

NEW FUNDING ALERT

Adult Reentry Program

FUNDER: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

[Link to Funding Opportunity](#)

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adults in the criminal justice system with a SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, who are returning to their families and community following a period of incarceration in state and local facilities including prisons, jails, or detention centers.

Award recipients will be expected to screen and assess clients for the presence of SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, screen for infectious diseases for which those with SUDs are at high risk and provide evidence-based and population appropriate harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services. With this program, SAMHSA aims to improve abstinence from substance use, housing stability, employment status, social connectedness, health/behavioral/social consequences, and reduce criminal justice involvement.

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ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants are:

- Domestic public and private non-profit entities.
- State governments, The District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau
- Governmental units within political subdivisions of a state, such as a county, city, or town.
- Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and tribal organizations, and consortia of tribes or tribal organizations.
- Public or private universities and colleges
- Community- and faith-based organizations

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FUNDING LEVEL

- **Estimated Number of Awards:** 33
- **Award Amount:** \$400K per year
- **Length of Project Period:** 5 years
- **No Match or Cost Sharing Required**

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INCLUSION CRITERIA FOR SENTENCED ADULTS

The sentenced adult must meet the following criteria to receive services funded under this program:

- Be assessed or diagnosed as having a SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorder;
- Either sentenced to and serving at least one month in a correctional facility (jail/prison/detention center); or
- Be on probation/parole and be at risk of being re-incarcerated in a correctional facility (jail/prison/detention center), due to a probation/parole violation;
- For those currently incarcerated, be within four months of scheduled release to the community, in order to receive services in the correctional/detention setting; and
- Upon immediate release from the correctional facility to the community, be referred to community-based treatment.

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Award recipients must use SAMHSA's funds to support direct services primarily. This includes the following activities:

- Within four months of the award, begin providing activities/services in identified correctional facility(ies), start transitional planning in the facility(ies) as soon as possible, and provide community-based treatment services.
- When evaluating individuals for entry into the program, work closely with Probation and Parole to ensure effective screening, assessment, and transition of individuals at risk of a probation/parole violation and to ensure that racial, ethnic, sexual and gender minority groups are not disproportionately excluded from entry into the program.
- Screen and assess clients for the presence of SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders and use the information obtained from the screening and assessment to develop appropriate, person-centered treatment approaches.

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Award recipients must use SAMHSA's funds to support direct services primarily. This includes the following activities:

- Provide evidence-based and population appropriate treatment services to meet the unique needs of diverse populations at risk. Treatment services must include the use of FDA-approved medications in the treatment of opioid and/or alcohol use disorder and medication management (if available in the geographic area served), outpatient, day treatment (including outreach-based services), intensive outpatient, or residential programs.
- Provide recovery support services (e.g., recovery housing, peer support services, childcare, supported employment, skills training and development, and transportation services) that provide emotional and practical support to maintain client/participant remission.
- Provide drug testing as required for supervision, treatment adherence, and therapeutic intervention.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Award recipients must use SAMHSA's funds to support direct services primarily. This includes the following activities:

- Provide case management that encompasses a team approach and includes criminal justice supervising authorities, SUD treatment professionals, existing treatment alternatives organizations (e.g., Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) or similar treatment referral and case management models), pursuit of Medicaid and health insurance eligibility, linkage to primary and dental care that support long-term recovery, linkage to recovery community organizations, and law enforcement as appropriate in the community setting.

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Award recipients must use SAMHSA's funds to support direct services primarily. This includes the following activities:

- Require the development of comprehensive, person-centered case management plans that directly address the risk factors for recidivism, as determined by validated risk assessments directly related to recidivism, and include delivery or facilitation of services, including substance use and cognitive behavioral interventions.
- Screen for infectious diseases for which those with substance use disorders are at high risk, including HIV and viral hepatitis (hepatitis A, B, and C), with appropriate referral and follow-up to assure treatment if screening tests indicate infection, and vaccination for those infectious diseases for which a vaccine is available.

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Award recipients must use SAMHSA's funds to support direct services primarily. This includes the following activities:

- Develop and implement a plan to provide training on behavioral health implementation for the national CLAS standards for staff that encompasses the population of focus in the service area.
- Monitor race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity of enrollees in the program so that equity among population groups is addressed.

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- If the applicant is not a Department of Corrections (DOC) or correctional facility, it must submit a Letter of Commitment (LOC) in Attachment 1 for identified correctional facility partners. The LOC(s) must indicate the correctional facility(ies) are aware of the organization's application, including that they will partner with them to assist with identifying eligible candidates within the correctional facility, allow in-reach into the facility for pre-release assessment and planning, and develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the organization within 90 days of the organization receiving funding.
- If peer support services are provided, they should be designed with, and, delivered by individuals who have experience with the criminal justice system, have experienced a SUD, or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, and are in recovery. (Note: Funds may be used to purchase such services from another provider.)
- Funds may be used for HIV rapid testing and viral hepatitis (B and C) testing.

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STRATEGY

Based on our experience, these are our recommendations.

- We suggest that you carefully review the funding announcement and solidify MOUs with the department of corrections, including the roles and responsibilities the program.
- Review current reentry data to determine if disparities exist among adults with respect to access or outcomes.
- Review your evidence-based practices for effectiveness with the population of focus, including racial and cultural considerations.

NEXT STEPS

Helping you build toward your tomorrow.

SAE is available to collaborate with you to write the proposal, provide a review of your proposal, or to provide technical assistance in developing your program plan.

- Immediately validate that you have accounts in the System for Awards Management (SAM), Grants.gov, and era Commons.
- Create a table to assess your current level of implementation for each of the required activities and what you plan to expand or enhance with grant funding for each year of the funding period.
- Use this table to begin developing your staffing plan and program budget.
- Contact SAE for a free consultation to discuss this funding opportunity and your ideas for your proposal.

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