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DEPARTMENT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

21-01 Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA)
Community Recovery Support Services
Questions and Answers 2021.04.23

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1	Would you be able to tell me how many existing grantees there are for the GIFA 19-02 Community Recovery Support Services funding? GIFA 19-02 Recovery Support Services supported five grantees.
2	Is the Recovery Support Services Grant Application only open to DDAP licensed programs? Are OBOT/OBAT programs (embedded in primary care) ineligible? All organizations with the capacity to provide recovery support services to individuals in recovery from Substance Use Disorders (SUD) are eligible the apply for this funding opportunity. One exception is that Single County Authorities are not eligible to apply for this funding.
3	Would small non-profit residential programs in rural PA be eligible for this funding if they are not licensed? All organizations with the capacity to provide recovery support services to individuals in recovery from Substance Use Disorders are eligible the apply for this funding opportunity. One exception is that Single County Authorities are not eligible to apply for this funding.
4	Is there a section on the budget where an expense for a lease can be added or does our lack of a concrete center make us ineligible to apply? In budget section VIII. Other Costs there includes a line item for space.
5	Would recovery support services for families be allowed as one component of a comprehensive proposal under GIFA 21-01? The purpose of this project is to expand or enhance recovery support services to individuals in recovery from SUD, and DDAP recognizes the importance of supporting the entire family system as part of the recovery process. Projects are allowed to include components of family supports, however the majority of services provided must be providing recovery supports to individuals in recovery from SUD.
6	I see on the grant application DDAP licensed facilities can apply to this grant; however, must you be a non-profit RCO as well? I've Read conflicting articles about this specific grant. All organizations with the capacity to provide recovery support services to individuals in recovery from Substance Use Disorders are eligible the apply for this funding opportunity. One exception is that Single County Authorities are not eligible to apply for this funding.

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7	I understand that applications for this grant opportunity are due no later than May 3 at 12pm ET and that applicants must begin program implementation on October 1, 2021 but when do you anticipate that the grant awards will be announced? I'm just wondering how much time the recipients will have to get ready to begin their projects once the announcements have been made. Based on the current timeline, DDAP anticipates grantees will know if they have received an award by early June 2021.
8	In regard to the 7-page limit for the narrative, are we able to submit additional letters of support as an appendix? These could be a separate attachment that would not be included in the 7-page narrative. Letters of support should not be included in the 7-page narrative and can be included as an attachment. As stated in Section I: "If Applicant has a viable sustainability plan which involves partnership with other entities, the application must include letters of support from those partners indicating their willingness to accept some or all financial responsibility for the continuation of this project post grant funds."
9	How do we apply for or access the SAP vendor number? Information about how to register as a Commonwealth Vendor is located here: CVMU Home Page (state.pa.us)
10	In the budget template, I am unable to adjust the total budget column. It appears to be locked. Are we able to get the column unlocked? You are only able to enter figures into unlocked fields in the Budget Details tab. These figures will then populate in the corresponding Year Summaries and Overall Summary.
10	(Insert Treatment Provider Name) has residential and outpatient facilities across Pennsylvania. We are looking to respond and establish programming regionally. Would we be able to be awarded funding based on the regions? If so, is there a way you'd like that to be presented in our submission? In other words, can we do one submission that describes the services by region? If you are a treatment provider or another entity with multiple sites or programs, each site or program must submit their own application and budget. You cannot submit one application on behalf of multiple sites.

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11	We offer CRS services already, are we able to bill for the CRS services provided in the Recovery Community Support Services program? Costs incurred related to the provision of Recovery Support Services under this project can be invoiced to the grant.
12	We also offer Centers of Excellence (COE) services and will be expanding them across the state. Any guidance on the relationship this program can or cannot have with the COEs? DDAP is extremely supportive of and strongly recommends integration of Recovery Support Services at all possible service entry points, including Centers of Excellence.
13	We currently employ several Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) who provide services in our community. We are interested in expanding the CRS duties to include family intervention services using the ARISE Intervention Model. Is the Recovery Community Support Services grant opportunity appropriate for this expansion? The grant announcement project summary states: "DDAP is accepting applications for Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs) who will expand or enhance recovery support services to individuals in recovery from SUD."
14	Do the Certified Recovery Specialists need CRS certification? Yes, all Certified Recovery Specialists engaged in this project must hold CRS Certification.
15	Is the expectation that "live, mobile support in the community" support is available during working hours (8a-5p) with 24/7 telephonic support available? (reference page 5, letter a) DDAP does not have an expectation related to the specific hours of operation for any given project. All applicants are expected to be able to provide 100% of their participants the opportunity to engage in telephonic or virtual recovery support services.
16	Are there any specific requirements for credentials of those that will oversee/supervise? (reference page 5) There are no specific requirements for credentials of those that will be supervising this project.

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17	Please provide any documents related to the CRS model as well as related regulations so we can incorporate into our proposal. State licensing regulations are not relevant to the provision of Recovery Support Services. DDAP is not endorsing any one specific CRS model for this specific project. It is up to organizations to decide which model or models they would like to employ (or are already employing).
18	Regarding eligibility, can our organization apply for the grant if our proposed offering is separate from our clinical program? Section 4 of the Grant Announcement addresses this question: "All eligible Applicants shall be able to provide direct recovery support services to individuals in recovery from SUD who present for support services. Applicants shall be any entity with the capacity to delivery recovery support services. DDAP-licensed treatment providers who can demonstrate a recovery support service separate from the clinical programming offered under their DDAP license can apply for this GIFA. Applicants who cannot meet this requirement will not be considered."
19.	As a Primary Care Association that supports Federally Qualified Health Centers across the state of Pennsylvania, would we be eligible to apply for the Recovery Community Support Services grant? All organizations with the capacity to provide recovery support services to individuals in recovery from Substance Use Disorders are eligible the apply for this funding opportunity. One exception is that Single County Authorities are not eligible to apply for this funding.
20.	In the sections on "Anticipated Total Available Funding" and "Estimated Number of Grant Awards" it states that there will be approximately 3-5 awards totaling $2,700,000. We understand that the maximum award is $700,000. Is there a range that you expect all awards to fall within? For example, do you anticipate all awards will be greater than $500,000, or some other number? DDAP anticipants awarding 3-5 organizations with awards ranging from $540,000 to $700,000 per awardee. If chosen, all organizations must undergo a budget review process with DDAP, and final award amounts are contingent on the result of these budget discussions.
21.	In item a, it states that the statement of need shall include "Plans for substantiating support services and any identified needs." Our understanding of this requirement is that we must provide evidence of the efficacy of our programmatic support services. Please let us know if we're mistaken on that. Our main question here relates to the wording on identified needs. Is

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	this asking us to identify needs relating to support services in Pennsylvania? Or is it asking us to identify needs within our own support services and the ways in which we substantiate them? Details on information applicants must include in the Statement of Need are listed in section "a" under Project Description. The Statement of Need provides evidence as to why Recovery Support Services are needed in the geographic area to be served.
22.	In reference to item j of the project description section: Is a pre-existing relationship with the Single County Authority (SCA) required in order for an applicant to be successful? Applicants do not need to have an existing relationship with the SCA; however, they must explain the plan to collaborate with the SCA and local treatment providers to assist qualified individuals in obtaining recovery support services delivered by the applicant.
23.	Can the same organization submit 2 grant applications and be awarded this grant for more than one program within the same organization (i.e. 2 grant awards to the same recipient for 2 different programs)? If you are a treatment provider or another entity with multiple sites or programs, each site or program must submit their own application and budget. You cannot submit one application on behalf of multiple sites.
24.	Under Section 9, Reporting Requirements - are sample reports also required for: Section B – Annual Reports and Section C – Problem Identification Report? Sample Reports are not required for Annual Report and the Problem Identification Report.