

Webinar

CABHI: Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals

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CABHI: Program and Purpose

- ▶ The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) are accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2011 for Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI).
- ▶ The purpose of this program is to support the development and/or expansion of local implementation and community infrastructures that integrate treatment and services for mental and substance use disorders, permanent housing, and other critical services for individuals who are chronically homeless.

CABHI: What is it?

- ▶ This grant program builds on the success of the previous SAMHSA Services in Supportive Housing (SSH) program and SAMHSA Grants to Benefit Homeless Individuals (GBHI) program. Both SAMHSA SSH and GBHI programs combined housing assistance with intensive individualized support services to individuals who are chronically homeless.
- ▶ SAMHSA has \$6,584,450 available for this program and expects to award up to 14 grants; the project period will be up to three years, \$500,000 awarded per grantee per year.
- ▶ Eligible awardees are non profit and local public entities.

CABHI: What is it?

- ▶ The CABHI program supports the development and/or expansion of local implementation and community infrastructures that integrate treatment and services for mental and substance use disorders, permanent housing, and other critical services for individuals who are chronically homeless through Medicaid and other mainstream programs.
- ▶ It includes a direct services component and grantees are expected to provide services as part of this agreement within 4 months of award.

CABHI: Goal of the Agreement

- ▶ The major goal of the CABHI program is to ensure the most vulnerable individuals who are chronically homeless receive access to sustainable permanent housing, treatment, and recovery supports through mainstream funding sources.
- ▶ Grantees will be required to illustrate a logic model for how they will meet this goal.

CABHI: Three Primary Activities

To achieve this goal, funds will support three types of activities:

- 1) behavioral health, housing support, and other recovery-oriented services not covered under a State's Medicaid plan;
- 2) coordination of housing and services for chronically homeless individuals and families at the State and local level which support the implementation and/or enhance the long-term sustainability of integrated community systems that provide permanent housing and supportive services; and
- 3) efforts to engage and enroll eligible persons who are chronically homeless in Medicaid and other mainstream benefit programs.

CABHI: Expectations

- ▶ Definitions: The NOFA includes definitions of eligible populations (persons who are chronically homeless), permanent supportive housing, mental health and substance use disorders and community consortiums
- ▶ The grantee will serve as the “local lead agency” (LLA) and the LLA will support the development and/or expansion of local implementation and community infrastructures that integrate treatment and services for mental and substance use disorders, permanent housing that supports recovery, and access to and enrollment in Medicaid and mainstream resources for persons who are chronically homeless.

CABHI: Services Expectations

The grantee's proposed project is required to include an array of services including but not limited to the following:

- Outreach and direct treatment, permanent housing, case management, engagement and assisting persons to become enrolled into Medicaid and other mainstream benefit programs, integrated services and supports for individuals with substance use, mental, or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders and recovery support services which may include a number of services
- In addition, the grantee is encouraged to provide a number of other allowable services

CABHI: Expectations

- ▶ The grantee will serve as the Local Lead Agency (LLA) for the Community Consortium.
- ▶ The LLA will support the development and/or expansion of local implementation and community infrastructures that integrate treatment and services for mental and substance use disorders, permanent housing that supports recovery, and access to and enrollment in Medicaid and mainstream resources for persons who are chronically homeless.

CABHI: Expectations

- ▶ The Community Consortium must be comprised of, at a minimum, the State or local Public Housing Authority; local mental health, substance abuse, and primary care provider organizations; and representation from the local Continuum of Care, State Medicaid Office, and State Mental Health and Substance Abuse Authorities.
- ▶ The LLA must establish a steering committee to oversee the Community Consortium and the enhancement and further development of the Consortium members' infrastructure and capacity to achieve the goals identified in this RFA. (See NOFA for specific membership requirements).

CABHI: Expectations

- ▶ SAMHSA expects grantees to develop and implement an array of integrated services designed to reduce chronic homelessness and to provide treatment and recovery oriented care for mental and substance use disorders.
- ▶ This service array may involve collaboration across multiple organizations.
- ▶ Grantees must use SAMHSA's services grant funds primarily to support allowable direct services to clients in the population of focus. Services may be provided by the grantee, purchased through contract with other providers, or made available through memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with other providers.

CABHI: Provider Qualifications

- ▶ SAMHSA requires funded grantees to provide proof they are qualified to receive Medicaid reimbursements and they have a reimbursement system that has been in place for a minimum of one year prior to the date of application or have established links to other behavioral health or primary care organizations with existing reimbursement systems for services covered under the state Medicaid plan
- ▶ These efforts will both support the long-term sustainability of permanent housing programs in the community and will help communities prepare for Medicaid coverage expansion to all low-income adults up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level in 2014.

CABHI: Housing Expectations

- ▶ SAMHSA grant funds may not be used to fund housing. Therefore, all applicants under this RFA are required to demonstrate the ability to place clients in permanent housing and provide documentation of the source of funding for the housing component, and evidence that the number of units available for the grant matches the number of clients targeted to be served for each year of the grant.
- ▶ The type of permanent housing (scattered-site or facility-based) and number of housing units already secured (annually, must be equivalent to the number of individuals to be enrolled in grant project).

CABHI: Other Expectations

SAMHSA's Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals recipients must comply with the following funding restrictions:

- ▶ No more than 15% of the total grant award may be used for developing the infrastructure necessary for expansion of services.
- ▶ No more than 10% of the total grant award may be used for data collection, performance measurement and performance assessment, including incentives for participating in the required data collection follow-up.
- ▶ No more than 6.5% of the total grant award may be used for short-term residential treatment (90 days or less).

CABHI: Reporting Expectations

- ▶ All SAMHSA grantees are required to collect and report certain data so that SAMHSA can meet its obligations under the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRA). You must document your ability to collect and report the required data in your application.
- ▶ Grantees will be required to report performance relating to the client's housing status, living condition, mental health, substance use, employment status, access to treatment, retention in treatment, HIV risk, and trauma.
- ▶ Grantees must periodically review the performance data they report to SAMHSA and assess their progress and use this information to improve management of their grant projects.

CABHI Grant Summary

The CABHI is a great opportunity for a community that:

- ▶ has or is establishing an LLA to assure people gain access to housing and services
- ▶ Has available housing units that match the number of clients targeted to be served for each year of the grant
- ▶ Can establish “best practice” services, not Medicaid fundable as well as have available comprehensive Medicaid fundable services
- ▶ Serve the target population identified in the grant