

(3) Provide potential effectiveness of the proposed project in carrying out the purposes of Section 112, with special emphasis on the objectives and methodology portion of the application. This includes relevance of project objectives to grant program objectives; appropriateness and soundness of the procedures for identifying, recruiting, and retaining target population(s); and feasibility of project within proposed resources in time frames.

(4) Demonstrate capability of the applicant to successfully conduct the project, including organizational and scholarly commitment to the recruitment, education, and retention of students.

(5) The submission of verifying documentation when an applicant claims preference in order to be given priority.

*Preference is given for programs which:* (1) Provide a preference to AI/AN; (2) train nurse midwives or nurse practitioners; (3) are interdisciplinary; or (4) are conducted in cooperation with a center for gifted and talented AI/AN students established under section 5324 (a) of the Indian Education Act of 1988. Consideration will be given to the relationship of project objectives to Indian Health manpower's deficiencies, indicating the number of potential AI/AN students to be contacted and recruited as well as potential cost per student recruited; (6) those projects that have the potential to serve a greater number of AI/AN will be given first consideration; (7) the soundness of the fiscal plan for assuring effective utilization of grant funds; and (8) the completeness and responsiveness of the application.

(k) *Budget:* An itemized estimate of costs must be provided on Standard Form 424A. All applications shall include funding requirements for the second, third, fourth and fifth budget periods. Project funding will be based on an average of \$18,500 per scholarship. Projects must be for a minimum of five scholarship per academic year for all nursing programs.

#### **Required Documentation**

##### *(a) Tribal Resolution*

A resolution from the Tribal government specifically supporting this grant project must accompany the application submission. Resolution shall address the Tribal government's commitment to placement of program graduates. Applications by Tribal organizations will not require resolution(s) if the current Tribal resolution(s) under which they operate would encompass the proposed grant

activities. A statement of proof of a copy of the current operational resolution must accompany the application. If a resolution or a statement is not submitted, the application will be considered incomplete and will be returned without consideration.

(1) *Review Process and Criteria:* Applications that meet eligibility requirements, are complete, and conform to this announcement will be reviewed by an Ad Hoc Review Committee. Applications will be reviewed against established criteria. The Ad Hoc Review Committee will assign a numerical score to each application, which will be used to rank applications. The Program Director will consider geographic location in order to limit only one grant within an IHS Area.

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria and weights:

##### **Weights—Criteria**

40%—Methodology—Is the applicant's plan for conducting the project sound and effective? Has the applicant fully addressed the process of recruiting and selecting students? Will this process assure fair and consistent treatment of students? Is the monitoring process adequate to assure that students are complying with requirements? Will the process for placing, tracking, and retaining graduates be adequate to assure compliance with terms of the service obligation contract?

30%—Demonstrated capacity of the applicant to successfully conduct the project (accreditation). Is the applicant capable of successfully conducting the project from a technical and business standpoint? Are the qualification of the key personnel appropriate and adequate to carry out the projects? Is the applicant fiscal plan sound for use of both Federal and Non-federal funds?

15%—Need—Is the need for the project justified? Is there supporting documentation for conducting recruiting activities within the applicant's area?

10%—Evaluation—Does the applicant present a sound annual evaluation plan capable of determining success in announcing and carrying out the project? Does the applicant provide an evaluation plan for determining the success of the program within the applicant's organization at the end of the project period?

5%—Prior experience with similar programs.

(m) *Results of the Review:* Successful applicants will be notified through official Notice of Grant Award (NGA) documents. The NGA will state the

amount of the Federal funds awarded, the terms and conditions of the grant award, the effective date of the award, the project period, and the budget period.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

##### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Project:* Administration and Financing of Group Homes and Residential Facilities for Persons with Mental Illness—New—The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will conduct a survey of state health officials to determine what types of residential care programs for persons with mental illness are operated in each State and the District of Columbia. The state health officials will be identified through Web searches of State Mental Health Departments and other relevant agencies on a state-by-state basis.

The survey will contact identified state health officials in all fifty states

(and the District of Columbia) and will gather information on the following six survey domains: Facility characteristics (for approximately five different types of group homes); Licensing and certification; Facility programs and treatment services; Seclusion and restraint; Facility monitoring and oversight; and, Financing.

The survey will identify and describe the types of residential facilities for persons with mental illness that are licensed, certified, and/or financed by State governments; the target population served by each facility type; the range of

services provided in each facility type; provisions for monitoring each facility type, including the use of seclusion and restraints; and, sources of financing for each facility type.

This information collection supports the New Freedom Initiative, one of SAMHSA's current priorities. The New Freedom Initiative is the President's comprehensive plan to reduce barriers to full community integration for people with disabilities. The national survey will provide new information to SAMHSA and to other policymakers regarding the ways in which group

homes and other types of residential facilities for adults, adolescents, and children with mental illness are established, regulated, and financed.

The questionnaire will be distributed to identified state health officials in electronic and/or paper formats. State health officials may either return the completed questionnaire via email or regular mail or request a telephone interview. In addition, respondents who do not return a completed paper questionnaire will be contacted and interviewed by telephone.

#### ESTIMATES OF ANNUALIZED HOUR BURDEN

Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
255 .....	1	1	255

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: May 2, 2003.

**Richard Kopanda,**

*Executive Officer, SAMHSA.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

##### Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Funding Opportunity

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability for Cooperative Agreements to Conduct Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) of Ecstasy and Other Club Drugs Prevention Interventions and/or Infrastructure Development.

**SUMMARY:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention announces the availability of FY 2003 funds for the grant program described below. A synopsis of this funding opportunity, as well as many other Federal government funding opportunities, is also available at the Internet site: [www.fedgrants.gov](http://www.fedgrants.gov).

This notice is not a complete description of the program; potential applicants must obtain a copy of the Request for Applications (RFA),

including part I, Cooperative Agreements to Conduct Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) of Ecstasy and Other Club Drugs Prevention Interventions and/or Infrastructure Development SP 03-007, part II, General Policies and Procedures Applicable to all SAMHSA Applications for Discretionary Grants and Cooperative Agreements, and the PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 7/00) application form before preparing and submitting an application.

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Cooperative Agreements to Conduct Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) of Ecstasy and Other Club Drugs Prevention Interventions and/or Infrastructure Development—Short Title: Prevention of Ecstasy Abuse.

**Funding Opportunity Number:** SP 03-007.

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:** 93.243.

**Authority:** 519E of the Public Health Service Act, as amended and subject to the availability of funds.

**Funding Instrument:** CA.

**Funding Opportunity Description:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is accepting applications for fiscal year 2003 for cooperative agreements to conduct targeted capacity expansion of ecstasy and other club drug prevention interventions and/or infrastructure development.

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants are public and domestic private non-profit entities such as units of State and local governments, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, community-based organizations, managed care and other health care

delivery systems, universities and colleges, faith-based organizations, local law enforcement agencies, and current grantees as well as entities that are not current grantees.

**Due Date for Applications:** July 22, 2003.

**Estimated Funding Available/Number of Awards:** Approximately \$4 million will be available for 14 awards in FY 2003. The average award will range from \$300,000 to \$350,000 in total costs (direct and indirect). Applications with proposed budgets that exceed \$350,000 will be returned without review. Actual funding levels will depend on the availability of funds.

**Is Cost Sharing Required:** No.

**Period of Support:** Awards may be requested for up to one year. Depending on the availability of funds, grantees may be allowed to apply for limited competitive renewal at the end of the first year to continue funding for an additional one or two years.

**How to Get Full Announcement and Application Materials:** Complete application kits may be obtained from: the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at 1-800-729-6686. The PHS 5161-1 application form and the full text of the funding announcement are also available electronically via SAMHSA's World Wide Web Home Page: <http://www.samhsa.gov> (click on 'Grant Opportunities').

When requesting an application kit, the applicant must specify the funding opportunity title and number for which detailed information is desired. All information necessary to apply, including where to submit applications