

NEW FUNDING ALERT

Emergency Department Alternatives to Opioids Program

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

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to develop and implement alternatives to opioids for pain management in hospitals and emergency department (ED) settings and reduce the likelihood of future opioid misuse. This program also supports identification of, and intervention for, individuals presenting with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). It encourages training on medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) for providers.

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ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants are:

Eligible applicants are statutorily limited to domestic non-profit hospitals and emergency departments, including free-standing emergency departments and Rural Emergency Hospitals (REHs) as established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, effective January 1, 2023.

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EXCLUSIONS FOR APPLYING FOR THIS FUNDING

- Recipients who received funding in FY 2020 or 2021 under ED-ALT (TI-20-005) are not eligible to apply for funding under this announcement.

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FUNDING LEVEL

- **Estimated Number of Awards:** 14
- **Award Amount:** \$500K per year
- **Length of Project Period:** 3 years
- **No Match or Cost Sharing Required**

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Required activities for this grant are:

- Develop and implement person-centered treatment approaches for painful conditions frequently treated in the recipient's organizational setting. Based on the organization's trends, recipients should identify which pain conditions are most frequent and direct strategies to address those conditions. These strategies should reflect an understanding of pain management responses and help-seeking behaviors across different cultures and address provider biases regarding pain and different cultural groups.
- Encourage providers to pursue training on MOUD and how to incorporate MOUD during treatment and to obtain a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine. This activity is to assure treatment is available for people with OUD who may be identified through screening and are in need of treatment for pain and OUD.

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

- Encourage providers to pursue training on MOUD and how to incorporate MOUD during treatment and to obtain a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine. This activity is to assure treatment is available for people with OUD who may be identified through screening and are in need of treatment for pain and OUD.
- Train providers and other hospital personnel on protocols or best practices related to the use of opioid prescriptions and alternatives to opioids for pain management in the ED, taking into consideration different cultural explanations and approaches to pain and potential provider biases.

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Develop or continue strategies to provide alternatives to opioids. Strategies should include innovative approaches to the management of pain including multidisciplinary approaches that could be initiated in emergency department settings where many individuals with such conditions seek acute care.
- Team-based care may include such services as complete physical examination to accurately describe the medical condition and pain experienced by the individual, examination for the presence of co-occurring mental and/or substance use disorders, supporting appropriate laboratory studies to assist in diagnosis and identification of current opioid medication and other substance use, physical therapy, acupuncture, cognitive-behavioral therapy interventions and other alternative approaches that may assist in pain management without the use of opioids. Such resources might be initiated in emergency department settings and continued in other organizational settings such as primary care or specialty pain management that offers an alternative to opioid therapies.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Seek consultation with physicians, and other relevant ED staff who have implemented evidence-based and best practices to alternatives to opioids for pain management, especially across different racial, ethnic, and cultural groups.
- Disseminate evidence-based practices to implement alternatives to opioids for pain. SAMHSA will work with each recipient to catalogue best practices and ensure these strategies are shared across the project portfolio and with the healthcare field at large.
- Utilize SAMHSA's existing Technical Assistance activities including the Technology Transfer Centers; the Opioid Response Network; and the Providers' Clinical Support System (PCSS) TA Centers to educate and train staff.
- Submit proposed medication(s) and intervention techniques to their SAMHSA Government Project Officer (GPO) for review and approval by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer.

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Increase, improve, strengthen, and evaluate partnerships with community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, government agencies (including public health departments), businesses, educational institutions, and other organizations to meet patient's needs.

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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 key stakeholders who will be collaborating with you.
- Review current patient data to determine if disparities exist among adults with respect to access or outcomes.
- Review your current use of 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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