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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Funding Opportunities

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

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), announces the availability of FY 1999 funds for one cooperative agreement for the following activity. This activity is discussed in more detail under section 4 of this notice. This notice is not a complete description of the activity; potential applicants must obtain a copy of the Guidance for Applicants (GFA) before preparing an application.

Activity	Application deadline	Estimated funds available (millions)	Estimated number of awards	Project period
NTTAC for children	06/24/99	\$2.5	1	Up to 5 yrs.

Note: SAMHSA will publish additional notices of available funding opportunities for FY 1999 in subsequent issues of the **Federal Register**.

The actual amount available for awards and their allocation may vary, depending on unanticipated program requirements and the number and quality of applications received. FY 1999 funds for the activity discussed in this announcement were appropriated by the Congress under Public Law No. 105-277. SAMHSA's policies and procedures for peer review and Advisory Council review of grant and cooperative agreement applications were published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 58, No. 126) on July 2, 1993.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The SAMHSA Centers' substance abuse and mental health services activities address issues related to Healthy People 2000 objectives of Mental Health and Mental Disorders; Alcohol and Other Drugs; Clinical Preventive Services; HIV Infection; and Surveillance and Data Systems. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report: Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Summary Report: Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325 (Telephone: 202-512-1800).

General Instructions

Applicants must use application form PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 5/96; OMB No. 0937-0189). The application kit contains the GFA (complete programmatic guidance and instructions for preparing and submitting applications), the PHS 5161-

1 which includes Standard Form 424 (Face Page), and other documentation and forms. Application kits may be obtained from the organization specified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

When requesting an application kit, the applicant must specify the particular activity for which detailed information is desired. This is to ensure receipt of all necessary forms and information, including any specific program review and award criteria.

The PHS 5161-1 application form and the full text of the activity (i.e., the GFA) described in Section 4 are available electronically via SAMHSA's World Wide Web Home Page (address: <http://www.samhsa.gov>).

Application Submission: Applications must be submitted to: SAMHSA Programs, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, Suite 1040, 6701 Rockledge Drive MSC-7710, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7710*.

(*Applicants who wish to use express mail or courier service should change the zip code to 20817.)

Application Deadlines: The deadline for receipt of applications is listed in the table above.

Competing applications must be received by the indicated receipt date to be accepted for review. An application received after the deadline may only be accepted if it carries a legible proof-of-mailing date assigned by the carrier and that date is not later than one week prior to the deadline date. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

Applications received after the deadline date and those sent to an address other than the address specified above will be returned to the applicant without review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for activity-specific technical information should be directed to the program contact person identified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

Requests for information concerning business management issues should be directed to the grants management contact person identified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

1. Program Background and Objectives

SAMHSA's mission within the Nation's health system is to improve the quality and availability of prevention, early intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for substance abuse and mental illnesses, including co-occurring disorders, in order to improve health and reduce illness, death, disability, and cost to society.

Reinventing government, with its emphases on redefining the role of Federal agencies and on improving customer service, has provided SAMHSA with a welcome opportunity to examine carefully its programs and activities. As a result of that process, SAMHSA moved assertively to create a renewed and strategic emphasis on using its resources to generate knowledge about ways to improve the prevention and treatment of substance abuse and mental illness and to work with State and local governments as well as providers, families, and consumers to effectively use that knowledge in everyday practice.

SAMHSA's FY 1999 Knowledge Development and Application (KD&A) agenda is the outcome of a process whereby providers, services researchers, consumers, National Advisory Council members and other interested persons participated in special meetings or responded to calls for suggestions and

reactions. From this input, each SAMHSA Center developed a "menu" of suggested topics. The topics were discussed jointly and an agency agenda of critical topics was agreed to. The selection of topics depended heavily on policy importance and on the existence of adequate research and practitioner experience on which to base studies. While SAMHSA's FY 1999 KD&A programs will sometimes involve the evaluation of some delivery of services, they are services studies and application activities, not merely evaluation, since they are aimed at answering policy-relevant questions and putting that knowledge to use.

SAMHSA differs from other agencies in focusing on needed information at the services delivery level, and in its question-focus. Dissemination and application are integral, major features of the programs. SAMHSA believes that it is important to get the information into the hands of the public, providers, and systems administrators as effectively as possible. Technical assistance, training, preparation of special materials will be used, in addition to normal communications means.

SAMHSA also continues to fund legislatively-mandated services programs for which funds are appropriated.

2. Special Concerns

SAMHSA's legislatively-mandated services programs do provide funds for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and prevention services. However, SAMHSA's KD&A activities do not provide funds for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and prevention services except sometimes for costs required by the particular activity's study design. Applicants are required to propose true knowledge application or knowledge development and application projects. Applications seeking funding for services projects under a KD&A activity will be considered nonresponsive.

Applications that are incomplete or nonresponsive to the GFA will be returned to the applicant without further consideration.

3. Criteria for Review and Funding

Consistent with the statutory mandate for SAMHSA to support activities that will improve the provision of treatment, prevention and related services, including the development of national mental health and substance abuse goals and model programs, competing applications requesting funding under the specific project activity in Section 4 will be reviewed for technical merit in

accordance with established PHS/SAMHSA peer review procedures.

3.1. General Review Criteria

As published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1993 (Vol. 58, No. 126), SAMHSA's "Peer Review and Advisory Council Review of Grant and Cooperative Agreement Applications and Contract Proposals," peer review groups will take into account, among other factors as may be specified in the application guidance materials, the following general criteria:

- Potential significance of the proposed project;
- Appropriateness of the applicant's proposed objectives to the goals of the specific program;
- Adequacy and appropriateness of the proposed approach and activities;
- Adequacy of available resources, such as facilities and equipment;
- Qualifications and experience of the applicant organization, the project director, and other key personnel; and
- Reasonableness of the proposed budget.

3.2 Funding Criteria for Scored Applications

Applications will be considered for funding on the basis of their overall technical merit as determined through the peer review group and the appropriate National Advisory Council review process.

Other funding criteria will include:

- Availability of funds.

Additional funding criteria specific to the programmatic activity may be included in the application guidance materials.

4. Special FY 1999 SAMHSA Activity

4.1. National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Children Who Have or Are At-Risk of Emotional Disturbances and Their Families (NTTAC for Children, SM 99-008)

- Application Deadline: June 24, 1999.
- Purpose: Under the authority of Sections 501(d)(5) and 565(b) of the Public Health Service Act, one cooperative agreement will be awarded to improve developmentally and culturally appropriate service delivery and outcomes for children who have or are at-risk of emotional disturbances. The goal will be achieved by operating a NTTAC to assist States, cities, counties, communities, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, Pacific Island jurisdictions, and Freely Associated States to build and implement community-based systems of care that are child- and family-centered,

culturally competent, and coordinated across child-serving disciplines.

- Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by public organizations, such as units of State, County, or local governments, by Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations (as defined in Section 4(b) and Section 4(c) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), and by domestic private nonprofit organizations such as community-based organizations, universities, colleges, and hospitals.

The cooperative agreement awarded under this GFA is authorized under Sections 501(d)(5) and 565(b) of the Public Health Service Act. Eligibility is limited to public and non-profit entities because the legislative language from Section 565(2) restricts awards to these entities. Combined funding of a single grant will increase the efficiency of technical assistance services and permit sharing of technical assistance resources among grant sites funded under the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program and other communities serving children with serious emotional disturbances around the nation.

- Amount: Approximately \$2.5 million will be available to support one (1) award under this GFA in FY 1999. Actual funding will depend upon the availability of funds at the time of award. This cooperative agreement is for a period of up to 5 years.

- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.104.

• Program Contact: For programmatic or technical assistance, contact: Gary De Carolis, Chief, Child, Adolescent, and Family Branch, Division of Knowledge Development and Systems Change, Center for Mental Health Services/SAMHSA, Room 18-49, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-1333/FAX (301) 443-3693, Internet: gdecarol@samhsa.gov

For grants management issues, contact: Steve Hudak, Grants Management Officer, Office of Program Services/SAMHSA, Room 15C-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-4456/FAX (301) 594-2336, Internet: shudak@samhsa.gov

- For application kits, contact: Nicole Haliburton, IQ Solutions, Inc., 11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 801, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Voice: (301) 984-1471

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Email: nhaliburton@iqsolutions.com

- CMHS will sponsor a one-day technical assistance workshop for

potential applicants if at least seven organizations express interest in attending. The workshop is scheduled to take place on May 7, 1999, in Rockville, Maryland. For more information, potential applicants may contact the following: Danielle Voss, IQ Solutions, 11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 801, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 984-1471, (301) 984-1473, FAX, E-Mail: vossd@iqsolutions.com

5. Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

6. PHS Non-Use of Tobacco Policy Statement

The PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care, or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Listing of Goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*) in Appendix II and its Implementation by the United States; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: With this notice the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a public meeting to discuss the implementation of the listing of goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*) in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). This listing decision was reached at the Tenth Conference of the CITES Parties (COP10) which was held in June of 1997. The listing became

effective September 18, 1997. The CITES listing covers live plants as well as whole and sliced roots and parts of roots, excluding manufactured parts or derivatives such as powders, pills, extracts, tonics, teas, and confectionary. By listing goldenseal in CITES, the live plants and roots are now covered by the Service's regulations regarding import or export of wildlife. The focus of the meeting will be the export process for goldenseal roots from the United States to comply with the requirements of the CITES listing.

DATES: A public meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, will be held on May 18, 1999, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Holiday Inn Oakland Park/St. Louis Airport. Please note that the room for this meeting is accessible to the handicapped.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Rosemarie Gnam, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington Virginia, 22203. Telephone (703) 358-2095, fax (703) 358-2298, email: r9oma_cites@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereafter referred to as CITES, is an international treaty designed to control international trade in certain animal and plant species that are or may become threatened with extinction, and are listed in Appendices to the Convention. Currently, 145 countries, including the United States, are CITES Parties.

The Service is the lead agency for the implementation of CITES. As such, we are responsible for implementing decisions from past meetings of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COPs). COP10, the most recent COP, was held in Harare, Zimbabwe, in June, 1997. Among the decisions taken at COP10, was to include goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*) in Appendix II of CITES. This listing became effective September 18, 1997 (see 63 FR 63210).

Goldenseal is a North American perennial herb valued for its medicinal properties; it occurs in one Canadian province and approximately 27 States in the United States. Goldenseal is highly valued in the U.S. medicinal market, and is becoming increasingly popular in Europe and elsewhere. The species suffered severe population decreases during the second half of the 19th century due to over-harvesting for the commercial trade. It is considered to

have some degree of threat in Canada and 11 U.S. States, and it is classified as "very threatened rangewide" by The Nature Conservancy.

Much of the goldenseal on the medicinal plant market is wild-harvested. There appears to be very little legal protection afforded this species within its natural range except within designated protected areas. Furthermore, management plans for harvesting this species appear to be currently lacking, although researchers are beginning to undertake field studies of goldenseal ecology. Due to concern regarding the over-collection of wild goldenseal within the range States of the United States and Canada, the United States proposed listing this species in Appendix II of CITES at COP10. The species, including parts and derivatives such as finished pharmaceutical products, was proposed for listing. The final listing was for live plants as well as whole and sliced roots and parts of roots, excluding manufactured parts or derivatives such as powders, pills, extracts, tonics, teas, and confectionary.

The listing of goldenseal will provide a regulatory mechanism for the export of fresh and dried roots. The aim of this listing is to ensure sustainable use and management of wild goldenseal populations.

With the listing of goldenseal in CITES at COP10, this species is now covered by the Service's regulations regarding import or export of wildlife. All goldenseal root will now require export permits prior to being shipped out of the United States. All goldenseal must be exported through ports designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Each shipment will be inspected by a USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Division of Plant Protection and Quarantine (APHIS/PPQ) inspector at the designated port.

This public meeting will provide an opportunity for the Service to meet with goldenseal exporters and other persons interested in the CITES listing. The Service will explain the wildlife regulations that will now affect goldenseal exports, and how these requirements will be implemented.

The public meeting will be held in St. Louis because of its proximity to much of the goldenseal industry in the United States, and the corresponding concentration of affected members of the general public.

The Service has prepared a fact sheet, "What you need to know about exporting Goldenseal" to help answer questions on the listing and its implementation. It is available from the Office of Management Authority upon