

Announcement of Pre-application Technical Assistance Calls for RFA No. SM-12-002 Statewide Consumer Network Grants

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing two (2) technical assistance conference calls for those organizations that are interested in applying for the Statewide Consumer Network Grant, RFA # SM-12-002. The calls will be lead by SAMHSA, Center for Mental Health Services staff.

The two calls will be held on the dates and times listed below, and interested parties may participate by using the respective dial-in numbers and pass codes for each call:

First Call

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012

Time: 2:00-3:30pm EDT

Dial: 888-790-6860

Pass code: 6143515

Second Call

Date: Monday, April 16, 2012

Time: 3:00-4:30pm EDT

Dial: 888-790-6860

Pass code: 7657768

All necessary information, including the full RFA, eligibility requirements and required forms related to Statewide Consumer Network Grants, as well as a list of frequently asked questions about the program, can be found at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants>.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced it is accepting applications for fiscal year 2012 Statewide Consumer Network grants. The purpose of this program is to enhance statewide consumer-run organizations to promote service system capacity and infrastructure development that is recovery-focused and resiliency-oriented.

Approximately \$770,000 is available to fund up to eleven (11) grants at \$70,000 each for 3-years. These grants are meant to address the needs of underserved and under-represented consumers, such as veterans; those with histories of trauma; those from ethnic, racial, or cultural minority groups; and those who have been involved in the criminal justice system. The Statewide Consumer Network program also seeks to promote activities related to partnership development with peers in recovery from addictions; peer support, and service needs related to gender; training and skills development; trauma-informed peer support; legacy planning; wellness; and/or economic empowerment as part of the recovery process for consumers.

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

HOW TO APPLY: Grant Application kits are available on the SAMHSA website at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/ApplicationKit.aspx> or you may request a complete application package from SAMHSA by calling 1-877-726-4727 (1-877-SAMHSA7), [TDD: 1-800-487-4889].

The RFA is available on the SAMHSA website at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants>, RFA # SM-12-002.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Applications must be received by May 18, 2012.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions on program issues should contact Mary Blake at 240-276-1747 or via e-mail at mary.blake@samhsa.hhs.gov. For questions on grants or budget issues, contact Gwendolyn Simpson at 240-276-1408 or via e-mail at gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov.