

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

### Cooperative Agreement With the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors

**AGENCY:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Cooperative agreement to support technical assistance, including synthesis and dissemination of State information; related policy analyses; and analysis and utilization of State data.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to provide information to the public concerning a planned cooperative agreement between the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors to support State technical assistance and related activities. If the application is recommended for approval by the Initial Review Group, and the SAMHSA National Advisory Council concurs, a cooperative agreement will be awarded. This is not a formal request for applications. An application will be solicited only from the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.

#### Authority/Justification

The cooperative agreement will be made under the authority of section 1948(a) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300x-58). A single source award will be made to the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) based on its direct relationship with the single State substance abuse authorities. This relationship provides NASADAD with unique qualification to carry out the activities of this cooperative agreement, which requires such an affiliation with the State agencies. As the only national organization representing State substance abuse agencies, NASADAD's membership is composed of the persons directly responsible for the administration of public substance abuse policies and services in the respective States. NASADAD includes State membership of all but one of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant recipients, as well as full and continuous communication with the leadership and staff of these agencies. Its membership also administers the 20% of the State's allotments from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant that are required by law to be used for substance abuse prevention efforts. NASADAD has the

confidence of its member States, and NASADAD staff are in a unique position to assess State needs for technical assistance.

#### Background

SAMHSA's mission is to improve the quality and availability of prevention, early intervention, and treatment services for substance abuse, including co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness, in order to improve health and reduce illness, death, disability, and cost to society. State and local governments and communities continue to have the major responsibility for providing public sector substance abuse services for those without health insurance or those whose insurance does not provide adequate coverage. The responsibility for providing for substance abuse services in such cases lies primarily with the States. Current SAPT Block Grant Program legislation requires the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to provide technical assistance to States with respect to the planning, development, and operation of any program or services carried out under the block grant program. Similar assistance is provided by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) in relation to the 20% prevention set-aside provided for in the SAPT program legislation. The proposed cooperative agreement will support States in their efforts to improve viable and effective substance abuse service systems that meet the needs of clients, especially in light of current major changes in health care delivery financing and systems. The primary goals of the cooperative agreement are:

- (1) Develop collaboratively with States models that States can use in policy development and decision-making regarding clinical, fiscal, and management aspects of State-based substance abuse service delivery.
- (2) Coordinate or provide specified technical assistance to State substance abuse agencies regarding their programs.
- (3) Gather information and develop policy related to the ability of States to carry out their responsibilities for substance abuse service delivery.
- (4) Develop policy and disseminate information in areas of great interest to States, such as managed care and co-occurring disorders.
- (5) Develop training and other technical assistance materials particular to State needs in carrying out their responsibilities.
- (6) Discuss and develop models and materials which meet the unique needs and special concerns of racial and ethnic minority group members and

special populations so that State services are appropriate, acceptable, and accessible to these individuals.

(7) Collaborate with CSAP and CSAT in providing regional training to meet State technical assistance needs.

(8) Conduct analyses of State data and other information, and make those analyses available to SAMHSA and to others.

(9) Develop reports and monographs to aid States in meeting program requirements and to communicate information and provide technical assistance.

NASADAD is uniquely positioned to fulfill these goals because, as a membership organization, it enjoys the confidence of the States in addressing program and policy issues; it has years of experience in addressing State substance abuse concerns; it possesses substantial capacity to assess State needs; and because systems for routine interchange with States already are in place, including the capacity to obtain quick response from States on time-sensitive issues. As the Government Performance and Results Act encourages Federal funding programs to shift to performance and outcome measurement, with more responsibility and accountability at State levels, the partnership carried out in part through this cooperative agreement will become even more important.

#### Availability of Funds

The project will be for a 5-year period with \$300,000 available for the first year. Future year funding will depend on the availability of funds, program needs, and program performance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of