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Opioid Use and Stimulant Use Prevention and Recovery Services in the LGBTQ2S+ Community *Questions and Answers*

ELIGIBILITY – WHO CAN APPLY?

Q: Does a project need to focus on services to all members of the LGBTQ2S+ community or can it focus on one specific area (ex: Gay and Bisexual Men only)?

A: A project that serves any community under the LGBTQ2S+ umbrella would qualify regardless of its specific focus. It does not need to address all identities.

Q: Could you further explain the definition of a mission-focus on the LGBTQ2S+ community?

A: We are focusing on organizations that explicitly serve the LGBTQ2S+ community, specifically organizations that have 90% to 100% of their services and clients being part of this population. This population must be explicitly mentioned in the organization's mission statement or be the focus of a specific program. We have released several funding opportunities over the past year that have broader eligibility and are focusing some of the funds through this opportunity very explicitly on LGBTQ2S+ communities and organizations that may not traditionally apply for MAT Access Points Project funding.

Q: We are an LGBTQ2S+ organization with a mission-focus on the LGBTQ2S+ community that offers Opioid Response Services reaching approximately 600 people each year, half of whom are not part of the LGBTQ2S+ community. Would we be eligible?

A: Yes, as long as the LGBTQ2S+ population is part of your organization's mission statement or organizational vision, even if not all clients served identify as part of the LGBTQ2S+ community.

Q: Would an organization with a site that is mission-focused on the LGBTQ2S+ community be eligible to apply? The overarching organization does not have this focus.

A: While it would be acceptable for an organization (such as a parent company) to not have a mission focus for the LGBTQ2S+ population, the applicant site/location of the organization must have such a focus. In other words, while the organization may not apply for a site that does not have an LGBTQ2S+ focus, another site under that same organization with an explicit focus would be eligible for this funding opportunity and may apply.

Q: Our organization manages several program divisions, one of which is mission-focused on providing services to the LGBTQ2S+ community and is interested in this funding opportunity. Is a program division of a larger 501(c)(3) eligible to apply if that program division is mission-focused on serving the LGBTQ2S+ community?

A: Yes, the program would be considered the equivalent of a “site” and would be able to apply under the larger qualifying organization. This program would be the only eligible site to apply within your organization due to its focus and the funding requested must be used under this program only.

Q: Are FQHCs eligible to apply for this funding opportunity? By design, we have the statutory mandate to serve all populations in need of care, regardless of their ability to pay. This includes everyone who experience barriers to care, including LGBTQ2S+ populations along with other population groups. However, our mission statement does not make specific mention of service to LGBTQ2S+ populations.

A: We are tailoring this opportunity to organizations that have an explicit mission focus on the LGBTQ2S+ community. This would preclude FQHCs from qualifying even though they serve this population.

Q: Would a FQHC be eligible through partnering with a local LGBTQ2S+ resource center to support this work—helping to provide direct access to services?

A: If the LGBTQ2S+ resource center would like to apply as the lead organization, they could partner with a FQHC to provide services on site. However, if you are hoping to apply as the lead organization as a FQHC, you would be ineligible to apply.

Q: Can an applicant propose to subcontract a portion of the funds to a partner agency?

A: Please provide additional details via e-mail to mataccesspoints@shfcenter.org. Subcontractors for certain components of the project may be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

USE OF FUNDS – WHAT IS ALLOWABLE?

Q: Does the “Personnel” budget category include benefits?

A: There is a specific line in the budget called “Payroll Taxes and Benefits” where you can include this expense. You could instead choose to include this cost in an individual’s “Personnel” line item and add a detailed description of the benefits included in your submitted budget justification.

Q: Can you clarify what you mean regarding a deliverable-based contract in relation to a line item budget? Do we bundle the cost under each deliverable?

A: We are asking applicants to submit a line-item budget that lists staff, activity costs, travel, etc. but payments will be based on dividing the total awarded amount upon the completion of deliverables. We use the line-item budget to see how costs are allocated and how funds will be used to further the program goal but we are not reimbursing based on your line items. Deliverables are contract execution and compliance requirements being met, followed by report submissions and approval.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Q: Do you have an estimate of how many awards you are expecting to give out?

A: We have about \$11 million in funds available to support this project and we hope to fully release all funds, but it will depend on the amounts requested by partners.

Q: If we are registered with SAM, will you require both DUNS and SAM registration?

A: For this funding opportunity we will require a DUNS registration. SAM registration is strongly recommended but not required currently. If you are registered in SAM, you should have a DUNS number in place.