

21-04 Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA) Substance Use Disorder Drop-In Centers Questions and Answers 2021.11.23

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1	Is this harm reduction services for a grant going to be expanded to North Eastern Pennsylvania? Our death rates are very high in Luzerne County?
	If additional funding becomes available, DDAP would review expansion beyond the areas of highest need listed in the current GIFA.
2	On page 1 of the RFP, section on 'Eligible Applicants' states: "(DDAP) licensed treatment providers are not eligible to apply under this funding announcement." This requirement is not mentioned on page 4 where Eligible Applicants are defined. Please clarify.
	DDAP licensed treatment providers are not eligible to apply under this funding announcement. DDAP is accepting applications from existing organizations to expand drop-in center services for individuals with SUD. All eligible applicants shall provide a proposal and meet all of the requirements as outlined within the SUD Drop-In Centers 21-04 GIFA.
3	Our organization has a DDAP license. Could we apply for this funding to expand drop-in center services in an eligible county as long as we are not providing SUD/OUD treatment in that same county?
	See question 2 above.
4	Within Section 4, 'Eligible Applicants', how is the term "allowable harm reduction services" defined?
	See Section 7 – Ineligible Expenses of the GIFA 21-04 SUD Drop-In Centers Funding Announcement.
5	In section 5, "Application Requirements", subsection d: This section states that "The Applicant shall demonstrate the capacity beginning on July 1, 2022 to provide harm reduction support services within a drop-in center to individuals experiencing substance use. All personnel, systems, procedures and resources shall be in place to perform or refer for all of the services under this grant." However, the Project Summary on page 2 states the funds are for "existing drop-in centers to expand their services and increase overdose prevention and community-driven harm reduction." Will funds be available to the chosen recipients prior to July 1 in order to start obtaining resources (supplies, personnel, etc.) that will facilitate an expansion or increase in the amount of services delivered?
	All expenditures for this funding opportunity shall occur on or after July 1, 2022. DDAP is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award. All Applicant's shall be ready to provide services on July 1, 2022.

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6	In Section 7, "Ineligible Expenses", subsection h states "DDAP is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award," which is listed as July 1, 2022. How would it be possible for a program to demonstrate readiness to provide expanded or increased services on July 1, 2022 if the project and spending period starts the same day? Define readiness?
	See question 5 above.
7	In section 9, "Reporting Requirements", subsection a "Data Reports": This section lists several data points that are referred to as a "minimum" for reporting, but it refers to data that would only be available if services listed previously in Section 5c as allowable but not required are offered. For example, Section 5c states services provided "may include" mail services, but in Section 9a it appears that "number of individuals receiving mail" is a required metric for reporting. Does this mean that a successful proposal must include the provision of all of the services listed under the monthly reporting requirements?
	Reporting requirements will correspond directly to the items listed in Section 9a Reporting Requirements/Data Reports. All successful Applicants will receive a reporting template from DDAP to provide this required information.
8	If the agency applying only holds an Outpatient License from DDAP, and no other treatment services (but does have an existing MH drop-in center) would they be ineligible under the highlighted stipulation? See question 2 above.
9	I have a question about the grant that was emailed out this morning. It says that eligible applicants must be an existing organization but then also says DDAP licensed treatment providers are not eligible. What type of existing organization must you be to apply for this grant?
	See question 2 above.

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