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Key Dates:

Application Deadline	Applications are due by June 20, 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:

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Funding Opportunity Title:	National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, National Center for Child Traumatic Stress
Funding Opportunity Number:	SM-12-005
Due Date for Applications:	June 20, 2012
Anticipated Total Available Funding:	\$5 Million NCTSI National Center for Child Traumatic Stress and \$1 Million NCTSI Core Data Set Reporting and Data Analysis
Estimated Number of Awards:	1
Estimated Award Amount:	Up to \$ 6 million per year
Cost Sharing/Match Required	no
Length of Project Period:	Up to 4 years
Eligible Applicants:	Domestic public and private non-profit entities [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 Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2012 National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI), National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS) grant. This program is designed to improve the quality of trauma treatment and services in communities for children, adolescents, and their families who experience or witness traumatic events and to increase access to effective trauma-focused treatment and services for children and adolescents throughout the nation. The purpose of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS) is to develop and maintain the collaborative network structure, support resource development and dissemination, and coordinates the Network's national child trauma education and training efforts. Congress provided funding of \$1M for data analysis and reporting activities that improve evidenced based practices and raise the standard of trauma care.

The initiative is designed to address child trauma issues by supporting a national network of grantees—the National Child Traumatic Stress Network—that work collaboratively to develop and disseminate effective community practices for children and adolescents exposed to a wide array of traumatic events.

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is composed of three types of centers:

- The National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (Category I) develops and maintains the collaborative network structure, supports resource development and dissemination, and coordinates the Network's national child trauma education and training efforts.
- The Treatment and Service Adaptation (TSA) Centers - (Category II) provide national expertise and assume responsibility in the Network for specific areas of trauma, such as specific types of traumatic events, population groups, and service systems; and support the development and adaptation of effective trauma treatments and services for children, adolescents and their families that can be implemented throughout the nation.
- The Community Treatment and Services (CTS) Centers - (Category III) are primarily service programs that implement and evaluate effective treatment and services in community settings and youth serving service systems and collaborate with other NCTSN centers on clinical issues, service approaches, policy, financing, and training issues.

SAMHSA has demonstrated that behavioral health is essential to health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover from mental and substance use

disorders. Behavioral health services improve health status and reduce health care and other costs to society. Continued improvement in the delivery and financing of prevention, treatment and recovery support services provides a cost effective opportunity to advance and protect the Nation's health. To continue to improve the delivery and financing of prevention, treatment and recovery support services, SAMHSA has identified eight Strategic Initiatives to focus the Agency's work on improving lives and capitalizing on emerging opportunities. The NCTSI is part of SAMHSA's effort to achieve the goals of the Trauma and Justice Strategic Initiative by developing a public health approach to trauma that strengthens surveillance, prevention, screening, and treatment and supports trauma-informed systems.

Children of deployed military personnel have more school, family, and peer-related emotional difficulties in comparison to national samples. Therefore, SAMHSA has identified military families as a priority population under this funding opportunity.

Over the coming months, SAMHSA will be implementing a process that will develop a formal definition and standardized criteria for trauma-informed care and guidance for adaption to different service systems and sectors. Grantees of this program announcement will be encouraged to participate in this process. All SAMHSA grantees will be expected to align their programmatic activities with the resultant definition and standardized criteria of trauma-informed care.

The National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, National Center for Child Traumatic Stress grant is authorized under Section 582 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2020 Mental Health and Mental Disorders Topic Area HP 2020-MHMD.

2. EXPECTATIONS

The goal of NCCTS is to strengthen the development and dissemination of network products and provide electronic training in “**virtual**” settings targeted to clinicians and providers in each of SAMHSA's ten regions. This emphasis on training and dissemination will greatly increase the availability of effective trauma treatment and services such as, child welfare and juvenile justice, and support the sustained implementation and delivery of NCTSN clinical services, thus enabling more children, youth and families access to NCTSN interventions. The NCCTS (Category I) grantee will also assist the network in incorporating implementation science into their efforts and training. The NCCTS grantee also will work with SAMHSA and other trauma experts to develop common definitions and guidelines for trauma informed care.

In addition, the NCCTS is expected to provide support for collaborative activities of the NCTSI Treatment and Service Adaptation (TSA) – Category II and Community Treatment and Services (CTS) – Category III Centers that focus on types of trauma, types of trauma interventions, and specific traumatized populations. It is not SAMHSA's expectation that the NCCTS collect new data or add new data to the core data set; therefore, SAMHSA's expects that the additional \$1 million in funding be used for data analysis and reporting of the existing core data set.

2.1 Required Activities

The grantee will provide the leadership and overall organization and coordination of the Network toward achieving its goals. The National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, National Center for Child Traumatic Stress grant funds must be used primarily to support infrastructure development. Required activities to be carried out by the National Center are as follows:

Identify National Unmet Needs and Emerging Issues in Child Trauma

The NCCTS will collaborate with SAMHSA, the Treatment and Services Adaptation Centers, (Category II Grants) and Community Treatment and Services Centers (Category III Grants) in identifying emerging issues or unmet needs related to child trauma.

The NCCTS will further develop and support the Network's collaborative approach to identifying, improving, developing, disseminating, and/or evaluating effective child trauma treatment and services.

Develop and Maintain Collaborative Network Structure

The NCCTS will develop and maintain a framework and organizational procedures for collaboration among the Network. This framework will include procedures that coordinate and integrate new centers into the Network. Using existing resources of former and current grantees the National Center will increase the participation, collaboration, promotion, and communication across the entire Network.

Expand the National Reach of the Network

The NCCTS will collaborate with SAMHSA staff in developing plans that expand the reach and impact of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, such as military families. This effort will include increasing the participation of individuals and programs that are not supported by SAMHSA grants, such as alumni members, community partners, professional organizations, representatives of local, State and national child-serving service systems, and other Federal efforts (i.e., Administration on Children and Families (ACF) and Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)), and foundation grantees with an interest in child trauma issues into the Network. As part of this expansion, the NCTS will support "affiliate" membership, which may be available to a wide array of potential individual and organizational partners. Affiliate membership, may entitle organizations that do not currently receive SAMHSA grant support to participate in workgroups, training, as well as product development and dissemination.

Facilitate Network Communication

The NCCTS will develop and maintain a communication platform (website, webinars, e-newsletters, listserves, and use of social and e-meeting media) to promote effective routine and emergency linkage among Network members and makes Network information and resources available to public, consumer, and professional audiences. The communication structure should allow grantees electronic access to up-to-date information on collaboration activities within the Network. The NCCTS will maintain a

leadership role in mobilizing Network resources to assist SAMHSA and its Federal, State, and local partners as requested and during times of disasters and other crises.

Support Network Training Efforts in Trauma-Focused Interventions and Information

The NCCTS will promote and support the Network's capacity to train large numbers of practitioners in effective trauma interventions. The NCCTS will provide expertise and technical support in effective training approaches that develop competence in and ensure implementation of trauma-focused clinical and service system interventions.

These trainings will be conducted as Learning Collaboratives and Learning Communities for training practitioners in NCTSN-developed clinical and service interventions, on-line training courses available for introductory training in trauma interventions, and a series of webinars, forums and speaker series addressing important child trauma issues that would be available electronically to a wide variety of professional, consumer, and public audiences.

The NCCTS will implement and promote virtual training programs targeting clinicians and child serving providers in each of the ten SAMHSA regions to increase the number of personnel that are trained and available to serve children, youth, and their families who are in need of trauma treatment services. The NCCTS will develop and implement a plan to increase the Network's capacity for training network and non network providers in the implementation of evidence-based treatment and services delivery approaches.

Strengthen the Process for Developing and Disseminating Network Products

The NCCTS will establish, monitor, and implement a process to prioritize and support the increased development and dissemination of effective clinical and services intervention products for the public, consumer/peer, family members, youth, service providers, service systems, and policy makers. This will include collaborative development of Network products from conception, prototype development, piloting, evaluating, final production, and wide-scale dissemination of valuable Network products. These well-developed products will include information on effective practices, policy proposals, educational materials, and other information on child and adolescent traumatic stress that is vital to professionals, policy makers, and the public. As part of this effort, the grantee for the National Center will lead and support Network activities to assess the effectiveness and applicability of Network-developed intervention products in community and service settings, such as child welfare and juvenile justice. In addition, the NCCTS will develop and implement a plan using alternative approaches for the production and dissemination of Network intervention products which will have significant positive effects in raising the standard of care to address and treat child traumatic stress.

Analysis and Reporting of the Core Data Set

The NCCTS will support analytic efforts to improve evidence-based practices and raise the standard of trauma care by

- Coordinate the data analysis and reporting activities across the multiple data sets that have been collected for use in improving the development of evidence-based child trauma practices.
- Collaborate with Federal staff and Network grantees on all analyses and reports.
- Host monthly conference calls with a team of representatives from SAMHSA, and interested Network grantees to discuss proposed analysis and reports.
- Submit a copy of all data collected, or data used for analysis and reporting activities of this grant, to SAMHSA.
- Provide NCTSI grantees access to the Core Data Set (CDS) for analysis and ensure their involvement in analytic decisions of the NCCTS, and reporting of data.
- Plan, coordinate, and budget for a two-day meeting in the Washington DC area to promote Network data analysis and reporting activities that will improve evidence-based child trauma practices and raise the standard of child trauma care.
- Produce at least four brief analytic reports on topics proposed by the grantee and approved by SAMHSA per year.
- Develop internal performance monitoring systems, to complement data collected by the TRAC and offer, analysis and interpretation of Network local evaluation data and feedback to the Network on the results of these analyses.

Any data collected and used for data analysis and reporting using funds provided under this program shall be submitted to SAMHSA.

Other Activities:

- Oversight and coordination of National Child Traumatic Stress Network Structure.
- Coordination of a Steering Committee for the Network consisting of grantee representatives from all levels of the Network.
- Coordination of an Advisory Committee for the Network consisting of selected experts in child trauma, consumer and family involvement, and related areas.
- Collaborate with the Network grantees to promote effective trauma services for children and adolescents across the country and ensure that implementation science is built into all training and service delivery efforts.
- Provide technical assistance to network grantees on the development and implementation of strategies for disseminating promising practices in child and adolescent trauma treatment using findings from implementation science.

- Provide consultation and technical assistance on clinical issues, including consultation on instruments for the assessment of clinical and behavioral issues related to child traumatic stress.
- Promote the development and implementation of resources for implementing trauma-focused services in major child-serving systems, such as child welfare (including foster care), juvenile justice, schools, and medical settings.
- Ensure that activities used to support the development and dissemination of a range of effective clinical and service intervention products are available for the public, consumers/peers, youth, and family members, service providers, service systems, and policy makers.
- Implementation of a virtual training program targeting clinicians and child serving providers in each of the ten SAMHSA regions. The training program should be designed to increase the number of:
 - Personnel in each region who are trained and available to serve children, youth, and their families who are in need of trauma treatment service; and
 - Network and non-network providers trained in the implementation of evidence based treatment and services delivery approaches.
- Policy development to support needed service system improvements (e.g., rate-setting activities, establishment of standards of care, development/revision of credentialing, licensure, or accreditation requirements).
- Quality improvement efforts in the area of clinical care of child trauma.
- Workforce development (e.g., training, support for licensure, credentialing, or accreditation).
- Organize and support of child trauma treatment training events.
- Communication and marketing of Network activities and products through the use of multiple media, including Web-based technology.
- Consultation and liaison activities to foster opportunities for grantee sites to partner with state/local mental health systems, major child serving agencies, such as child welfare and juvenile justice, and other local stakeholders to address community needs related to transforming systems to address the challenges of child and adolescent trauma.
- Support the development, implementation, and evaluation of interventions for “secondary trauma” in professionals and support those who interact with traumatized children and adolescents.

2.2 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. The number of organizations or communities implementing mental health related training programs as a result of the grant.
2. The number of people in the mental health and related workforce trained in mental health related practices/activities that are consistent with the goals of the grant.
3. The number and percentage of work group/advisory group/council members who are consumers/family members.

This information will be gathered using Transformation Accountability System (TRAC), which can be found at: <https://www.cmhs-gpra.samhsa.gov>, along with instructions for completing it. Hard copies are available in the application packages available by calling the SAMHSA’s Office of Communications at 1-877-SAMHSA7 [TDD: 1-800-487-4889.] Data will be collected quarterly after entry of annual goals. Data are to be entered into a web-based system supported by quarterly written fiscal reports and written annual reports. Technical assistance for the web-based data entry, fiscal and annual report generation is available.

Performance data will be reported to the public, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Congress as part of SAMHSA’s budget request.

2.3 Performance Assessment

Internal Evaluation

The National Center must evaluate its project, and applicants are required to describe a proposed evaluation plan in their applications. The evaluation should be designed to provide regular feedback to the project to improve program operations and, ultimately, the outcomes that will result from implementation of the project. The successful applicant will be expected to submit an annual evaluation report to SAMHSA. As the lead grantee working in partnership with SAMHSA to coordinate the activities of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, NCCTS plays a pivotal role in ensuring that the Network meets the overall goals of this initiative. Therefore, the National Center must address the following in its evaluation:

- Demonstrating effectiveness and leadership for managing activities that require coordination and integration across funded Centers;
- How effective are NCCTS efforts to expand the National Reach of the Network, to military families, alumni members, State and national child serving systems,

and other relevant federal efforts? How has Network training that you have conducted been received by service providers?

- How effective has the NCCTS been in strengthening the process for developing and disseminating network products including the effectiveness and applicability of intervention products in child welfare and juvenile justice settings?
- How effective has the NCCTS been in promoting virtual training programs targeting non network clinicians and child serving providers in each of the ten SAMHSA regions? *Process Questions:*
- How closely did required activities in the areas of intervention and product development support, training, Network collaboration and communication, *and data collection* and evaluation match the proposed goals and plans?
- 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?
- How effective has your training plan been in developing and delivering Child Trauma training to address national needs.

The NCCTS grantee will be required to submit an evaluation report annually and at the end of the project period that documents the program outcomes as well as progress of the Center in meeting proposed goals and objectives.

No more than 20% of the \$5 million may be used for data collection, evaluation, performance measurement, and performance assessment, e.g., activities required in Sections I-2.2 and 2.3 above.

2.4 Grantee Meetings

Grantees must plan to send a maximum of ten people (including the Project Director) to a joint grantee (All Network) meeting in each year of the grant, if one is scheduled. You must include a detailed budget and narrative for this travel in your budget. At these meetings, grantees will present the results of their projects and Federal staff will provide technical assistance thru on-site training to ensure effective trauma services are developed and implemented to children/youth in need and in relevant child-serving services systems. Each meeting will be 3 days. These meetings are usually held in the Washington, D.C., area and attendance is mandatory. In addition, there may be one 2-day grantee orientation meeting held in the first year of the grant to acquaint new grantees with Network operations and opportunities. The grantee must support logistics for this 2-day meeting and send a maximum of 5 people to this meeting. This meeting will be held in the Washington, D.C., area.

II. AWARD INFORMATION

Proposed budgets cannot exceed \$6 million in total costs (direct and indirect) in any year of the proposed project. Applicants must submit two (2) separate budgets for: the National Center (\$5 million) and Core Data Set Reporting and Analysis (\$1 million). 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 cooperative agreements.

Cooperative Agreement

These awards are being made as cooperative agreements because they require substantial post-award Federal programmatic participation in the conduct of the project. Under this cooperative agreement, the roles and responsibilities of grantees and SAMHSA staff are:

Role of Grantee:

- Comply with the terms of the award and satisfactorily perform activities to achieve the approved goals of the project;
- Consult with and accept guidance from CMHS staff on performance of activities to achieve the goals of the project;
- Consult with SAMHSA staff, outside experts, and local evaluators on evaluation plans;
- Support and participate in Network trainings and meetings on child trauma issues and child serving systems collaborations,
- Respond to requests for information from CMHS on activities supporting the development of trauma-focused interventions and trauma-informed child service systems;
- Agree to provide SAMHSA with data required for GPRA and Core Data Set analysis and reporting;
- As appropriate, support and disseminate intervention products, training materials, and other publications developed by the Network for use by practitioners, consumers, and the public; and
- Produce required quarterly and annual SAMHSA reports.

Role of SAMHSA Staff:

- Review and approve all phases of the project to ensure accomplishment of the goals;
- Review and approve project activities for conformity to the goals of developing trauma-focused interventions and trauma-informed child-serving service systems;
- Assume responsibility for monitoring the conduct and progress of the NCCTS programs to promote effective trauma-focused treatment and services;
- Provide guidance on the project design and components;
- Participate in policy and steering groups or related work groups;
- Review quarterly reports and conduct site visits;
- Participate in the design of evaluation methods and indicators to assess progress in developing trauma-informed service systems;
- Approve data collection plans and institute policies regarding data collection;
- Recommend outside consultants for training, site-specific evaluation, and data collection, if needed;
- Author or co-author publications on program findings; and
- Provide technical assistance on ways to help disseminate and apply study results.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example:

- State and local governments
- Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribes and tribal organizations
- Urban Indian organizations
- Public or private universities and colleges
- Community- and faith-based organizations

Tribal organization means the recognized body of any AI/AN Tribe; any legally established organization of American Indians/Alaska Natives which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of American Indians/Alaska Natives in all phases of its activities. Consortia of Tribes or tribal organizations are eligible to apply, but each participating entity must indicate its approval.

Applicants may also apply for the NCTSI Treatment and Services and Adaptation Centers (TSA) and Community Treatment and Services Centers (CTS) cooperative agreements. If approved for funding in more than one National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative program, an award may be made in only one of the programs.

The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit agencies.

2. COST SHARING and MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Cost sharing/match are 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: 1) use of the SF-424 Application form; Budget Information form SF-424A; Project/Performance Site Location(s) form; Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, if applicable; and Checklist. 2) application submission requirements in [Section IV-3](#) 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/apply.aspx>.

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 <http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/ApplicationKit.aspx>. 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 (<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/index.aspx>) and a synopsis of the RFA is available on the Federal grants Web site (<http://www.Grants.gov>).

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 at <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com> 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 [Appendix H](#) of this document. Applicants must submit two (2) separate budgets: the National Center (\$5 million) and Core Data Set Reporting and Analysis (\$1 million)
- **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 30 pages. (Remember that if your Project Narrative starts on page 5 and ends on page 30, it is 31 pages long, not 30 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 through H. There are no page limits for these sections, except for Section G, 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 4** – 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 30 pages for Attachments 1, 3 and 4 combined. There are no page limitations for Attachments 2 and 4. 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:* Letters of Support
 - *Attachment 2:* 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 2.

- *Attachment 3*: Sample Consent Forms
- *Attachment 4*: Letter to the SSA (if applicable; see Section IV-4 of this document)
- **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.
- **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 [Appendix A](#), *Checklist for Formatting Requirements and Screen Out 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 June 20, 2012. SAMHSA provides two options for submission of grant applications: 1) electronic submission, **or** 2) paper submission. You are encouraged to apply electronically. 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 must 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 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 "**National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, SM-12-005**" 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 <http://www.Grants.gov>. 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 [Appendix C](#) 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 <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/management.aspx>:

- 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 National Center for Child Traumatic grant recipient 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.

SAMHSA grantees must also comply with SAMHSA’s standard funding restrictions, which are included in [Appendix D](#).

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 quality 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 30 pages.
- You must use the four sections/headings 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 at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/apply.aspx> at the bottom of the page under "Resources for Grant Writing."
- The Supporting Documentation you provide in Sections E-H and Attachments 1-4 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: Statement of Need (20 points)

- Describe the important National issues in child trauma treatment and services that need to be addressed by the NCCTS, major accomplishments of the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative in improving treatment, services, and access for children, adolescents and their families who have experienced traumatic events.
- Identify the major needs/gaps that need to be addressed in the next four years and describe how the needs/gaps will be addressed to further the accomplishments of the NCTSI to create a more comprehensive and effective National approach to child trauma in the United States.
- Discuss the key issues and strategies for transforming the major child/adolescent service systems, such as schools, the child mental health service system, the child welfare system, and the juvenile justice system, into trauma-informed systems of care and services.

Section B: Proposed Approach (40 points)

Describe how you will perform the following functions of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress. In each area propose (1) a set of significant goals that would advance Network accomplishments in addressing child/adolescent traumatic stress; (2) preliminary plans or strategies to develop Network activities, resources, and products within the existing framework of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network to achieve these goals; (3) how virtual training systems in evidence-based child trauma treatment will be developed and implemented in each of SAMHSA ten regions and how this training will enhance the dissemination of evidence-based practices to treat child traumatic stress both inside and outside the “Network.”; (4) describe indicators of goal accomplishment; and (5) how data on these indicators will be collected and used for improvement in accomplishing the proposed goals. Applicants might review the “Expectations” section of the RFA for examples of activities in each of these functional areas:

Identifying National Unmet Needs and Emerging Issues in Child Trauma

- Describe goals and plans for how the NCCTS will collaborate with SAMHSA and the Network grantees in identifying emerging issues or unmet needs, related to child trauma.
- Describe goals and plans to further develop and support the Network’s collaborative approach to identifying, improving, developing, disseminating, and/or evaluating effective child trauma treatment and services throughout the Nation.
- Describe the plan to incorporate implementation science into the efforts and training of the NCCTS.

Develop and Maintain Collaborative Network Structure

- Describe goals and plans for how the National Center will develop and maintain a framework and organizational procedures for collaboration among the Network. The plan should include:
 - procedures and how they will be implemented to enhance communication, information sharing, and consensus building;
 - procedures that facilitates the coordination and integration of new centers into the Network; and
 - increase the development of child trauma intervention products, expertise in new centers, the participation of alumni members, community partners, professional organizations, and representatives of local, and external partnering organizations in Network activities.
- Describe plans to increase the participation of affiliate membership within the Network. The plan should include:

- how affiliate membership will be increased and how their participation in workgroups, training, product development, and dissemination will be supported;
 - roles and responsibility of Center staff and how the National Center will support affiliate memberships; and
 - support of collaborative Network committees as well as intervention and product development.
- Describe the purpose, composition, and activities of the Network Steering Committee that will be representative of Network centers and provide guidance on general policies for the operation of the Network. In addition, describe the function and purpose of an Advisory Board made up of constituency representatives that will provide input on how the Network can achieve the national goals of NCTSI. The applicant should describe membership, roles, functions, and frequency of meetings for these two proposed Committees.
 - Describe how consumers/peers, family, youth, and community service providers, will participate in a meaningful way in all aspects of the Center and Network activities.

Expand and Enhance the National Reach and Impact of the Network

- Describe goals and plans for the role of the NCCTS in developing the Network's response to child trauma that will have a major national impact.

Describe how the Network will reach affected trauma populations, such as military families who have experienced deployment or loss, children and families impacted by natural and/or human-caused disasters, children and adolescents who experience interpersonal violence and loss, and populations underserved because of ethnicity, residence, or discrimination.

- Describe goals and plans to expand the reach of the Network by developing collaborations with service programs that do not receive direct grant funding from SAMHSA and with professional and advocacy organizations. Plans must include enhancement of trauma knowledge, use of NCTSN, or other appropriate evidence-based interventions, and expansion of participation in Network activities for alumni, partnering organizations, professional organizations, and service systems.

Support Network Training Efforts in Trauma-Focused Interventions and Information

- Describe goals and plans to enhance Network impact by coordinating and increasing the Network's capacity to provide effective Network-developed intervention training to a large number of Network and non-Network service providers through effective and innovative training procedures,

particularly use of Learning Collaboratives and online training. As part of this effort, describe how the National Center will support Network activities to assess the effectiveness and applicability of Network-developed training and intervention implementation.

- Describe how the National Center will implement a virtual training program targeting clinicians and child serving experts in each of the ten SAMHSA regions to ensure that sufficient personnel are trained and available to serve children, youth and their families who are in need of trauma treatment services. This plan will include a description of how the NCCTS coordinating center would further develop the Network's capacity for training network and non network providers in the implementation of evidence based treatment and services delivery approaches. In addition, this plan would further describe how the NCCTS will connect with the Category II grantees receiving supplemental funding to support training activities.
- Develop a strategic plan to promote the development and implementation of resources for implementing trauma-focused services in major child-serving systems, such as child welfare (including foster care), juvenile justice, schools, and medical settings;
- Describe goals and plans to effectively distribute collaborative Network products, encourage and support their use. Describe processes to support the development, production, and dissemination of a range of collaborative products – including effective clinical and service intervention products. Indicate how input from consumers, service providers, and policy makers will be obtained; describe strategies for establishing and maintaining partnerships with professional groups, policy makers, community-based organizations, child serving systems and other key stakeholders to support dissemination efforts.

Facilitate Network Communication

- Describe goals and plans to use and expand information technology resources such as websites, webinars, speaker series, e-newsletters, e-meetings, and listserves and shared electronic websites, for electronic communication and project development within the Network and for professional, consumer, and public education on trauma issues.
- Describe plans to develop and promote online training curricula, electronic versions of Network products and other resources for wide distribution nationally through availability on the Internet.
- Describe any other organizations that will participate and their roles and responsibilities. Demonstrate their commitment to the project. Include letters of support from these community organizations in **Attachment 1** of your application.

- Describe your plan to continue the project after the funding period ends. Also describe how program continuity will be maintained when there is a change in the operational environment (e.g., staff turnover, change in project leadership) to ensure stability over time.

Section C: Staff, Management, and Relevant Experience (20 points)

- Describe the experience of the proposed Center Director(s) in providing national leadership focused on child traumatic stress to the professional child trauma field, other professional organizations, governmental organizations, foundations, and child/adolescent service systems.
- Describe the experience of the proposed Center Director(s) in training clinicians and other providers of mental health services for children and youth in evidence-based child trauma treatment.
- Discuss the capability and experience of the applicant organization and other participating organizations with similar projects and populations, including experience in providing culturally appropriate/competent services.
- Provide a complete list of staff positions for the project, including the Project Director and other key personnel, showing the role of each and their level of effort and qualifications.
- Discuss how key staff have demonstrated experience and are qualified to serve the population(s) to receive services and are familiar with their culture(s) and language(s). Document knowledge and capacity to promote cultural competence in the Center's activities through staffing and/or training.
- Describe the resources available for the proposed project (e.g., facilities, equipment) especially resources to support electronic communication and virtual trainings.

Section D: Performance Assessment and Data (20 points)

- Document your ability to collect and report on the required performance measures as specified in Section I-2.2 of this RFA. Describe your plan for data collection, management, analysis and reporting. Specify and justify any additional measures you plan to use for your grant project.
- Describe how data will be used to manage the project and assure continuous quality improvement, including consideration of disparate outcomes for different racial/ethnic groups and other demographics. Describe how information related to process and outcomes will be routinely communicated to program staff and how results will be distributed to NCTSN centers and external stakeholders.

- Describe how data will be used to manage the project and assure continuous quality improvement, including consideration of behavioral health disparities. Describe how information related to process and outcomes will be routinely communicated to program staff; describe how results will be distributed to NCTSN centers and external stakeholders.
- Describe an evaluation plan to assess and report annually and at the end of the project period on the performance of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress in achieving the function and goals specified in “Proposed Approach” above. This evaluation plan should identify indicators of goal achievement, some benchmarks to assess progress in goal achievement, data collection methods, discussion of potential barriers/issues/problems, and proposed strategies for correction of these issues.
- Describe what consultation will be provided to individual centers on data collection procedures, scoring and interpretation of trauma screening, assessment, and outcome instruments and protocols.
- Describe strategies and procedures that will be used to summarize, analyze, and report results relevant to describing trauma experiences of the service populations, characteristics of trauma responses prevalent in the service population, and outcomes of trauma assessments and interventions.
- Describe goals and plans to support data collection, analysis and reporting to assess improvement in outcomes for traumatized children and adolescents as a result of the implementation of trauma-informed practices in service systems; particularly the use of outcome indicators that are important to targeted service systems and to collect, summarize, and report indicators of systems outcomes that indicate the extent to which these systems have become trauma-informed
- Describe how the Category I (NCCTS) grant will use the analysis of the “core data set” to further our understanding of trauma interventions and other variables such as working in an array of child serving systems.
- Describe your plan for conducting the evaluation as specified in Section I-2.3 of this RFA and document your ability to conduct the assessment and evaluation.

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: Literature Citations. This section must contain complete citations, including titles and all authors, for any literature you cite in your application.

Section F: 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. Be sure to show that no more than 20% of the (\$5 Million) will be used for data collection, evaluation, performance measurement, and performance assessment. **Specifically identify the items associated with these costs in your budget.** An illustration of a budget and narrative justification is included in [Appendix H](#) of this document.

Section G: 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 you should include in your biographical sketches and job descriptions can be found in [Appendix G](#) of this document.

Section H: Confidentiality and SAMHSA Participant Protection/Human Subjects: You must describe procedures relating to Confidentiality, Participant Protection and the Protection of Human Subjects Regulations in Section H of your application. See [Appendix I](#) for guidelines on these requirements.

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:

- the strengths and weaknesses of the application as identified by peer reviewers;
- when the individual award is over \$150,000, approval by the Center for Mental Health Services' National Advisory Council;
- availability of funds;
- equitable distribution of awards in terms of geography (including urban, rural and remote settings) and balance among populations to receive services and program size; and
- Applicants may also apply for the NCTSI Treatment and Services and Adaptation Centers (TSA) and Community Treatment and Services Centers (CTS) cooperative agreements. If approved for funding in more than one National Child

Traumatic Stress Initiative program, an award may be made in only one of the programs.

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 will receive notification from SAMHSA.

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 <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/management.aspx>.
- 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 see the SAMHSA Web site (<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:
 - actions required to be in compliance with confidentiality and participant protection/human subjects requirements;
 - requirements relating to additional data collection and reporting;
 - requirements relating to participation in a cross-site evaluation;
 - 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 <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/downloads/SurveyEnsuringEqualOpp.pdf>. 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 [Section I-2.2](#), grantees must comply with the reporting requirements listed on the SAMHSA Web site at <http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/ApplicationKit.aspx>.

VII. AGENCY CONTACTS

For questions about program issues contact:

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For questions on grants management and budget issues contact:

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Appendix A – Checklist for Formatting Requirements and Screen Out 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 Section [IV-3](#) of this grant announcement.
- You must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) prior 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 Applications."](#))
- 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:
 - Face Page (SF-424)
 - Abstract

- Table of Contents
- Budget Information Form (SF-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:
 - Provisions relating to confidentiality and participant protection specified in [Appendix I](#) of this announcement.
 - Budgetary limitations as specified in Sections I, II, and IV-5 of this announcement.
 - Documentation of nonprofit status as required in the Checklist.
- 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 Section IV-2.2 of this announcement should not be exceeded.
- Send the original application and two copies to the mailing address in Section IV-3 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 <http://www.Grants.gov> 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 <http://www.Grants.gov> 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: support@Grants.gov
- 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 <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>. 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: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp.

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 2007 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 E-H in this order and lettered consecutively.
- Other Attachment File 2: The second Other Attachment file will consist of the Attachments (Attachments 1-4) 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 Appendix A 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, and 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 15,450 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". **If the number of files exceeds the 4 allowable files, the electronic application will not convey properly to SAMHSA.**

With the exception of 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 http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc.

- 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. **SM-12-005**. 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)¹ 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

¹ 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 State or local government or American Indian/Alaska Native Tribe or tribal organization, you are not subject to these 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 <http://www.samhsa.gov>. A listing of the SSAs for mental health can be found on SAMHSA's Web site at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/SSAdirectory-MH.pdf>. If the proposed project falls within the jurisdiction of more than one State, you should notify all representative SSAs.

If applicable, you must include a copy of a letter transmitting the PHSIS to the SSA in **Attachment 4, "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. **SM-12-005**. 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 generally unallowable unless it's an integral part of a conference grant or program specific, e.g., children's program, residential.

- 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 Logic Model

A logic model is a tool to show how your proposed project links the purpose, goals, objectives, and tasks stated with the activities and expected outcomes or “change” and can help to plan, implement, and assess your project. The model also links the purpose, goals, objectives, and activities back into planning and evaluation. A logic model is a picture of your project. It graphically shows the activities and progression of the project. It should also describe the relationships among the resources you put in (inputs), the strategies you use, the infrastructure changes that occur, what takes place (outputs), and what happens or results (outcomes). Your logic model should form a logical chain of “if-then” relationships that enables you to demonstrate how you will get to your desired outcomes with your available resources. Because your logic model requires you to be specific about your intended outputs and outcomes, it can be a valuable resource in assessing the performance of your project by providing you with specific outputs (objectives) and outcomes (goals) that can be measured.

The graphic on the following page provides an example of a logic model that links the inputs to strategies, the strategies to infrastructure changes, the infrastructure changes to outputs, and the outputs to outcomes (goals).

Your logic model should be based on a review of your Statement of Need, in which you state the conditions that gave rise to the project with your target group. A properly targeted logic model will show a logical pathway from inputs to intended outcomes, in which the included outcomes address the needs identified in the Statement of Need.

Examples of **Inputs** depicted in the sample logic model include Federal policies, funding, and requirements; federally sponsored technical assistance; site-specific context items (e.g., populations; site characteristics, e.g., political and geographical; previous activities, policies, etc.; infrastructure, e.g., planning capability & other resources; pre-existing outcomes); and performance data.

Examples of **Strategies** depicted in the sample logic model that are developed as a result of these inputs include initial grant activities, e.g., formation of a steering committee, etc., which in turn leads to a needs assessment and inventory of resources (e.g., development process and conclusion). This in turn leads to a strategic plan (e.g., development process and content). Finally, these strategies result in change/project management mechanisms.

Examples of the **Infrastructure Changes** depicted in the sample logic model that result from the strategies discussed above include such things as policy changes, workforce training, financing changes, organizational changes, improved data collection and use, and changes to service delivery.

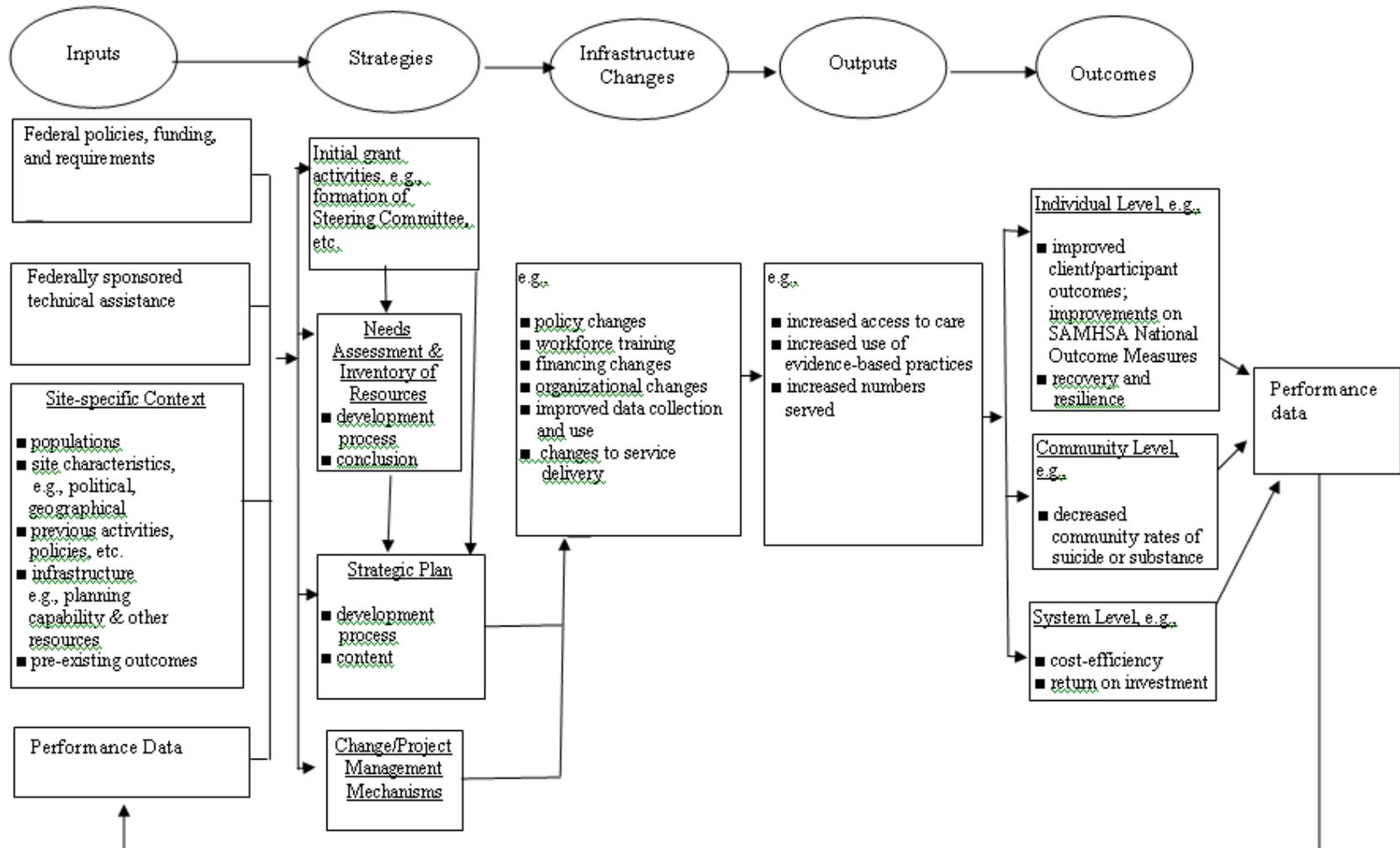
Outputs from these infrastructure changes depicted in the sample logic model include such things as increased access to care, increased use of evidence-based practices, and increased numbers served.

These outputs lead to **Outcomes** at the individual level, community level, and system level. Examples of individual level outcomes depicted in the sample logic model include improved client/participant outcomes; improvements on SAMHSA National Outcomes Measures; and recovery and resilience. Community level outcomes depicted include decreased community rates of suicide or substance abuse. System level outcomes depicted include cost-efficiency and return on investment.

The outcomes produce performance data which lead back to the performance data under **Inputs** in the sample logic model, as performance data both result from and inform the process.

[Note: The logic model presented is not a required format and SAMHSA does not expect strict adherence to this format. It is presented only as a sample of how you can present a logic model in your application.]

Sample Infrastructure Logic Model



Appendix F – Logic Model Resources

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- To receive additional copies of the Logic Model Development Guide, call (800) 819-9997 and request item #1209.

Appendix G – 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

Appendix H – 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 S-424A) **\$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 S-424A) **\$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 SF-424A) **\$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 SF-424A) **\$ 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 SF-424A) \$ 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	Marketing Coordinator	Annual salary of \$30,000 x 10% level of effort		\$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 SF-424A) **\$86,997**

G. Construction: NOT ALLOWED – Leave Section B columns 1& 2 line 6g on SF-424A 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 SF-424A) \$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: <http://www.samhsa.gov> 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 SF-424A)

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 SF-424A)
\$172,713**

INDIRECT CHARGES:

**FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6j of form SF-424A)
\$5,093**

TOTALS: (sum of 6i and 6j)

FEDERAL REQUEST – (enter in Section B column 1 line 6k of form SF-424A)
\$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:	09/30/2012	b. End Date:	09/29/2017
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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

Category	Year 1	Year 2*	Year 3*	Year 4*	Year 5*	Total Project Costs
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 SF-424A) **\$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 I – Confidentiality and SAMHSA Participant Protection/Human Subjects Guidelines

Confidentiality and Participant Protection:

Because of the confidential nature of the work in which many SAMHSA grantees are involved, it is important to have safeguards protecting individuals from risks associated with their participation in SAMHSA projects. All applicants must address the seven elements below. If some are not applicable or relevant to the proposed project, simply state that they are not applicable and indicate why. In addition to addressing these seven elements, read the section that follows entitled Protection of Human Subjects Regulations to determine if the regulations may apply to your project. If so, you are required to describe the process you will follow for obtaining Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. While we encourage you to keep your responses brief, there are no page limits for this section and no points will be assigned by the Review Committee. Problems with confidentiality, participant protection, and the protection of human subjects identified during peer review of the application must be resolved prior to funding.

1. Protect Clients and Staff from Potential Risks

- Identify and describe any foreseeable physical, medical, psychological, social, and legal risks or potential adverse effects as a result of the project itself or any data collection activity.
- Describe the procedures you will follow to minimize or protect participants against potential risks, including risks to confidentiality.
- Identify plans to provide guidance and assistance in the event there are adverse effects to participants.
- Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that may be beneficial to the participants. If you choose not to use these other beneficial treatments, provide the reasons for not using them.

2. Fair Selection of Participants

- Describe the population(s) of focus for the proposed project. Include age, gender, and racial/ethnic background and note if the population includes homeless youth, foster children, children of substance abusers, pregnant women, or other targeted groups.
- Explain the reasons for including groups of pregnant women, children, people with mental disabilities, people in institutions, prisoners, and individuals who are likely to be particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS.
- Explain the reasons for including or excluding participants.

- Explain how you will recruit and select participants. Identify who will select participants.

3. Absence of Coercion

- Explain if participation in the project is voluntary or required. Identify possible reasons why participation is required, for example, court orders requiring people to participate in a program.
- If you plan to compensate participants, state how participants will be awarded incentives (e.g., money, gifts, etc.). Provide justification that the use of incentives is appropriate, judicious, and conservative and that incentives do not provide an “undue inducement” which removes the voluntary nature of participation. Incentives should be the minimum amount necessary to meet the programmatic and performance assessment goals of the grant. Applicants should determine the minimum amount that is proven effective by consulting with existing local programs and reviewing the relevant literature. In no case may the value of an incentive paid for with SAMHSA discretionary grant funds exceed \$20.
- State how volunteer participants will be told that they may receive services intervention even if they do not participate in or complete the data collection component of the project.

4. Data Collection

- Identify from whom you will collect data (e.g., from participants themselves, family members, teachers, others). Describe the data collection procedures and specify the sources for obtaining data (e.g., school records, interviews, psychological assessments, questionnaires, observation, or other sources). Where data are to be collected through observational techniques, questionnaires, interviews, or other direct means, describe the data collection setting.
- Identify what type of specimens (e.g., urine, blood) will be used, if any. State if the material will be used just for evaluation or if other use(s) will be made. Also, if needed, describe how the material will be monitored to ensure the safety of participants.
- Provide in **Attachment 2, “Data Collection Instruments/Interview Protocols,”** copies of all available data collection instruments and interview protocols that you plan to use.

5. Privacy and Confidentiality

- Explain how you will ensure privacy and confidentiality. Include who will collect data and how it will be collected.
- Describe:

- How you will use data collection instruments.
- Where data will be stored.
- Who will or will not have access to information.
- How the identity of participants will be kept private, for example, through the use of a coding system on data records, limiting access to records, or storing identifiers separately from data.

NOTE: If applicable, grantees must agree to maintain the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse client records according to the provisions of **Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part II.**

6. Adequate Consent Procedures

- List what information will be given to people who participate in the project. Include the type and purpose of their participation. Identify the data that will be collected, how the data will be used and how you will keep the data private.
- State:
 - Whether or not their participation is voluntary.
 - Their right to leave the project at any time without problems.
 - Possible risks from participation in the project.
 - Plans to protect clients from these risks.
- Explain how you will get consent for youth, the elderly, people with limited reading skills, and people who do not use English as their first language.

NOTE: If the project poses potential physical, medical, psychological, legal, social or other risks, you **must** obtain written informed consent.

- Indicate if you will obtain informed consent from participants or assent from minors along with consent from their parents or legal guardians. Describe how the consent will be documented. For example: Will you read the consent forms? Will you ask prospective participants questions to be sure they understand the forms? Will you give them copies of what they sign?
- Include, as appropriate, sample consent forms that provide for: (1) informed consent for participation in service intervention; (2) informed consent for participation in the data collection component of the project; and (3) informed consent for the exchange (releasing or requesting) of confidential information. The sample forms must be included in **Attachment 3, “Sample Consent Forms”**, of your application. If needed, give English translations.

NOTE: Never imply that the participant waives or appears to waive any legal rights, may not end involvement with the project, or releases your project or its agents from liability for negligence.

- Describe if separate consents will be obtained for different stages or parts of the project. For example, will they be needed for both participant protection in treatment intervention and for the collection and use of data?
- Additionally, if other consents (e.g., consents to release information to others or gather information from others) will be used in your project, provide a description of the consents. Will individuals who do not consent to having individually identifiable data collected for evaluation purposes be allowed to participate in the project?

7. Risk/Benefit Discussion

- Discuss why the risks are reasonable compared to expected benefits and importance of the knowledge from the project.

Protection of Human Subjects Regulations

SAMHSA expects that most grantees funded under this announcement will not have to comply with the Protection of Human Subjects Regulations (45 CFR 46), which requires Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. However, in some instances, the applicant's proposed performance assessment design may meet the regulation's criteria for research involving human subjects. For assistance in determining if your proposed performance assessment meets the criteria in 45 CFR 46, Protection of Human Subjects Regulations, refer to the SAMHSA decision tree on the SAMHSA Web site, under "Applying for a New SAMHSA Grant," <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/apply.aspx>.

In addition to the elements above, applicants whose projects must comply with the Human Subjects Regulations must fully describe the process for obtaining IRB approval. While IRB approval is not required at the time of grant award, these grantees will be required, as a condition of award, to provide documentation that an Assurance of Compliance is on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). IRB approval must be received in these cases prior to enrolling participants in the project. General information about Human Subjects Regulations can be obtained through OHRP at <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp>, or ohrp@osophs.dhhs.gov, or (240) 453-6900. SAMHSA-specific questions should be directed to the program contact listed in Section VII of this announcement.