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1.	Are for-profit facilities/treatment centers excluded from applying for the Pregnancy Support Services grant? As stated in the funding announcement, all entities with capacity to provide support services to pregnant women and postpartum women with stimulant or opioid misuse issues are eligible to apply for this funding. Single County Authorities (SCAs) are not eligible to apply under this funding announcement.
2.	Have the additional counties been identified and if so, what are the additional counties. Also, what counties, if any, are currently being served by a DDAP funded program for pregnant and postpartum women with SUD? The funding announcement states: "Expansion of current GIFA 19.01 projects to include additional counties" meaning that these grant funds can be used to support existing 19.01 Pregnancy Support Services award recipients to expand their outreach to additional counties not originally served by their projects. The following counties are currently being served by GIFA 19.01, Pregnancy Support Services: - Allegheny - Fayette - Berks - Schuylkill - Montour - Northumberland - Lancaster - Lehigh - Lebanon - Dauphin - Lackawanna - Susquehanna - Wyoming - Wayne - Luzerne - York - Adams - Franklin
3.	Is a letter of support from the SCA mandatory or will points be deducted from the proposal score if not included in the application? As indicated in the funding announcement, all applications will be competitively reviewed and scored. Applications will be scored based on the Applicant's adherence to the funding announcement guidelines, and a timely submission to DDAP. If the applicant plans to provide any service through a

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	partner, then a Memoranda of Understanding or Agreements (MOUs/MOAs) must be submitted with the application. These MOUs/MOAs must be current.
4.	Can you provide insight into what source of funding is being used for the Pregnancy Support Service grant opportunity? The source of funding for this project is the FY20 State Opioid Response (SOR) originating from the Department of Health and Human Services, SAMHSA, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.
5.	The guidelines say the project is intended to start on December 1, 2020 and end September 29, 2021 (10-month total project period). Is it acceptable to propose a shorter project period, beginning on either January 1, 2021 (9-month total project period) or February 1, 2021 (8-month total project period)? It is not acceptable to propose a shorter project period.
6.	Does the childcare option need to be provided by the entity applying for this grant opportunity or can it be an agreement with an outside childcare provider? Childcare can be provided by the entity applying for this grant opportunity, or it can be an agreement with an outside childcare provider.
7.	I am wondering if this grant opportunity is only available to license providers. I have recently started a non-profit peer support agency called _____ which utilizes Certified Recovery Specialists and I am wondering if our agency would qualify as an applicant. Please reference the answer to Question #1.
8.	Can you elaborate on GIFA 19.01 projects expansion including additional counties? Please reference the answer to Question #2.
9.	Is the purchase of personal computers priced under $5,000 an allowable "Supplies" expense even if they have a life of more than a year? Yes.
10.	Please clarify what is meant by start-up costs in line f. under ineligible expenses. (pages 7-8) Applicants for this grant initiative shall demonstrate the capacity beginning on December 1, 2020, to provide the identified expansion or enhanced support services to individuals in recovery from OUD. All personnel, systems, procedures and resources must be in place to perform or assure delivery of all the services proposed under this grant.

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	Startup costs include any expense necessary to begin a new project or business. Examples of unallowable costs include but are not limited to: capital expenditures (items with a purchase value of $5,000 or greater), attorneys and legal fees for startup purposes, expenses related to research and development of an entirely new service or program, fees for a Certified Public Accountant to set up bookkeeping system, and business/program licenses, permits, and inspection fees.
11.	Would staff training to implement a new evidence-based program for pregnant and/or postpartum women be an eligible expense? Yes.
12.	Is K-2 (a synthetic drug) considered a stimulant for this project? No, K-2 is considered a synthetic cannabinoid.
13.	Is there a list of drugs that are considered as stimulants for this project available? The SOR Funding Announcement states, "This program also supports evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services to address stimulant misuse and use disorders, including for cocaine and methamphetamine."
14.	Are incentives and contingencies allowed for clients with Opiate Use Disorder or only those individuals with a stimulant use issue? Incentives are allowed for clients receiving services under this project, and all patients receiving services under this project must have a history of opioid or stimulant misuse use.
15.	DDAP has allowed incentives of $25 for completing the GPRA. Is a $25 gift card allowed for patients (with either OUD or stimulant misuse) allowed for this purpose? According to the SOR Notice of Award, "Contingencies may be used to reward and incentivize treatment compliance with a maximum contingency value being $15 per contingency. Each patient may not receive contingencies totaling more than $75 per year of his/her treatment." For information related to the use of gift cards for GPRA administration please visit our procedural statement located here: https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Documents/GPRA/SOR%20Gift%20Card%20Procedural%20Statement.pdf
16.	Are supports like transportation, emergency food, and childcare considered contingencies or incentives in the 'Patient Services' budget line item? If yes, are they included in the $75 per patient/ per year incentive/ contingency maximum? If no, is it permitted to allot a certain amount of the budget to each of these separately in the 'Patient Services' budget category?

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	No, supports like transportation, emergency food, and childcare are not contingencies or incentives, and they should be placed under the appropriate line item for your project. It would be appropriate to list the services noted above under the "Patient Services" category.
17.	On page 4, Project Description part c: Are you able to provide clarification regarding the following services? Contingency Management Please reference the answer to Question #15. Specialized assessment, monitoring, and referrals for education, peer support, therapeutic intervention and physical safety- do these relate to pregnancy, SUD, or specifically pregnant women with SUD. Yes, these are services that shall be provided to pregnant or postpartum women with SUD. Home Management and Life Skills- do these speak to how to take care of a baby, how to take medication, postpartum skills, etc. Yes, home management and life skills encompass things like infant care, medication management, and postpartum skills, but they also include several other skills and tasks as well. Grant applicants can propose a variety of services they think fit under the areas of home management and life skills.
18.	One page 5, Project Description, part h: Are Letters of Support acceptable for submission or are MOU/MOA required? If so, are existing MOUs acceptable or do they have to be specific to this RFP? Please reference the answer to Question #3.