## Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

# Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants Short Title: STOP Act Grants Request for Applications (RFA) No. SP-12-003 (Modified Announcement)

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#### **Key Dates:**

Application Deadline	Applications are due by March 29, 2012.
Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)	Applicants must comply with E.O. 12372 if their State(s) participates. Review process recommendations from the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.
Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS)/Single State Agency Coordination	Applicants must send the PHSIS to appropriate State and local health agencies by application deadline.  Comments from Single State Agency are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.

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#### **Executive Summary:**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2012 Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) grants. The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth in communities throughout the United States.

Funding Opportunity Title: Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking

Act (STOP Act) Grants

Funding Opportunity Number: SP-12-003

**Due Date for Applications:** March 29, 2012

**Anticipated Total Available Funding:** Approximately \$3.9 million

**Estimated Number of Awards:** Approximately 78 grants

Estimated Award Amount: Up to \$50,000.00 per year

Cost Sharing/Match Required No

**Length of Project Period:** Up to four years

Eligible Applicants: Domestic public and private nonprofit entities that are current or former Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) grantees and who have not previously received a STOP Act award.

[See Section III-1 of this RFA for complete

eligibility information.]

#### I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

#### 1. PURPOSE

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2012 Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) grants. The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth age 12-20 in communities throughout the United States.

The STOP Act language states that the purposes of the Act are to "prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth in communities throughout the United States; strengthen collaboration among communities, the Federal Government, and State, local and tribal governments; enhance intergovernmental cooperation and coordination on the issue of alcohol use among youth; serve as a catalyst for increased citizen participation and greater collaboration among all sectors and organizations of a community that first demonstrates a long-term commitment to reducing alcohol use among youth; disseminate to communities timely information regarding state-of-the-art practices and initiatives that have proven to be effective in preventing and reducing alcohol use among youth; and enhance, not supplant, effective local community initiatives for preventing and reducing alcohol use among youth." See <a href="#expending-np-

The STOP Act program aligns with SAMHSA's Strategic Initiative 1: Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness, Goal 1.2: Prevent or reduce consequences of underage drinking and adult problem drinking; Objective 1.2.1: Establish the prevention of underage drinking as a priority issue for States, Territories, Tribal entities, universities, and communities; 1.2.1.3: Through the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) program, enhance intergovernmental cooperation and coordination on the issue of alcohol use among youth and provide communities timely information regarding state-of-the-art practices that have proven to be effective.

STOP Act grants are authorized under 42 U.S.C. 290bb–25b; Section 519B of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, and allow for grant awards of up to \$50,000 per year for four (4) years. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2020 Substance Abuse Topic Area HP 2020-40.

#### 2. EXPECTATIONS

Grants awarded through the STOP Act Program are intended to enhance the ability of established community organizations to create community-level change regarding underage drinking. STOP Act grant funds must focus primarily on strengthening collaboration among community entities to reduce alcohol use among youth in current and former DFC grantee communities.

As noted above, the STOP Act language states that the purposes of the Act include to "strengthen collaboration among communities, the Federal government, and State, local and tribal governments," and "enhance intergovernmental cooperation and coordination on the issue of alcohol use among youth." Therefore, applicants are expected to collaborate with or indicate the barriers to collaboration with their Single State Authority or Tribal equivalent (as described in Section 2.2 below). Applicants are also required to collaborate with or indicate barriers to collaboration with other organizations addressing underage drinking, such as institutions of higher education, host sites for SAMHSA's Town Hall meetings, local education agencies, and State counterparts of the members of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ICCPUD).

SAMHSA strongly encourages all grantees to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote abstinence from all tobacco products (except in regard to accepted tribal traditions and practices).

#### 2.1 Pre-application Webinar

Potential applicants are encouraged to participate in a pre-application webinar. This webinar is not mandatory in order to apply for this grant. This webinar will provide technical assistance to help applicants complete their applications. The webinar is not a general technical assistance webinar for coalitions. Applicants should read this RFA in advance and be prepared to ask questions related to the effective completion of their applications. Information on the webinar will be posted on the SAMHSA website. If an applicant is unable to call into the webinar, a recorded version will be posted to the SAMHSA website in February 2012.

#### 2.2. Collaboration with Single State Authority

Applicants will demonstrate collaboration or barriers to collaboration with the Single State Authority or Tribal equivalent. Therefore, applicants must send a letter or e-mail to their Single State Authority or his/her representative (e.g., National Prevention Network representative), or equivalent Tribal official, describing how their proposal aligns with the State's/Tribes' efforts on underage drinking. The letter or e-mail must also request a response from the State/Tribe in support of this collaborative effort. A copy of the response from the State/Tribe (letter or e-mail) is required in Section E of your application.

If you sent a letter or e-mail to the State or Tribe as described above but have not received a response, you should include two items in Section E of your application: a copy of the written request (letter or e-mail) to the State or Tribal authority, and a statement that a response has not been received.

Denial of support or lack of support from the Single State Authority or representative or equivalent TribalTribal entity will not affect the scoring of the application. However, If the documentation described in this section is not included, the application will be screened out and will not be reviewed.

#### 2.3 Required Activities

Applicants are required to select activities that are consistent with the strategies identified in the 2007 *Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking* and/or with the 2011 *National Prevention Strategy* that seek to change the environment within which underage drinking takes place, such as changing community norms regarding alcohol use by youth, reducing opportunities for underage drinking by limiting youth access to alcohol, creating changes in underage drinking enforcement efforts, addressing penalties for underage use, and/or reducing the prevalence of negative consequences associated with underage drinking (such as motor vehicle crashes, sexual assaults, etc.). Applicants are also encouraged to consult the *Report to Congress on the Prevention of Underage Drinking* (May 2011) for information on current State programs and policies addressing underage drinking and to consult the forthcoming National Strategy for Preventing Underage Drinking when it is released.

Applicants must address community underage drinking problems by building on strategic plans that were developed previously under a DFC grant and include a community needs assessment, an implementation plan, a method to collect data, and a way to evaluate, monitor, and improve strategies being implemented to create measurable outcomes. Grantees whose strategic plans were not developed using the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) process will be expected to adapt their plan using a process consistent with the SPF.

#### **Strategic Prevention Framework**

SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) is a five-step evidence-based process for community planning and decision-making. The five-step process includes:

- 1. needs assessment (profile community needs);
- capacity building (mobilize/build capacity to address community needs);
- planning (develop a comprehensive strategic plan);
- 4. implementation (implement the plan with multiple interventions); and
- 5. evaluation (monitor, sustain, improve, or replace prevention strategies).

Applicants must describe how they will build on the 5 steps of the SPF to carry out their proposed project in "Section B; Proposed Approach" of the Project Narrative.

#### 2.4 Data Collection and Performance Measurement

All SAMHSA grantees are required to collect and report certain data so that SAMHSA can meet its obligations under the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRA). You must document your ability to collect and report the required data in "Section D: Performance Assessment and Data" of your application. Grantees will be required to report performance on the following performance measures:

- 1. Past 30-day use (alcohol only)
- 2. **Perception of risk or harm** (alcohol only)
- 3. Perception of parental disapproval of use (alcohol only)
- 4. Attitude toward peer use (alcohol only)

This information will be gathered using the local surveys determined by the local entity receiving the grant. Data will be collected at least every two years and for at least three grade levels (i.e. 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) for alcohol use. It is important to note that the size of the data collection must be sufficient to provide an accurate and meaningful statistical representation of the geographic area served by the coalition.

All required data are to be submitted via the **Coalition Online Management and Evaluation Tool (COMET)**. STOP Act grant Project Officers will provide technical assistance related to data collection and reporting.

The collection of these data will enable CSAP to report on the National Outcome Measures (NOMs), which have been defined by SAMHSA as key priority areas relating to substance use. Performance data will be reported to the public, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress as part of SAMHSA's budget request.

#### 2.5 Performance Assessment

Grantees must periodically review the performance data they report to SAMHSA (as required above) and assess their progress and use this information to improve management of their grant projects. The assessment should be designed to help you determine whether you are achieving the goals, objectives and outcomes you intend to achieve and whether adjustments need to be made to your project.

At a minimum, your performance assessment should include your progress achieved, barriers encountered, and efforts to overcome these barriers in a performance assessment report to be submitted through the **Coalition Online Management and Evaluation Tool (COMET)**, on a quarterly basis. You may also consider outcome and process questions, such as the following:

#### **Outcome Questions:**

- What was the effect of strategies used on underage drinking rates in your area?
- What contextual factors were associated with outcomes?

How did underage drinking rates change before and after STOP Act funding?

As appropriate, describe how the data, including outcome data, will be analyzed by racial/ethnic group or other demographic factors to assure that appropriate populations are being served and that disparities in services and outcomes are minimized.

#### **Process Questions:**

- How closely did implementation match the plan?
- What types of changes were made to the originally proposed plan?
- What led to the changes in the original plan?
- What effect did the changes have on the planned intervention and performance assessment?
- Who provided (program staff) what services (modality, type, intensity, duration), to whom (individual characteristics), in what context (system, community), and at what cost (facilities, personnel, dollars)?

No more than 20% of the total grant award may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment, e.g., activities required in <u>Sections I-2.</u>3 and <u>2.</u>4 above.

#### 2.6 Grantee Meetings

SAMHSA's STOP Act grantees are not required to attend a designated grantee meeting for this grant. Grantees must participate in webinars as advised by SAMHSA. Grantees may attend identified trainings sponsored by or supported by organizations represented on the Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ICCPUD). Grantees may include funding plans to attend regional and/or national trainings that focus on underage drinking issues utilizing funds from this grant.

#### 2.7 Disclosure of Drug-Free Communities Grant

All current and former grantee organizations are required to complete the form in **Appendix G** of this RFA ("Disclosure of Drug-Free Communities Grant") and submit it in **Attachment 4** of their application or **the application will be screened out and will not be reviewed**. Information submitted in this form will be verified by CSAP staff before awards are made.

#### II. AWARD INFORMATION

Proposed budgets cannot exceed \$50,000 in total costs (direct and indirect) in any year of the proposed project. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, grantee progress in meeting project goals and objectives, timely

submission of required data and reports, and compliance with all terms and conditions of award.

These awards will be made as grants.

#### III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

#### 1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The statutory authority for this program (stated in the STOP Act CFDA: 93.243, Legislative Authority, 42 U.S.C. 290bb–25b, Section 519B of the Public Health Service Act) limits eligibility to domestic public and private nonprofit entities that are current or former Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) grantees. For example: local governments, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes, Territories, and Pacific and Caribbean Jurisdictions may be eligible. The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit agencies.

The legislation also states that one of the purposes of the grant is to "prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth in communities throughout the United States." In order to maximize the impact of this program among communities throughout the United States, current and former STOP Act grantees are not eligible.

#### 2. COST SHARING and MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Cost sharing/match is not required in this program.

#### 3. OTHER

You must comply with the following three requirements, or your application will be screened out and will not be reviewed:

- use of the SF-424 application form; Budget Infortmation form SF-424A;
   Project/Performance Site Location(s) form; Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable); and the Checklist;
- 2) application submission requirements in <u>Section IV-3</u> of this document; and
- 3) formatting requirements provided in Appendix A of this document.

#### IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

#### 1. ADDRESS TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKAGE

You may request a complete application package from SAMHSA at 1-877-SAMHSA7 [TDD: 1-800-487-4889].

You also may download the required documents from the SAMHSA Web site at http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/.

Additional materials available on this Web site include:

- a grant writing technical assistance manual for potential applicants;
- standard terms and conditions for SAMHSA grants;
- guidelines and policies that relate to SAMHSA grants (e.g., guidelines on cultural competence, consumer and family participation, and evaluation); and
- a list of certifications and assurances referenced in item 21 of the SF-424.

#### 2. CONTENT AND GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

#### 2.1 Application Package

A complete list of documents included in the application package is available at <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/ApplicationKit.aspx">http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/ApplicationKit.aspx</a>. This includes:

- The Face Page (SF-424); Budget Information form (SF-424A);
   Project/Performance Site Location(s) form; Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, if
   applicable; and Checklist. Applications that do not include the required
   forms will be screened out and will not be reviewed.
- Request for Applications (RFA) Provides a description of the program, specific
  information about the availability of funds, and instructions for completing the
  grant application. This document is the RFA. The RFA will be available on the
  SAMHSA Web site at <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/">http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/</a> and a synopsis of the RFA
  is available on the Federal grants Web site at <a href="http://www.Grants.gov">http://www.Grants.gov</a>.

You must use all of the above documents in completing your application.

#### 2.2 Required Application Components

Applications must include the following 12 required application components:

• Face Page – SF-424 is the face page. [Note: Applicants must provide a Dun and Bradstreet (DUNS) number to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal Government. SAMHSA applicants are required to provide their DUNS number on the face page of the application. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access the Dun and Bradstreet Web site available at <a href="http://www.dunandbradstreet.com">http://www.dunandbradstreet.com</a> or call 1-866-705-5711. To expedite the process, let Dun and Bradstreet know that you are a public/private nonprofit organization getting ready to submit a Federal grant application. In addition, you must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) prior to submitting an application and maintain an active CCR registration during the grant funding period. REMINDER: CCR registration expires each year and must be updated annually. It can take 24 hours or more for updates to take effect, so check for active registration well before

your grant deadline. Grants.gov will not accept your application if you do not have current CCR registration. If you do not have an active CCR registration prior to submitting your paper application, it will be screened out and returned to you without review. The DUNS number you use on your application must be registered and active in the CCR. You can view your CCR registration status at

http://www.bpn.gov/CCRSearch/Search.aspx\_and search by your organization's DUNS number. Additional information on the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is available at https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx].

- Abstract Your total abstract must not be longer than 35 lines. It should include the project name, population to be served (demographics and clinical characteristics), strategies/interventions, project goals and measurable objectives, including the number of people to be served annually and throughout the lifetime of the project, etc. In the first five lines or less of your abstract, write a summary of your project that can be used, if your project is funded, in publications, reporting to Congress, or press releases.
- **Table of Contents** Include page numbers for each of the major sections of your application and for each attachment.
- Budget Information Form Use SF-424A. Fill out Sections B, C, and E of the SF-424A. A sample budget and justification is included in <u>Appendix E</u> of this document.
- Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation The Project Narrative describes your project. It consists of Sections A through D. Sections A-D together may not be longer than 25 pages. (Remember that if your Project Narrative starts on page 5 and ends on page 30, it is 26 pages long, not 25 pages.) More detailed instructions for completing each section of the Project Narrative are provided in "Section V Application Review Information" of this document.

The Supporting Documentation provides additional information necessary for the review of your application. This supporting documentation should be provided immediately following your Project Narrative in Sections E and F. There are no page limits for these sections, except for Section F, Biographical Sketches/Job Descriptions. Additional instructions for completing these sections are included in Section V under "Supporting Documentation." Supporting documentation should be submitted in black and white (no color).

• Attachments 1 through 5 – Use only the attachments listed below. If your application includes any attachments not required in this document, they will be disregarded. Do not use more than a total of 25 pages for Attachments 1, 3 and 4 combined. There are no page limitations for Attachments 2 and 5. Do not use attachments to extend or replace any of the sections of the Project

Narrative. Reviewers will not consider them if you do. Please label the attachments as: Attachment 1, Attachment 2, etc.

- Attachment 1: Data Collection Instruments/Interview Protocols if you are using standardized data collection instruments/interview protocols, you do not need to include these in your application. Instead, provide a Web link to the appropriate instrument/protocol. If the data collection instrument(s) or interview protocol(s) is/are not standardized, you must include a copy in Attachment 1.
- o Attachment 2: Sample Consent Forms
- Attachment 3: Letter to the SSA (if applicable; see Section IV-4 of this document)
- Attachment 4: Disclosure of Drug Free Communities Grant Form included in <u>Appendix G</u> of this RFA. **Applications that do not include this form will** be screened out and will not be reviewed.
- Attachment 5: Work Action Plan for currently funded DFC grantees only include most recent DFC action plan.
- **Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form** The purpose of this form is to collect location information on the site(s) where work funded under this grant announcement will be performed. This form will be posted on SAMHSA's Web site with the RFA and provided in the application package.
- Assurances Non-Construction Programs. You must read the list of assurances provided on the SAMHSA Web site and check the box marked 'I Agree' before signing the face page (SF-424) of the application. You are also required to complete the Assurance of Compliance with SAMHSA Charitable Choice Statutes and Regulations Form SMA 170. This form will be posted on SAMHSA's Web site with the RFA and provided in the application package.
- Certifications You must read the list of certifications provided on the SAMHSA
  Web site and check the box marked 'I Agree' before signing the face page
  (SF- 424) of the application.
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Federal law prohibits the use of appropriated funds for publicity or propaganda purposes or for the preparation, distribution, or use of the information designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress or State legislatures. This includes "grass roots" lobbying, which consists of appeals to members of the public suggesting that they contact their elected representatives to indicate their support for or opposition to pending legislation or to urge those representatives to vote in a particular way. You must sign and submit this form, if applicable.

- **Checklist** –The Checklist ensures that you have obtained the proper signatures, assurances and certifications. If you are submitting a paper application, the Checklist should be the last page.
- **Documentation of nonprofit status** as required in the Checklist.

#### 2.3 Application Formatting Requirements

Please refer to <u>Appendix A</u>, Checklist for Formatting Requirements and Screenout Criteria for SAMHSA Grant Applications, for SAMHSA's basic application formatting requirements. Applications that do not comply with these requirements will be screened out and will not be reviewed.

#### 3. APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are due by March 29, 2012. SAMHSA provides two options for submission of grant applications: 1) electronic submission, or 2) paper submission. Hard copy applications are due by 5:00 PM (Eastern Time). Electronic applications are due by 11:59 PM (Eastern Time). Applications may be shipped using only Federal Express (FedEx), United Parcel Service (UPS), or the United States Postal Service (USPS). You will be notified by postal mail that your application has been received.

Note: If you use the USPS, you <u>must</u> use Express Mail.

SAMHSA will not accept or consider any applications that are hand carried or sent by facsimile.

#### **Submission of Electronic Applications**

If you plan to submit electronically through Grants.gov it is very important that you read thoroughly the application information provided in Appendix B "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications."

#### **Submission of Paper Applications**

If you are submitting a paper application, you must submit the following:

- an original application and 2 copies (including attachments). The original and copies must not be bound and nothing should be attached, stapled, folded, or pasted. Do not use staples, paper clips, or fasteners. You may use rubber bands.
- Send applications to the address below:

#### For United States Postal Service:

Diane Abbate, Director of Grant Review Office of Financial Resources

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Room 3-1044 1 Choke Cherry Road Rockville, MD **20857** 

Change the zip code to 20850 if you are using FedEx or UPS.

Do not send applications to other agency contacts, as this could delay receipt. Be sure to include "STOP Act SP-12-003" in item number 12 on the face page (SF-424) of any paper applications. If you require a phone number for delivery, you may use (240) 276-1199.

Your application must be received by the application deadline or it will not be considered for review. Please remember that mail sent to Federal facilities undergoes a security screening prior to delivery. You are responsible for ensuring that you submit your application so that it will arrive by the application due date and time.

If an application is mailed to a location or office (including room number) that is not designated for receipt of the application and, as a result, the designated office does not receive your application by the deadline, your application will be considered late and ineligible for review.

SAMHSA accepts electronic submission of applications through <a href="http://www.Grants.gov">http://www.Grants.gov</a>. Please refer to Appendix B for "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications."

#### 4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW (E.O. 12372) REQUIREMENTS

This grant program is covered under Executive Order (EO) 12372, as implemented through Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulation at 45 CFR Part 100. Under this Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs. See <u>Appendix C</u> for additional information on these requirements as well as requirements for the Public Health Impact Statement.

#### 5. FUNDING LIMITATIONS/RESTRICTIONS

Cost principles describing allowable and unallowable expenditures for Federal grantees, including SAMHSA grantees, are provided in the following documents, which are available at <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/management.aspx">http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/management.aspx</a>:

- Educational Institutions: 2 CFR Part 220 and OMB Circular A-21
- State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments: 2 CFR Part 225 (OMB Circular A-87)
- Nonprofit Organizations: 2 CFR Part 230 (OMB Circular A-122)
- Hospitals: 45 CFR Part 74, Appendix E

In addition, SAMHSA's STOP Act grant recipients must comply with the following funding restrictions:

- No more than 20% of the grant award may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment expenses.
- No more than 6% of the grant may be used for administrative expenses.

SAMHSA grantees must also comply with SAMHSA's standard funding restrictions, which are included in <u>Appendix D</u>.

#### V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

#### 1. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Project Narrative describes what you intend to do with your project and includes the Evaluation Criteria in Sections A-D below. Your application will be reviewed and scored according to the <u>quality</u> of your response to the requirements in Sections A-D.

- In developing the Project Narrative section of your application, use these instructions, which have been tailored to this program.
- The Project Narrative (Sections A-D) together may be no longer than 25 pages.
- You must use the four section headings (Sections A-D) listed below in developing your Project Narrative. You must place the required information in the correct section, or it will not be considered. Your application will be scored according to how well you address the requirements for each section of the Project Narrative.
- Reviewers will be looking for evidence of cultural competence in each section of the Project Narrative, and will consider how well you address the cultural competence aspects of the evaluation criteria when scoring your application. SAMHSA's guidelines for cultural competence can be found on the SAMHSA Web site available at <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/apply.aspx">http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/apply.aspx</a> at the bottom of the page under "Resources for Grant Writing."
- The Supporting Documentation you provide in Sections E-F and Attachments 1-5 will be considered by reviewers in assessing your response, along with the material in the Project Narrative.
- The number of points after each heading is the maximum number of points a
  review committee may assign to that section of your Project Narrative. Although
  scoring weights are not assigned to individual bullets, each bullet is assessed in
  deriving the overall Section score.

Section A: Needs Assessment (Progress to Date) (20 points)

- Describe your present or former Drug Free Communities Support Grant experience. Report on accomplishments to date. Discuss any obstacles/problems that have been encountered and actions taken towards their resolution.
- Describe your current organizational infrastructure available to support the STOP Act activities. Demonstrate how this project will enhance, not replace, the capacity you have established with your DFC grant.

#### **Section B: Proposed Approach (30 points)**

- Clearly describe all activities that will be supported with the new grant funds.
  - Describe how your proposed project will meet the goals and objectives of the STOP Act program.
  - Discuss how the new activities will be integrated into the ongoing DFC project.
  - Provide the projected number and demographics of persons to be served.
  - Demonstrate how the proposed approach addresses factors such as age, race, ethnicity, culture, language, sexual orientation, disability, literacy, and gender of the population.
  - Describe how you will collaborate with other organizations addressing underage drinking, such as institutions of higher education, host sites for SAMHSA's Town Hall meetings, local education agencies, and State counterparts of the members of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ICCPUD).
  - As described in the STOP Act legislation, the purposes of the program include to "strengthen collaboration among communities, the Federal Government, and State, local, and tribal Governments," and "enhance intergovernmental cooperation and coordination on the issue of alcohol use among youth." Describe your proposed collaboration with the State, Tribe, or Jurisdiction, and describe any barriers to accomplishing this plan.
- Discuss how the activities identified above are consistent with the strategies and interventions identified in the 2007 Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking and SAMHSA's Strategic Initiative: Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness. Please see the document section at <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/about/strategy.aspx">http://www.samhsa.gov/about/strategy.aspx</a>
- Discuss how you will build on the 5 steps of the SPF (needs assessment; capacity building; planning; implementation; and evaluation) to carry out your proposed activities.

### Section C: Project Implementation Plan and Staff, Management, and Relevant Experience (35 points)

- Describe how you will implement and manage the STOP Act activities. Include a timeline for implementation showing key activities and milestones. Include milestones and timelines for the 5 steps of the SPF discussed in Section B above.
- Outline your proposal for involving sector members of the DFC coalition in planning and implementing your STOP Act activities. Describe how particular segments of your community coalition may play a role in advancing the goals of your STOP Act grant. Indicate how members of the DFC coalition will inter-relate and collaborate on STOP Act grant activities.

#### **Section D: Performance Assessment and Data (15 points)**

 Provide a plan for how you will collect data on the four core measures to demonstrate population-level change. Identify data that will be collected to provide regular feedback to the project, as well as to SAMHSA to determine if the goals of the new program are being met. The evaluation should include both process and outcome requirements

NOTE: Although the budget for the proposed project is not a scored review criterion, the Review Group will be asked to comment on the appropriateness of the budget after the merits of the application have been considered.

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

#### Section E: Budget Justification, Existing Resources, Other Support.

- You must provide a narrative justification of the items included in your proposed budget, as well as a description of existing resources and other support you expect to receive for the proposed project, including cash and in-kind contributions. Be sure to show that no more than 20% of the total grant award will be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment, and that no more than 6% of the total grant award will be used for administrative expenses. Specifically identify the items associated with these costs in your budget. An illustration of a budget and narrative justification is included in Appendix E of this document.
- If you are a current DFC grantee, include your most recent one-year DFC action plan in **Attachment 5** of your application.

You must include the documentation described in Section I-2.2, either:

- a copy of a letter or e-mail of support (or denial of support) from the Single State Authority or his/her representative (e.g., National Prevention Network representative), or equivalent Tribal authority, or
- 2. a copy of the written request (letter or e-mail) to the State or Tribal authority, and a statement that no response has been received.

Denial of support or lack of support from the Single State Authority or representative or equivalent Tribal entity will not affect the scoring of the application. However, if the documentation described in Section I-2.2 is not included, the application will be screened out and will not be reviewed.

#### Section F: Biographical Sketches and Job Descriptions.

- Include a biographical sketch for the Project Director and other key positions.
   Each sketch should be 2 pages or less. If the person has not been hired, include a position description and/or a letter of commitment with a current biographical sketch from the individual.
- Include job descriptions for key personnel. Job descriptions should be no longer than 1 page each.
- Information on what should be included in biographical sketches and job descriptions can be found in Appendix I of this document.

#### 2. REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

SAMHSA applications are peer-reviewed according to the evaluation criteria listed above. Decisions to fund a grant are based on:

- 1. the strengths and weaknesses of the application as identified by peer reviewers;
- 2. when the individual award is over \$150,000, approval by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council;
- 3. availability of funds; and
- 4. equitable distribution of awards in terms of geography (including urban, rural and remote settings) and balance among populations to receive services and program size.

#### VI. ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

#### 1. AWARD NOTICES

You will receive a letter from SAMHSA through postal mail that describes the general results of the review of your application, including the score that your application received.

If you are approved for funding, you will receive an additional notice through postal mail, the Notice of Award (NoA), signed by SAMHSA's Grants Management Officer. The Notice of Award is the sole obligating document that allows you to receive Federal funding for work on the grant project.

If you are not funded, you may re-apply if there is another receipt date for the program.

#### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- If your application is funded, you must comply with all terms and conditions of the grant award. SAMHSA's standard terms and conditions are available on the SAMHSA Web site at <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/management.aspx">http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/management.aspx</a>
- If your application is funded, you must also comply with the administrative requirements outlined in 45 CFR Part 74 or 45 CFR Part 92, as appropriate. For more information visit the SAMHSA Web site available at http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/management.aspx.
- Depending on the nature of the specific funding opportunity and/or your proposed project as identified during review, SAMHSA may negotiate additional terms and conditions with you prior to grant award. These may include, for example:
  - o requirements relating to additional data collection and reporting;

- requirements relating to participation in a cross-site evaluation;
- o requirements to address problems identified in review of the application; or
- revised budget and narrative justification.
- If your application is funded, you will be held accountable for the information provided in the application relating to performance targets. SAMHSA program officials will consider your progress in meeting goals and objectives, as well as your failures and strategies for overcoming them, when making an annual recommendation to continue the grant and the amount of any continuation award. Failure to meet stated goals and objectives may result in suspension or termination of the grant award, or in reduction or withholding of continuation awards.
- Grant funds cannot be used to supplant current funding of existing activities.
   "Supplant" is defined as replacing funding of a recipient's existing program with funds from a Federal grant.
- In an effort to improve access to funding opportunities for applicants, SAMHSA is participating in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants." This survey is included in the application package for SAMHSA grants and is posted on the SAMHSA Web site at <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/downloads/SurveyEnsuringEqualOpp.pdf">http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/downloads/SurveyEnsuringEqualOpp.pdf</a>. You are encouraged to complete the survey and return it, using the instructions provided on the survey form.

#### 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the data reporting requirements listed in <u>Section I-2.2</u>, you must comply with the following reporting requirements:

#### 3.1 Progress and Financial Reports

- You will be required to submit quarterly and semi-annual progress reports, as well as annual and final financial status reports.
- Because SAMHSA is extremely interested in ensuring that treatment and prevention services can be sustained, your progress reports should explain plans to ensure the sustainability of efforts initiated under this grant.
- If your application is funded, SAMHSA will provide you with guidelines and requirements for these reports at the time of award and at the initial grantee orientation meeting after award. SAMHSA staff will use the information contained in the reports to determine your progress toward meeting its goals.
- You will be required to comply with the requirements of 2CFR Part 170 -The Transparency Act Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting

Requirements. See <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/subaward.aspx">http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/subaward.aspx</a> for information on implementing this requirement.

#### 3.2 Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRA)

The Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRA) mandates accountability and performance-based management by Federal agencies. To meet the GPRA requirements, SAMHSA must collect performance data (i.e., "GPRA data") from grantees. The performance requirements for SAMHSA's Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act grant program are described in <u>Section I-2.</u>3 of this document under "Data Collection and Performance Measurement."

#### 3.3 Publications

If you are funded under this grant program, you are required to notify the Government Project Officer (GPO) and SAMHSA's Publications Clearance Officer (240-276-2130) of any materials based on the SAMHSA-funded grant project that are accepted for publication.

In addition, SAMHSA requests that grantees:

- Provide the GPO and SAMHSA Publications Clearance Officer with advance copies of publications.
- Include acknowledgment of the SAMHSA grant program as the source of funding for the project.
- Include a disclaimer stating that the views and opinions contained in the publication do not necessarily reflect those of SAMHSA or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and should not be construed as such.

SAMHSA reserves the right to issue a press release about any publication deemed by SAMHSA to contain information of program or policy significance to the behavioral health services community.

#### VII. AGENCY CONTACTS

For questions about program issues contact:

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Division of Community Programs, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Substance
Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
1 Choke Cherry Road
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Rockville, Maryland 20857
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For questions on grants management and budget issues contact:

Virginia Simmons
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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
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Rockville, Maryland 20857
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### Appendix A – Checklist for Formatting Requirements and Screenout Criteria for SAMHSA Grant Applications

SAMHSA's goal is to review all applications submitted for grant funding. However, this goal must be balanced against SAMHSA's obligation to ensure equitable treatment of applications. For this reason, SAMHSA has established certain formatting requirements for its applications. If you do not adhere to these requirements, your application will be screened out and returned to you without review.

- Use the SF-424 Application form; Budget Information form SF-424A;
   Project/Performance Site Location(s) form; Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, if applicable; and Checklist.
- Applications must be received by the application due date and time, as detailed in <u>Section IV-3</u> of this grant announcement.
- You must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) <u>prior</u> to submitting your application. The DUNS number used on your application must be registered and active in the CCR prior to submitting your application.
- Information provided must be sufficient for review.
- Text must be legible. Pages must be typed in black ink, single-spaced, using a font of Times New Roman 12, with all margins (left, right, top, bottom) at least one inch each.
- (For Project Narratives submitted electronically, see separate requirements in Appendix B, "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Application).
- To ensure equity among applications, page limits for the Project Narrative cannot be exceeded.
- Paper must be white paper and 8.5 inches by 11.0 inches in size.

To facilitate review of your application, follow these additional guidelines. Failure to adhere to the following guidelines will not, in itself, result in your application being screened out and returned without review. However, the information provided in your application must be sufficient for review. Following these guidelines will help ensure your application is complete, and will help reviewers to consider your application.

- If you are submitting a paper application, the application components required for SAMHSA applications should be submitted in the following order:
  - o Face Page (Standard Form 424)
  - Abstract
  - Table of Contents

- Budget Information Form (Standard Form 424A)
- Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation
- Attachments
- Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Standard Form LLL, if applicable)
- Checklist
- Documentation of nonprofit status as required in the Checklist

Applications should comply with the following requirements:

- Budgetary limitations as specified in Sections I, II, and IV-5 of this announcement.
- Black ink should be used throughout your application, including charts and graphs. Pages should be typed single-spaced with one column per page.
   Pages should not have printing on both sides.
- Pages should be numbered consecutively from beginning to end so that
  information can be located easily during review of the application. The abstract
  page should be page 1, the table of contents should be page 2, etc. The four
  pages of SF-424 are not to be numbered. Attachments should be labeled and
  separated from the Project Narrative and budget section, and the pages should
  be numbered to continue the sequence.
- The page limits for Attachments stated in <u>Section IV-2.2</u> of this announcement should not be exceeded.
- Send the original application and two copies to the mailing address in <u>Section IV-3</u> of this document. Please do not use staples, paper clips, and fasteners. Nothing should be attached, stapled, folded, or pasted. You may use rubber bands. Do not use heavy or lightweight paper or any material that cannot be copied using automatic copying machines. Odd-sized and oversized attachments such as posters will not be copied or sent to reviewers. Do not include videotapes, audiotapes, or CD-ROMs.

### Appendix B – Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications

If you would like to submit your application electronically, you may search <a href="http://www.Grants.gov">http://www.Grants.gov</a> for the downloadable application package by the funding announcement number (called the opportunity number) or by the Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number. You can find the CFDA number on the first page of the funding announcement.

You must follow the instructions in the User Guide available at the <a href="http://www.Grants.gov">http://www.Grants.gov</a> apply site, on the Help page. In addition to the User Guide, you may wish to use the following sources for technical (IT) help:

- By e-mail: <a href="mailto:support@Grants.gov">support@Grants.gov</a>
- By phone: 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS). The Grants.gov Contact Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, excluding Federal holidays.

If this is the first time you have submitted an application through Grants.gov, you must complete three separate registration processes before you can submit your application. Allow at least two weeks (10 business days) for these registration processes, prior to submitting your application. The processes are: 1) DUNS Number registration; 2) Central Contractor Registry (CCR) registration; and 3) Grants.gov registration (Get username and password.). REMINDER: CCR registration expires each year and must be updated annually. It can take 24 hours or more for updates to take effect, so check for active registration well before your grant deadline. Grants.gov will not accept your application if you do not have active CCR registration. The DUNS number you use on your application must be registered and active in the CCR. You can view your CCR registration status at

https://www.bpn.gov/CCRSearch/Search.aspx and search by your organization's DUNS number. Additional information on the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is available at <a href="https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx">https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx</a>. Be sure the person submitting your application is properly registered with Grants.gov as the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for the specific DUNS number cited on the SF-424 (face page). See the Organization Registration User Guide for details at the following Grants.gov link: <a href="http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\_registered.jsp">http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\_registered.jsp</a>.

Please also allow sufficient time for enter your application into Grants.gov. When you submit your application you will receive a notice that your application is being processed and that you will receive two e-mails from Grants.gov within the next 24-48 hours. One will confirm receipt of the application in Grants.gov and the other will indicate that the application was either successfully validated by the system (with a tracking number) or rejected due to errors. It will also provide instructions that if you do not receive a receipt confirmation **and** a validation confirmation or a rejection e-mail within 48 hours, you must contact Grants.gov directly. Please note that it is incumbent on the applicant to monitor their application to ensure that it is successfully received and validated by

Grants.gov. If your application is not successfully validated by Grants.gov it will not be forwarded to SAMHSA as the receiving institution.

It is strongly recommended that you prepare your Project Narrative and other attached documents using Microsoft Office 2007 products (e.g., Microsoft Word 2007, Microsoft Excel 2007, etc.). If you do not have access to Microsoft Office 2007 products, you may submit PDF files. Directions for creating PDF files can be found on the Grants.gov Web site. Use of file formats other than Microsoft Office or PDF may result in your file being unreadable by our staff.

The Abstract, Table of Contents, Project Narrative, Supporting Documentation, Budget Justification, and Attachments must be combined into 4 separate files in the electronic submission. If the number of files exceeds 4, the electronic application will not convey properly to SAMHSA.

Formatting requirements for SAMHSA e-Grant application Files are as follows:

- Project Narrative File (PNF): The PNF consists of the Abstract, Table of Contents, and Project Narrative (Sections A-D) in this order and numbered consecutively.
- Budget Narrative File (BNF): The BNF consists of only the budget justification narrative.
- Other Attachment File 1: The first Other Attachment File will consist of the Supporting Documentation (Sections F and G) in this order and lettered consecutively.
- Other Attachment File 2: The second Other Attachment File will consist of the Attachments (Attachments 1-5) in this order and numbered consecutively.

Scanned images must be scanned at 75 dpi/ppi resolution and saved as a jpeg or pdf file. Using a higher resolution setting or different file type could result in a rejection of application.

Formatting requirements for SAMHSA grant applications are described in <u>Appendix A</u> of this announcement. These requirements also apply to applications submitted electronically, with the following exceptions only for Project Narratives submitted electronically in Microsoft Word. These requirements help ensure the accurate transmission and equitable treatment of applications.

- Text legibility: Use a font of Times New Roman 12, line spacing of single space, and all margins (left, right, top, bottom) of at least one inch each. Adhering to these standards will help to ensure the accurate transmission of your document.
- Amount of space allowed for Project Narrative: The Project Narrative for an
  electronic submission may not exceed 12,875 words. If the Project Narrative
  for an electronic submission exceeds the word limit, the application will
  be screened out and will not be reviewed. To determine the number of

words in your Project Narrative document in Microsoft Word, select file/properties/statistics.

Be sure to scan all images at 75 dpi and save as a jpeg or pdf file. Also, be sure to label each file according to its contents, e.g., "Project Narrative", "Budget Narrative", "Other Attachment 1", and "Other Attachment 2".

With the exception of the standard forms in the application package, all pages in your application should be numbered consecutively. **Documents containing scanned images must also contain page numbers to continue the sequence.** Failure to comply with these requirements may affect the successful transmission and consideration of your application.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications to Grants.gov early enough to resolve any unanticipated difficulties prior to the deadline. After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. It is important that you retain this number. Receipt of the tracking number is the only indication that Grants.gov has successfully received and validated your application. If you do not receive a Grants.gov tracking number, you may want to contact the Grants.gov help desk for assistance.

### Appendix C – Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12373) Requirements

This grant program is covered under Executive Order (EO) 12372, as implemented through Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulation at 45 CFR Part 100. Under this Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs. Certain jurisdictions have elected to participate in the EO process and have established State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). A current listing of SPOCs is included in the application package and can be downloaded from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Web site at <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants\_spoc">http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants\_spoc</a>.

- Check the list to determine whether your State participates in this program. You
  do not need to do this if you are an American Indian/Alaska Native Tribe or tribal
  organization.
- If your State participates, contact your SPOC as early as possible to alert him/her to the prospective application(s) and to receive any necessary instructions on the State's review process.
- For proposed projects serving more than one State, you are advised to contact the SPOC of each affiliated State.
- The SPOC should send any State review process recommendations to the following address within 60 days of the application deadline. For United States Postal Service: Diane Abbate, Director of Grant Review, Office of Financial Resources, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Room 3-1044, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857. ATTN: SPOC – Funding Announcement No. SP-12-003. Change the zip code to 20850 if you are using another delivery service.

In addition, if you are a community-based, non-governmental service provider and you are not transmitting your application through the State, you must submit a Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS)<sup>1</sup> to the head(s) of appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be affected no later than the application deadline. The PHSIS is intended to keep State and local health officials informed of proposed health services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Approved by OMB under control no. 0920-0428; Public reporting burden for the Public Health System Reporting Requirement is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for copying the face page of SF 424 and the abstract and preparing the letter for mailing. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this project is 0920-0428. Send comments regarding this burden to CDC Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS D-24, Atlanta, GA 30333, ATTN: PRA (0920-0428).

grant applications submitted by community-based, non-governmental organizations within their jurisdictions. If you are a <u>State or local government or American</u> <u>Indian/Alaska Native Tribe or tribal organization, you are not subject to these</u> requirements.

The PHSIS consists of the following information:

- a copy of the face page of the application (SF 424); and
- a summary of the project, no longer than one page in length, that provides: 1) a
  description of the population to be served; 2) a summary of the services to be
  provided; and 3) a description of the coordination planned with appropriate
  State or local health agencies.

For SAMHSA grants, the appropriate State agencies are the Single State Agencies (SSAs) for substance abuse and mental health. A listing of the SSAs for substance abuse can be found on SAMHSA's Web site at <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov">http://www.samhsa.gov</a>. If the proposed project falls within the jurisdiction of more than one State, you should notify all representative SSAs.

If applicable, you <u>must</u> include a copy of a letter transmitting the PHSIS to the SSA in **Attachment 3**, "Letter to the SSA." The letter must notify the State that, if it wishes to comment on the proposal, its comments should be sent no later than 60 days after the application deadline to the following address. For United States Postal Service: Diane Abbate, Director of Grant Review, Office of Financial Resources, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Room 3-1044, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857. ATTN: SSA – Funding Announcement No. SP-12-003. Change the zip code to 20850 if you are using another delivery service.

#### In addition:

- Applicants may request that the SSA send them a copy of any State comments.
- The applicant must notify the SSA within 30 days of receipt of an award.

#### **Appendix D – Funding Restrictions**

SAMHSA grant funds must be used for purposes supported by the program and may not be used to:

- Pay for any lease beyond the project period.
- Provide services to incarcerated populations (defined as those persons in jail, prison, detention facilities, or in custody where they are not free to move about in the community).
- Pay for the purchase or construction of any building or structure to house any part of the program. (Applicants may request up to \$75,000 for renovations and alterations of existing facilities, if necessary and appropriate to the project.)
- Provide residential or outpatient treatment services when the facility has not yet been acquired, sited, approved, and met all requirements for human habitation and services provision. (Expansion or enhancement of existing residential services is permissible.)
- Pay for housing other than residential mental health and/or substance abuse treatment.
- Provide inpatient treatment or hospital-based detoxification services.
   Residential services are not considered to be inpatient or hospital-based services.
- Make direct payments to individuals to induce them to enter prevention or treatment services. However, SAMHSA discretionary grant funds may be used for non-clinical support services (e.g., bus tokens, child care) designed to improve access to and retention in prevention and treatment programs.
- Make direct payments to individuals to encourage attendance and/or attainment of prevention or treatment goals. However, SAMHSA discretionary grant funds may be used for non-cash incentives of up to \$20 to encourage attendance and/or attainment of prevention or treatment goals when the incentives are built into the program design and when the incentives are the minimum amount that is deemed necessary to meet program goals. SAMHSA policy allows an individual participant to receive more than one incentive over the course of the program. However, non-cash incentives should be limited to the minimum number of times deemed necessary to achieve program outcomes. A grantee or treatment or prevention provider may also provide up to \$20 cash or equivalent (coupons, bus tokens, gifts, child care, and vouchers) to individuals as incentives to participate in required data collection follow up. This amount may be paid for participation in each required interview.
- Food is unallowable.

- Funds may not be used to distribute sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.
- Pay for pharmacologies for HIV antiretroviral therapy, sexually transmitted diseases (STD)/sexually transmitted illnesses (STI), TB, and hepatitis B and C, or for psychotropic drugs.

SAMHSA will not accept a "research" indirect cost rate. The grantee must use the "other sponsored program rate" or the lowest rate available.

### Appendix E – Sample Budget and Justification (No match required)

THIS IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF A SAMPLE DETAILED BUDGET AND NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION WITH GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING SF 424A: SECTION B FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD

A. Personnel: Provide employee(s) (including names for each identified position) of the applicant/recipient organization, including in-kind costs for those positions whose work is tied to the grant project.

#### **FEDERAL REQUEST**

Position	Name	Annual Salary/Rate	Level of Effort	Cost
(1) Project Director	John Doe	\$64,890	10%	\$6,489
(2) Grant Coordinator	To be selected	\$46,276	100%	\$46,276
(3) Clinical Director	Jane Doe	In-kind cost	20%	0
			TOTAL	\$52,765

#### JUSTIFICATION: Describe the role and responsibilities of each position.

- (1) The Project Director will provide daily oversight of the grant and will be considered key staff.
- (2) The Coordinator will coordinate project services and project activities, including training, communication and information dissemination.
- (3) The Clinical Director will provide necessary medical direction and guidance to staff for 540 clients served under this project.

Key staff positions require prior approval by SAMHSA after review of credentials of resume and job description.

FEDERAL REQUEST (enter in Section B column 1 line 6a of form SF424A) \$52,765

#### B. Fringe Benefits: List all components that make up the fringe benefits rate

#### **FEDERAL REQUEST**

Component	Rate	Wage	Cost
FICA	7.65%	\$52,765	\$4,037
Workers Compensation	2.5%	\$52,765	\$1,319
Insurance	10.5%	\$52,765	\$5,540
		TOTAL	\$10,896

#### JUSTIFICATION: Fringe reflects current rate for agency.

FEDERAL REQUEST (enter in Section B column 1 line 6b of form SF424A) \$10,896

**C. Travel:** Explain need for all travel other than that required by this application. Local travel policies prevail.

#### **FEDERAL REQUEST**

Purpose of Travel	Location	Item	Rate	Cost
(1) Grantee Conference	Washington, DC	Airfare	\$200/flight x 2 persons	\$400
		Hotel	\$180/night x 2 persons x 2 nights	\$720
		Per Diem (meals and incidentals)	\$46/day x 2 persons x 2 days	\$184
(2) Local travel		Mileage	3,000 miles@.38/mile	\$1,140
			TOTAL	\$2,444

#### JUSTIFICATION: Describe the purpose of travel and how costs were determined.

- (1) Two staff (Project Director and Evaluator) to attend mandatory grantee meeting in Washington, DC.
- (2) Local travel is needed to attend local meetings, project activities, and training events. Local travel rate is based on organization's policies/procedures for privately owned vehicle reimbursement rate. If policy does not have a rate use GSA.

FEDERAL REQUEST (enter in Section B column 1 line 6c of form SF424A) \$2,444

**D. Equipment:** an article of tangible, nonexpendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit (federal definition).

**FEDERAL REQUEST** – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6d of form SF424A) **\$ 0** 

E. Supplies: materials costing less than \$5,000 per unit and often having one-time use

#### **FEDERAL REQUEST**

Item(s)	Rate	Cost	
General office supplies	\$50/mo. x 12 mo.	\$600	
Postage	\$37/mo. x 8 mo.	\$296	
Laptop Computer	\$900	\$900	
Printer	\$300	\$300	
Projector	\$900	\$900	
Copies	8000 copies x .10/copy	\$800	
	TOTAL	\$3,796	

### JUSTIFICATION: Describe the need and include an adequate justification of how each cost was estimated.

- (1) Office supplies, copies and postage are needed for general operation of the project.
- (2) The laptop computer and printer are needed for both project work and presentations for Project Director.

(3) The projector is needed for presentations and workshops. All costs were based on retail values at the time the application was written.

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6e of form SF424A) \$ 3,796

F. Contract: A contractual arrangement to carry out a portion of the programmatic effort or for the acquisition of routine goods or services under the grant. Such arrangements may be in the form of consortium agreements or contracts. A consultant is an individual retained to provide professional advice or services for a fee. The applicant/grantee must establish written procurement policies and procedures that are consistently applied. All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner to provide to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition.

### COSTS FOR CONTRACTS MUST BE BROKEN DOWN IN DETAIL AND A NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED. IF APPLICABLE, NUMBERS OF CLIENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE COSTS.

#### **FEDERAL REQUEST**

Name	Service	Rate	Other	Cost
(1) State Department of Human Services	Training	\$250/individual x 3 staff	5 days	\$750
(2) Treatment Services	1040 Clients	\$27/client per year		\$28,080

Name	Service	Rate	Other	Cost
(3) John Smith (Case Manager)	Treatment Client Services	1FTE @ \$27,000 + Fringe Benefits of \$6,750 = \$33,750	*Travel at 3,124 @ .50 per mile = \$1,562  *Training course \$175  *Supplies @ \$47.54 x 12 months or \$570  *Telephone @ \$60 x 12 months = \$720  *Indirect costs = \$9,390 (negotiated with contractor)	\$46,167
(4) Jane Smith	Evaluator	\$40 per hour x 225 hours	12 month period	\$9,000
(5) To Be Announced	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			\$3,000
			TOTAL	\$86,997

### JUSTIFICATION: Explain the need for each contractual agreement and how it relates to the overall project.

- (1) Certified trainers are necessary to carry out the purpose of the Statewide Consumer Network by providing recovery and wellness training, preparing consumer leaders statewide, and educating the public on mental health recovery.
- (2) Treatment services for clients to be served based on organizational history of expenses.

- (3) Case manager is vital to client services related to the program and outcomes.
- (4) Evaluator is provided by an experienced individual (Ph.D. level) with expertise in substance abuse, research and evaluation, is knowledgeable about the population of focus, and will report GPRA data.
- (5) Marketing Coordinator will develop a plan to include public education and outreach efforts to engage clients of the community about grantee activities, and provision of presentations at public meetings and community events to stakeholders, community civic organizations, churches, agencies, family groups and schools.

#### \*Represents separate/distinct requested funds by cost category

FEDERAL REQUEST - (enter in Section B column 1 line 6f of form SF424A) \$86,997

- G. Construction: NOT ALLOWED Leave Section B columns 1& 2 line 6g on SF424A blank.
- H. Other: expenses not covered in any of the previous budget categories

#### FEDERAL REQUEST

Item	Rate	Cost
(1) Rent*	\$15/sq.ft x 700 sq. feet	\$10,500
(2) Telephone	\$100/mo. x 12 mo.	\$1,200
(3) Client Incentives	\$10/client follow up x 278 clients	\$2,780
(4) Brochures	.89/brochure X 1500 brochures	\$1,335
	TOTAL	\$15,815

### JUSTIFICATION: Break down costs into cost/unit (e.g. cost/square foot). Explain the use of each item requested.

(1) Office space is included in the indirect cost rate agreement; however, if other rental costs for service site(s) are necessary for the project, they may be requested as a direct charge. The rent is calculated by square footage or FTE and reflects SAMHSA's fair share of the space.

\*If rent is requested (direct or indirect), provide the name of the owner(s) of the space/facility. If anyone related to the project owns the building which is less than an arms length arrangement, provide cost of ownership/use allowance calculations. Additionally, the lease and floor plan (including common areas) is required for all projects allocating rent costs.

- (2) The monthly telephone costs reflect the % of effort for the personnel listed in this application for the SAMHSA project only.
- (3) The \$10 incentive is provided to encourage attendance to meet program goals for 278 client follow-ups.
- (4) Brochures will be used at various community functions (health fairs and exhibits).

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6h of form SF424A) \$15,815

Indirect Cost Rate: Indirect costs can be claimed if your organization has a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement. It is applied only to direct costs to the agency as allowed in the agreement. For information on applying for the indirect rate go to: <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov">http://www.samhsa.gov</a> then click on Grants – Grants Management – Contact Information – Important Offices at SAMHSA and DHHS - HHS Division of Cost Allocation – Regional Offices.

FEDERAL REQUEST (enter in Section B column 1 line 6j of form SF424A)

8% of personnel and fringe (.08 x \$63,661)

\$5,093

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#### TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES:

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6i of form SF424A) \$172,713

#### **INDIRECT CHARGES:**

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6j of form SF424A) \$5,093

TOTALS: (sum of 6i and 6j)

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6k of form SF424A) \$177,806

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### UNDER THIS SECTION REFLECT OTHER NON-FEDERAL SOURCES OF FUNDING BY DOLLAR AMOUNT AND NAME OF FUNDER e.g., Applicant, State, Local, Other, Program Income, etc.

Provide the total proposed Project Period and Federal funding as follows:

#### **Proposed Project Period**

a. Start Date:	09/30/2011	b. End Date:	09/29/2016

#### **BUDGET SUMMARY** (should include future years and projected total)

Category	Year 1	Year 2*	Year 3*	Year 4*	Year 5*	Total Project Costs
Personnel	\$52,765	\$54,348	\$55,978	\$57,658	\$59,387	\$280,136
Fringe	\$10,896	\$11,223	\$11,559	\$11,906	\$12,263	\$57,847
Travel	\$2,444	\$2,444	\$2,444	\$2,444	\$2,444	\$12,220
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	\$3,796	\$3,796	\$3,796	\$3,796	\$3,796	\$18,980
Contractual	\$86,997	\$86,997	\$86,997	\$86,997	\$86,997	\$434,985
Other	\$15,815	\$13,752	\$11,629	\$9,440	\$7,187	\$57,823
Total Direct Charges	\$172,713	\$172,560	\$172,403	\$172,241	\$172,074	\$861,991
Indirect Charges	\$5,093	\$5,246	\$5,403	\$5,565	\$5,732	\$27,039
Total Project Costs	\$177,806	\$177,806	\$177,806	\$177,806	\$177,806	\$889,030

### **TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: Sum of Total Direct Costs and Indirect Costs**

FEDERAL REQUEST (enter in Section B column 1 line 6k of form SF424A) \$889,030

#### \*FOR REQUESTED FUTURE YEARS:

- 1. Please justify and explain any changes to the budget that differs from the reflected amounts reported in the 01 Year Budget Summary.
- 2. If a cost of living adjustment (COLA) is included in future years, provide your organization's personnel policy and procedures that state all employees within the organization will receive a COLA.

#### **Appendix F – Background Information**

According to the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking available at

http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/topics/underagedrinking/calltoaction.pdf, cultural change is necessary to prevent and reduce underage drinking. The Call to Action points out that culture is complex, however, and changing it requires sustained efforts on the part of multiple segments of society. In addition, the culture around underage drinking is especially difficult to change because alcohol use is embedded in American society. The responsibility for preventing and reducing underage alcohol use belongs to everyone in the United States. Successfully addressing the public health problem of underage drinking will require cooperation, coordination and collaboration among various community sectors including local government, criminal justice, education, business, religious or fraternal organizations, civic or volunteer organizations, healthcare professionals, media, parents, youth, and other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.

Prevention research indicates that community organizations are best suited to implement environmental-level strategies which address the broader culture and context within which decisions are made about underage drinking, and to create wide-scale community change, rather than implementing strategies that are designed to effect individual level change. Therefore, grantees must focus on environmental strategies for preventing and reducing underage drinking, and grantees and member organizations should continue to seek other funding sources to implement individual (non-environmental) change strategies that are a part of a comprehensive community plan.

In fact, the promotion of positive mental health and prevention of mental and substance use disorders are key parts of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) mission to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illnesses on America's communities. SAMHSA plans to promote health by placing a national priority on healthy mental, emotional, and behavioral development, especially in children, youth, and young adults.

#### **Appendix G – Disclosure of Drug Free Communities Grant**

1. Please check the line identifying the category that represents your organization:

	Former DFC Recipient
	Current DFC Recipient
2.	Identify the name of fiscal agent (a) and name of the coalition (b) funded by the DFC grant.
a)	
b)	
3.	If the DFC grant award is/was issued to a funding organization or agency representing the organization, identify the name of the agency to which the DFC is or was awarded.
4.	Please check the line identifying which of the following represents the DFC funding for the organization.
	DFC Grant funded through Department of Justice
	DFC Grant funded through Department of Justice and SAMHSA
	DFC Grant funded through SAMHSA
5.	Provide the grant number(s) that correspond with the information provided above.
6.	Provide the years of DFC funding (e.g., 2000-2005) awarded to the organization
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#### **Appendix H – Biographical Sketches and Job Descriptions**

#### **Biographical Sketch**

Existing curricula vitae of project staff members may be used if they are updated and contain all items of information requested below. You may add any information items listed below to complete existing documents. For development of new curricula vitae include items below in the most suitable format:

- 1. Name of staff member
- 2. Educational background: school(s), location, dates attended, degrees earned (specify year), major field of study
- 3. Professional experience
- 4. Honors received and dates
- 5. Recent relevant publications
- 6. Other sources of support [Other support is defined as all funds or resources, whether Federal, non-federal, or institutional, available to the Project Director/Program Director (and other key personnel named in the application) in direct support of their activities through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, fellowships, gifts, prizes, and other means.]

#### **Job Description**

- 1. Title of position
- 2. Description of duties and responsibilities
- 3. Qualifications for position
- 4. Supervisory relationships
- 5. Skills and knowledge required
- 6. Personal qualities
- 7. Amount of travel and any other special conditions or requirements
- 8. Salary range
- 9. Hours per day or week