

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**  
**Statewide Consumer Networks Grant Program**  
**RFA # SM-12-002**

- 1. How can I get a hard copy of the RFA and Application Package mailed to me?** Call SAMHSA 1-877-726-4727 (1-877-SAMHSA7), (TDD: 1-800-4874889).
- 2. Can more than one organization in a state apply for this grant?**

The RFA does not prohibit more than one organization in a state from applying; however, only one award per state will be made. See Section V, Application Review Information, Sub-Section 2. Review Process and Selection Process on page 20.

- 3. Does my organization have to be an independent 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity?**

Yes, applicant organizations must have received from the United States Federal Government Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.) documentation that the organization has tax-exempt status or similar documentation. A copy of this documentation must be included in the application, as well as written assurance of support from the organization's Board of Directors. See Appendix L in the RFA for additional information.

- 4. Does this grant opportunity apply only to states that don't already have SAMHSA-funded Statewide Consumer Network grantees?**

The awards do not go to states; rather eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, tribal and urban Indian organizations, and community- and faith-based organizations that meet the criteria for consumer-controlled organizations and are not current recipients of a SAMHSA Statewide Consumer Network grant in the 2010-2013 cohort.

- 5. Can my organization have a fiscal agent be the recipient of the grant award?**

No, your organization must be legally, administratively, and financially responsible for overseeing and managing the grant. For more information, see Appendix L in the RFA.

- 6. Can organizations that are currently funded through the SAMHSA Statewide Consumer Network grant program apply for this grant?**

You cannot apply for this RFA if you are a recipient of a SAMHSA Statewide Consumer Network grant program in the FY 2010-2013 cohort.

7. **We currently have a SAMHSA Statewide Consumer Network grant which ends in 2013. Will there be new opportunities for funding when our grant period ends?**

Statewide Consumer Network grants are authorized under Section 520A of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. Future funding of the Statewide Consumer Network grant program will depend on the availability of funds.

8. **If we are a youth-run or family-run network, can we apply for this RFA?**

According to the RFA and Appendix L, all applicant organizations must meet the criteria of a consumer organization. This means, among other criteria, your organization must (a) be controlled *and* managed by consumers (individuals 18 years of age or older with serious mental illness), (b) have a Board of Directors that is comprised of more than 50 percent consumers, and (c) have been in operation for more than six months.

9. **Could a clubhouse program be eligible to apply for a Statewide Consumer Network Grant? Our Board of Directors includes one staff and two consumer members from each of our clubhouses. Also, we are a 501c3 and meet all other criteria.**

Yes, the clubhouse program would be eligible to apply for a Statewide Consumer Network grant as long as it meets the goals and objectives of the RFA.

10. **Would a consumer run organization that is comprised of individuals in recovery from drug addiction be eligible to apply for the consumer network grant?**

You can apply as long as you meet eligibility requirements described in Section III and Appendix L of the RFA.