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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Notice of Extension of Receipt Dates and Planned Republication of SAMHSA Grant Announcements SM 04-003, Statewide Consumer Network Grants, and SM 04-004, Statewide Family Network Grants; and Planned Republication of Standing Grant Program Announcements

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), for Fiscal Year 2004, published four standard grant announcements, which established mandatory formatting requirements for all applications that would be processed in accordance with the terms of those standing announcements. The standard grant announcements did not directly solicit any applications. Rather, they are to be used in conjunction with Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs), which solicit applications for specific opportunities pursuant to the standard announcements.

Upon further consideration, SAMHSA believes the formatting requirements common to those announcements, and motivated by SAMHSA's desire to assure equitable opportunity and a "level playing field" to all applicants, will not best serve the public until we revise and republish them. Accordingly, we will quickly revise the identical formatting discussions of all four standing grant program announcements and republish them in their entirety for ease of the users. These formatting requirements are used for preliminary screening out of noncomplying applications in order to assure some applicants do not obtain a competitive advantage through failure to comply. The revised screening criteria will be more lenient, permitting a greater number of applications to be reviewed. We had already solicited applications under two NOFAs, which we will now also revise to address the revised announcements and their interdependent screening requirements.

In accordance with the above considerations, and in order to afford the benefits intended from the republication of the program announcements and NOFAs to those already planning to apply under the two NOFAs identified, SAMHSA hereby notifies the public, and particularly those who planned to apply in response to those NOFAs, that the receipt date for both programs will now be March 31, 2004, and the NOFAs will be republished to reflect the screening revisions and new receipt dates. Since all applications, whenever submitted, will be processed under the revised standards, those applying under either of those NOFAs should await and study the revised documents before submitting their applications. Any applicant who has already applied may request return of the application and by the new receipt date resubmit a revised one, or submit a revised application with a cover letter telling us it is a replacement for one previously submitted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the CMHS Statewide Consumer Network Grants, Risa Fox, SAMHSA/Center for Mental Health Services, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 11C-22, Rockville, MD 20857; 301-443-3653; e-mail: rfox@samhsa.gov.

For the CMHS Statewide Family Network Grants, Elizabeth Sweet, SAMHSA/CMHS, Child, Adolescent and Family Branch, Center for Mental Health Services, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 11C-16, Rockville, MD 20857; 301-443-1333; e-mail: esweet@samhsa.gov. For grants management issues, Kimberly Pendleton, SAMHSA/OPS/DGM, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall II, Room 630, Rockville, MD 20857; 301-443-6133; e-mail: kpendlet@samhsa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency

Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed revised information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the standardization and consistent use of FEMA grant administrative forms for disaster and non-disaster federal assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection is in accordance with the requirements in 44 CFR, part 13, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Government (subpart B, 13.10, and subpart C, 13.32, 13.33, 13.40, 13.41, and subpart D, 13.50). This is FEMA's implementation of the Common Rule for grant programs.

The Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) has determined that in order to have consistent implementation of FEMA grant administrative policies, it is necessary to standardize the particular forms that FEMA uses in the various grant programs throughout the agency.

Collection of Information

Title: FEMA Grant Administrative Forms.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0025.

Form Numbers: SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance; FF 20-10, Financial Status Report; FF 20-15, Budget Information-Construction Programs; FF 20-16, A,B,C Summary Sheet for Assurances and Certifications; FF 20-17, Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs; FF 20-18, Report of Government Property; FF 20-19, Reconciliation of Grants and Cooperative Agreements; FF 20-20, Budget Information-Non-construction Programs; and FF 76-10A, Obligating Document for Award/Amendment.

Abstract: The collection of information focuses on the standardization and consistent use of standard and FEMA forms associated with grantees requests for disaster and non-disaster Federal assistance submission of financial and