of year 4, complete a follow-up community needs assessment and update grant activities (staffing plan, training plan, etc.) as needed.

Services provided at temporary crisis stabilization settings are allowable. Awarded organizations must 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 (15 points)
- Staff and Organizational Experience (25 points)
- Data Collection and Performance Measurement (20 points)

Awards will be distributed based on the above criteria, the availability of funds, and an equitable distribution of funding by geographic area, population of focus, and program size.

## **Timeline**

Applications must be submitted by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Awards are expected to be announced on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Program and eligibility questions should be submitted to Mary Blake at [CCBHC@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:CCBHC@samhsa.hhs.gov).

Fiscal/budget questions may be submitted to [FOACMHS@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:FOACMHS@samhsa.hhs.gov). Grant review process and application status questions may be submitted to Toni Davidson at [Toni.Davidson@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:Toni.Davidson@samhsa.hhs.gov).