

**19-01 Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA)
Pregnancy Support Services
Questions and Answers – 2019.09.05**

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1	Is this GIFA restricted to non-profit organizations only? No.
2	What types of programs or providers is this GIFA aimed towards? This GIFA opportunity is aimed towards any legal entity which can provide or make a referral for the services listed in the GIFA.
3	What are the eligible budget expenses under this grant? The eligible and ineligible expenses were listed out in the GIFA. If there was to be any additional expenses an applicant would request, those expenses must be listed out on the Budget Template and submitted with the application. DDAP has approval of all final budgets.
4	Is this a program development grant or a continuation of services grant? This GIFA is for any legal entity which has the capacity to beginning on October 1, 2019 to provide support services to pregnant and postpartum women with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).
5	Can hospitals from three counties submit a coordination program grant application? If there was a coordinated program grant application, the Department could only have a grant agreement with a single legal entity within the coordinated programs. The legal entity which submitted the GIFA would be able to list out subcontracted services on the Budget Template for the expenses of the other two legal entities.
6	Will this GIFA be offered during FFY20? This funding opportunity is for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 29, 2020. Depending on funding, there might be an opportunity for an additional year of funds as outline in the GIFA announcement.
7	Can an organization submit multiple proposals to provide the required services in different locations? Yes, a single legal entity may submit multiple proposals to provide services in different locations throughout the Commonwealth. Support services must be provided either by the Applicant or through Memoranda of Understanding or Agreements (MOUs/MOAs) with partners. Please refer to bullet “c” under Project Description as to the types of services that may be proposed.
8	Can you explain bullet point “f” in the Project Description further? <i>(f - The Applicant must explain the care coordination process in the catchment area or surrounding area in which prenatal care to pregnant and postpartum care women with OUD can receive support services.)</i> The Applicant shall explain their process for identifying, qualifying, and enrolling women with OUD to receive prenatal and/or postpartum care and support services.
9	Are MAT medications considered an ineligible expense? Yes, expenses related to the provision of OUD/MAT treatment services are ineligible expenses under this GIFA.
10	This grant opportunity states that personnel is an eligible expense and that the term of the program begins October 1, 2019. We want to create new positions and hire staff into those positions if we receive the grant. Is there an acceptable time frame to hire those staff if they can’t be hired by October 1? The term of this project will commence on October 1, 2019 and end on September 29, 2020 with the possibility of one (1) year renewal option, if funding is available. Grant funds may not be used to compensate existing or new personnel until October 1, 2019. The legal entity shall demonstrate the capacity beginning on October 1, 2019 to provide support services to pregnant and postpartum women with OUD. All personnel,

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	systems, procedures and resources must be in place to perform or assure an in-person, direct referral for all the services under this grant.
11	<p>Under Reporting Requirements/Data Reports, one bullet point states “Completion of data elements as required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GRPA.) Is there a list of those requirements related to this GIFA? If so, where can I find it?”</p> <p>The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRRA) Tool and reporting requirements can be found on our website at https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Professionals/Pages/For_SCAs.aspx</p>
12	<p>Where is the Budget Template, Appendix C-1 located?</p> <p>The Budget Template for our 19-01 Pregnancy Support Services GIFA can be found on our Funding Opportunities page under “Funding Opportunity Announcements.” https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx</p>
13	<p>We currently have a SAMHSA MAT-PDOA 3-year grant that ends 9/29/21. We report our MAT patient data using the GPRA surveys in SPARS for that grant and we have a target number to meet each year that is all inclusive (includes pregnant women). Will the women served by the PSS grant also be entered into SPARS by DDAP or by us? If their data is entered into SPARS, will this be a duplication of patients?</p> <p>Under this GIFA, all data will need to be entered into the PA WITS system by the service provider. The data entered into the PA WITS system will automatically be uploaded to SPARS on a nightly basis. All data from this GIFA shall be entered into the PA WITS system one time under the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant.</p>
14	<p>Length of project period as stated is 1 year with optional renewal for 1 year if funding is available. We know that the greatest likelihood of relapse for post-partum women is at 8 weeks and then again at 8 to 12 months even up to 18 months. Given that statistic, should we provide a timeline and a budget that includes a Year 1 and a Year 2 in case there is a renewal?</p> <p>The GIFA narrative proposal to include the project description and budget narrative should be for the time period of October 1, 2019 to September 29, 2020. The Budget Template, Appendix C-1 should be for the same time period.</p>
15	<p>Will the psychotherapy and recovery support services as provided under this Pregnancy Support Services grant be held to DDAP licensing standards and regulations?</p> <p>Yes, if psychotherapy and recovery support services are being provided by a DDAP licensed provider, then DDAP licensing standards and regulations shall be followed.</p>
16	<p>(see above question) If yes, does this change if the services are offered at our DDAP Free-Standing licensed facility, another Mental Health Facility or Primary Care office?</p> <p>Yes, if psychotherapy and recovery support services are being provided by a DDAP licensed provider, then DDAP licensing standards and regulations shall be followed. DDAP cannot comment on the standards and regulations of a Mental Health Facility or Primary Care office.</p>
17	<p>What DDAP regulations would be applicable if we were to offer Text, Video, mobile therapy services?</p> <p>Since federal funds are being used for this grant, then any DDAP licensed treatment provider receiving these funds shall follow 42 CFR Part 2 relating to confidentiality. If the legal entity receiving these funds is a DDAP licensed treatment provider, then they shall follow all DDAP regulations and PA 255.5.</p>