

Overview

Since 1992, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) has collaborated with faith- and community-based organizations in an effort to reduce substance abuse and related problems. CSAP has attempted to assist these organizations with developing local networks of faith organization's and substance abuse prevention and treatment providers to address and support the substance abuse needs in local communities. The strategy was to secure, encourage and sustain the involvement of clergy and religious lay persons addressing community social issues associated with substance abuse and HIV/AIDS.

Over the years, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has been committed to ensuring that community, as well as faith-based organizations provide the most effective and efficient substance abuse services through grant opportunities. SAMHSA has also provided technical assistance to these organizations to enhance their grant applications and evaluation skills.

Many community and faith based organizations throughout the country operate programs designed to prevent and treat substance abuse and HIV/AIDS, and many clergy and lay religious leaders participate in efforts to ameliorate the effects of substance abuse in their respective communities.

Program Purpose

The purpose of the CSAP Faith & Community Based Support Initiative (FCBSI) is to provide \$50,000 in mini subcontracts to 30 faith- and community-based organizations that have existing HIV or substance abuse prevention programs that could benefit by incorporating collaboration with existing crime prevention and prisoner reentry efforts. These monies will also enhance an organization's capacity to be more efficient and effective in social service delivery.

Goals and Objectives

CSAP's FCBSI is designed to:

- To establish and strengthen collaboration among faith- and community-based organizations, Federal, State, local governments to prevent and reduce substance abuse and HIV/AIDS in communities of color.
- To reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. (Substances include, but are not limited to, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabis, inhalants, alcohol and tobacco, where their use is prohibited by Federal, State, or local law).
- To reduce recidivism rates of returning citizens and to provide the critical services, resources and opportunities necessary to promote a successful transition from prison to the community.
- Decrease the impact of substance abuse on communities of color through education, prevention, awareness. (Substances include, but are not limited to, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabis, inhalants, alcohol and tobacco, where their use is prohibited by Federal, State, or local law).
- To promote the use of HIV testing services.

For the purposes of this RFP, SAMHSA has contracted with Westover Consultants, Inc., (Westover) as the prime contractor of Bethesda, Maryland and McFarland & Associates as the subcontractor of Silver Spring, Maryland to provide program support for this project. Westover will take the lead in executing each subcontract and providing quality assurance and fiscal oversight, while McFarland & Associates will take the lead in managing the overall performance of the subcontracts. Both business concerns have a long history of working with substance abuse, mental health and HIV/AIDS programs locally and nationally. For further information on Westover you can contact www.westover.com and www.mcfarlandassociate.com for information on current projects.

To receive a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) please go to <http://www.westover.com/fcbsi/> or <http://www.mcfarlandassociate.com/images/FCBSI-Final-RFP.pdf> then follow the link and you will be able to download the proposal in PDF format.

Please note that only written emailed questions will be accepted. Therefore, if you have questions regarding the RFP, you must email your questions by or before Friday, November 20, 2009, 12 noon to:

David Wilson, CSAP Faith Based Project Coordinator
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Answers to questions submitted concerning the FCBSI RFP will be posted at www.westover.com and at www.mcfarlandassociate.com sites on November 18, 2009 for questions received before November 20, and November 25, 2009 for all other questions received by November 20, 2009.

Pertinent Information

Type of Announcement: Request for Proposals: Mini Sub Grant Awards

Number of Awards: 30

Maximum Funding: \$50,000

Release Date: November 6, 2009

Letter of Intent: Preferred (not mandatory). Must be received by November 20, 2009

Proposal Due Date: December 4, 2009 5:00pm EST

Award Announcement: December 18, 2009

Proposal by email submission is preferred. If you do not have the means to submit by email, then mail or hand deliver an original and 3 copies to be received by 5 pm ET, December 4 2009 to:

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