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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 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 Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) announces the availability of FY 2000 funds for grants 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 Parts I and II of the Guidance for Applicants (GFA) before preparing an application. Part I is entitled Cooperative Agreements for Parenting and Family Strengthening Prevention Interventions: A Dissemination of Innovations Initiative. Part II is entitled General Policies and Procedures Applicable to all SAMHSA Applications for Discretionary Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

| Activity | Application deadline | Estimated funds available, FY 2000 | Estimated number of awards | Project period |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Parenting and Family Strengthening Prevention Interventions: A Dissemination of Innovations Initiative. | 6/13/00 | \$2.5 million | 20-30 | 2 years. |

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 2000 funds for the activity discussed in this announcement were appropriated by the Congress under Public Law No. 106-113. 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).

SAMHSA has published additional notices of available funding

opportunities for FY 2000 in past issues of the **Federal Register**.

General Instructions: Applicants must use application form PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 6/99; OMB No. 0920-0428). The application kit contains the two-part application materials (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 described in Section 4 are also 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.*

Application Deadlines: The deadline for receipt of applications is June 13, 2000.

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).

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

Programmatic Information

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 2000 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 2000 KD&A program 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 it is 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, and preparation of special materials will be used, in addition to normal communication 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 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

3.1 General Review Criteria

Review criteria that will be used by the peer review groups are specified in the application guidance material.

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. Availability of funds will also be an award criteria. Additional award criteria specific to the programmatic activity may be included in the application guidance materials.

4. Special FY 2000 SAMHSA Activities

Cooperative Agreement for Parenting and Family Strengthening Prevention Interventions: A Dissemination of Innovations Initiative (short title: Family Strengthening, SP00-002).

- *Application Deadline:* The receipt date is June 13, 2000.
- *Purpose:* The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), with funding from the Center for Mental Health Services, announces the availability of cooperative agreements to support the Family Strengthening program. This program will solicit applications to (1) increase the capacity of local communities to deliver best practices in effective parenting and family programs in order to reduce or prevent substance abuse, (2) document the decision making processes for the

selection and testing of effective interventions in community settings, and (3) determine the impact of the interventions on the target families within this study. All grantees are expected to modify the program they select to further tailor interventions to heighten cultural appropriateness and increase effectiveness for their local families. The selected intervention should maximize effectiveness in preventing or reducing alcohol, tobacco or other illegal drug use as well as associated social, emotional, behavioral, cognitive, and physical problems of parents and their children.

- *Eligible Applicants:* Applications may be submitted by domestic public or private non-profit and for profit entities, and units of State or local governments, (such as community-based organizations, universities, colleges, and hospitals).

- *Amount:* Up to \$2.5 million in total costs (direct and indirect) to support 20-30 awards in FY2000.

Period of Support: Support may be requested for a period of up to 2 years.

- *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 93.230.

- *Program Contact:* For questions concerning program issues, contact: Rose Kittrell, Acting Team Leader, High Risk Youth/Replication Team, Division of Knowledge Development and Evaluation, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockwall II, Suite 1075, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-0353.

Technical Assistance Line: (301) 443-6612 or Anne Mathews-Younes, Ed.D., Chief, Special Programs Branch, Division of Program Development/Special Populations and Projects, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 17C-17, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-0554.

For questions regarding grants management issues, contact: Edna Frazier, Grants Management Officer, Division of Grants Management, OPS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockwall II, Suite 640, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443-6816.

- Application kits are available from: National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI), P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20847, Telephone: 1-800-729-6686, TDD: (800) 487-4889, Fax: (301) 468-6433.

5. Public Health System Reporting Requirements

The Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS) is intended to keep State and local health officials apprised of proposed health services grant and cooperative agreement applications submitted by community-based nongovernmental organizations within their jurisdictions.

Community-based nongovernmental service providers who are not transmitting their applications through the State must submit a PHSIS to the head(s) of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be affected not later than the pertinent receipt date for applications. This PHSIS consists of the following information:

- a. A copy of the face page of the application (Standard form 424).
- b. A summary of the project (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, which provides:
 - (1) A description of the population to be served.
 - (2) A summary of the services to be provided.
 - (3) A description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State or local health agencies.

State and local governments and Indian Tribal Authority applicants are not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Application guidance materials will specify if a particular FY 2000 activity is 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.

7. Executive Order 12372

Applications submitted in response to the FY 2000 activity listed above are subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372, as implemented through DHHS regulations at 45 CFR Part 100. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of applications for Federal financial assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Ouray National Wildlife Refuge, Vernal, UT

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; correction.

SUMMARY: In the original submission published on February 24, 2000, the public comment period and who to send written comments to was inadvertently omitted.

DATES: Submit written comments by April 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Allison Banks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225. A copy of the Plan may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 266 West 100 North, Suite 2, Vernal, UT 84078; or download from <http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Banks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225, 303/236-8145 extension 626; fax 303/236-4792.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Ouray NWR is located in northeast Utah. Implementation of the Plan will focus on adaptive resource management of wetland, grassland, and semidesert shrubland habitats, restoration and improved management of riparian bottomlands, recovery of endangered fish species of the Upper Colorado River Ecosystem, and opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. Habitat monitoring and evaluation will be emphasized as the Plan is implemented. Opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation will continue to be provided.

The Notice of Availability published on February 24, 2000 (65 FR 9291), is corrected as follows: on page 9291, middle column, a date paragraph is added and the addresses paragraph is revised on where to send written comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and an Associated Environmental Assessment for the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge; and Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and associated environmental assessment; and notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and an Environmental Assessment for Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), Stevens County, Washington. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations for the following purposes: (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; (2) to obtain suggestions and information on the issues to be addressed in the CCP; and (3) to announce public meetings for scoping. We estimate that the draft CCP and associated Environmental Assessment will be available in March of 2001.