

CMHS/SAMHSA announces pre-application technical assistance telephone conference calls related to the recently released RFA No. SM-10-004 Statewide Consumer Network Grants.

Technical assistance from CMHS/SAMHSA staff via the conference call for RFA No. SM-10-004 Statewide Consumer Network Grants will be held **Tuesday, October 13, 2009 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time**. Interested parties may participate in the call by dialing 1-888-390-3409 and entering the Passcode 1221102. All necessary information including the full RFA, eligibility requirements and required forms related to Statewide Consumer Network Grants, can be found at: <http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/SM-10-004.aspx>.

**SUMMARY:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced the availability of fiscal year 2010 funds for grants to support statewide consumer networks. The purpose of this program is to enhance statewide consumer run organizations to promote service system capacity and infrastructure development to be consumer-centered and targeted toward recovery and resiliency, and consumer-driven by promoting the use of consumers as agents of transformation.

It is expected that \$1.33 million will be available to fund 19 grants of \$70,000 each for Statewide Consumer Network Grants that will continue for up to three years. The grants are meant to address the needs of underserved and under-represented consumers; of consumers with histories of trauma; veterans; or those who have been involved in the criminal justice system. These grants will also promote activities related to partnership development, coalition building, legacy planning, and economic empowerment as part of the recovery process for consumers.

**WHO CAN APPLY:** Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities, tribal and urban Indian organizations, and community- and faith-based organizations that meet the eligibility criteria.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications for SM-10-004 are available by calling SAMHSA's Health Information Network at 1-877-SAMHSA7 [TDD 1-800-487-4889]. You may request a complete application kit from the SAMHSA Web site <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/index.aspx> or <http://www.grants.gov>.

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:** Applications must be received by **November 25, 2009**.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Applicants with questions on program issues should contact Mary Blake at 240-276-1747 or via email at [mary.blake@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:mary.blake@samhsa.hhs.gov); or Wanda Finch at 240-276-1916 or via email at [wanda.finch@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:wanda.finch@samhsa.hhs.gov). For questions on grants management issues, contact Gwendolyn Simpson at 240-276-1408 or [gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov).