

the reorganization of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) (HNV), National Institutes of Health (NIH). This reorganization will: (1) Realign functions within the Office of the Director (HNV); and (2) establish the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (HNV19). This reorganization will establish the equal employment opportunity (EEO) function as a visible, and respected, entity within the NIEHS, reflecting the growing significance of this function within the federal work place.

Section HN-B, Organization and Functions, is amended as follows: (1) Under the *Office of the Director (HNV1)*, insert the following:

Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (HNV19). Promotes an increased awareness of equal employment opportunity (EEO), diversity, and civil rights issues, which

will stimulate improved leadership and workforce opportunity through education, experience, and participation.

Delegations of Authority Statement: All delegations and redelegations of authority to offices and employees of NIH which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization and are consistent with this reorganization shall continue in effect, pending further redelegation.

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Harold Varmus,
Director, NIH.
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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 Funding Opportunity for a Cooperative Agreement From the Center for Mental Health Services

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

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announces that FY 1997 funds are available for a cooperative agreement for the activity discussed under Section 4 of this notice. This notice is not a complete description of the activity; potential applicants *must* obtain a copy of the Guidance for Applicants (GFA) before preparing an application.

Activity	Application deadline	Estimated funds available	Estimated number of awards	Project period
TA Center for Evaluation	01/10/97	\$600,000	1	3 yrs.

FY 1997 funds for this activity were appropriated by the Congress under Public Law No. 104-208. SAMHSA's policies and procedures for peer review and Advisory Council review of grant and cooperative agreement applications were published in the Federal Register (Vol. 58, No. 126) on July 2, 1993.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The Center's activities address issues related to Healthy People 2000 objectives: to promote the physical, social, psychological, and economic well-being of adults with mental disorders and children and adolescents with or at risk for a serious emotional, behavioral, or mental disorder. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report: Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Summary Report: Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325 (Telephone: 202-783-3238).

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Applicants must use application form PHS 5161-1 (Rev. 5/96; OMB No. 0937-0189). The Application Kit contains the full GFA, the PHS 5161-1, Standard Form 424 (Face Page), and *complete instructions*

for preparing and submitting applications. The Kit may be obtained from the contact person identified in Section 4.

The full text of the activity (i.e., the GFA) described in Section 4 is available electronically via the following:

SAMHSA's World Wide Web Home Page (address: HTTP://WWW.SAMHSA.GOV); SAMHSA's Bulletin Board (800-424-2294 or 301-443-0040; and the Center for Mental Health Services' Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) (voice line 800-789-2647 or Electronic Bulletin Board 800-790-2647).

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Applications must be submitted to: Center for Mental Health Services Programs, Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, Suite 1040, 6701 Rockledge Drive MSC-7710, Bethesda, MD 20892-7710.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINES: The deadline for receipt of applications is listed in the table above.

Competing applications must be received by the indicated receipt date to be accepted for review. An application received after the deadline may be acceptable if it carries a legible proof-of-mailing date assigned by the carrier and that date is not later than one week prior

to the deadline date. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

Applications received after the receipt date or those sent to an address other than the address specified above will be returned to the applicant without review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for technical information should be directed to the contact person identified in Section 4.

Requests for information concerning business management issues should be directed to: Stephen Hudak—(301) 443-4456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To facilitate the use of this notice of funding availability, information has been organized, as outlined in the Table of Contents below:

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1. Program Background and Objectives

The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) has been given a statutory mandate to take a national leadership role in the development and demonstration of improved mental health services. Toward that end, the Center facilitates the application of scientifically established findings and practice-based knowledge to prevent and treat mental disorders, improve access, reduce barriers and promote high quality, effective programs and services for people with, or at risk for, these disorders.

2. Special Concerns

None.

3. Criteria for Review and Funding

Competing applications requesting funding under the specific project activity in Section 4 will be reviewed for technical merit in accordance with established PHS/SAMHSA peer review procedures. Applications that are accepted for review will be assigned to an Initial Review Group (IRG) composed primarily of non-Federal experts. Applications will be recommended for approval or disapproval on the basis of merit. Applications recommended for approval will be assigned scores according to level of merit.

3.1 General Criteria

As published in the Federal Register on July 2, 1993 (Vol. 58, No. 126), SAMHSA's "Peer Review and Advisory Council Review of Grant and Cooperative Agreement Applications and Contract Proposals," peer review groups will take into account, among other factors as may be specified in the application guidance materials, the following general criteria:

Potential significance of the proposed project;

Appropriateness of the applicant's proposed objectives to the goals of the specific program;

Adequacy and appropriateness of the proposed approach and activities;

Adequacy of available resources, such as facilities and equipment;

Qualifications and experience of the applicant organization, the project director, and other key personnel; and

Reasonableness of the proposed budget.

3.2 Funding Criteria for Approved Applications

Applications recommended for approval by the peer review group and the CMHS National Advisory Council (if applicable) will be considered for funding on the basis of their overall technical merit as determined through the review process.

Other funding criteria will include:
Availability of funds.

Additional funding criteria specific to the programmatic activity may be included in the application guidance materials.

4. Specific FY 1997 Activity

Technical Assistance Center for the Evaluation of Mental Health Systems Change. This activity will be conducted as a cooperative agreement program. Federal programmatic involvement is required in cooperative agreement programs. Federal involvement will include planning, guiding, coordinating, and participating in programmatic activities (e.g., participation in publication of findings) and on steering committees. Periodic meetings, conferences and/or communications with the award recipients may be held to review mutually agreed upon goals and objectives and to assess progress. Additional details on the degree of Federal programmatic involvement will be included in the application guidance materials.

Application Deadline:

Purpose: A cooperative agreement will be awarded to support a Technical Assistance Center (TA Center) for the Evaluation of Mental Health Systems Change. The goal of the TA Center will be to provide technical assistance in the area of evaluation to State and local public entities as well as private nonprofit entities within the States with a primary focus on adult mental health systems. Broadly speaking, the TA Center should accomplish this goal through increasing the capacity of its customers to conduct evaluations; through direct and indirect technical assistance activities; through encouraging the evaluation of systems implementation strategies and changes at State and sub-State levels that have the potential for providing useful knowledge to organizations considering similar changes in other areas; and through consensus building within States and local communities about "best practices" based on the results of these, and related, evaluations. Funds will be awarded through a cooperative agreement mechanism to allow CMHS staff to coordinate this effort with related technical assistance and

information dissemination efforts. These efforts include the CMHS Knowledge Exchange Network, the TA Center for State Mental Health Planning, and the National TA Center for Children's Mental Health.

Priorities: None.

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by public organizations, such as units of State or local governments and by domestic private nonprofit and for-profit organizations such as community-based organizations, universities, colleges and hospitals, including active CMHS Division of Knowledge Development and Systems Change grantees.

Grants/Amounts: 1 award, with the award being approximately \$600,000 in the first year.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.119

Program Contact: Mary Westcott, Ph.D., Division of Knowledge Development and Systems Change, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Rm. 11C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-3606.

5. Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This activity is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

6. PHS Non-Use of Tobacco Policy Statement

The PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the nonuse of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

7. Executive Order 12372

This activity is not subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372, as implemented through DHHS regulations at 45 CFR Part 100.

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Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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