

SYNOPSIS

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Tribal Behavioral Health a/k/a Native Connections

FOA No.	SM-21-011
CFDA No.	93.243
Due Date:	February 8, 2021
Total Funding Available:	\$7,320,000
No. of Awards:	29
Estimated Award Size:	Up to \$250,000/yr for five years
Eligibility:	AI/AN Tribes and villages, tribally-chartered organizations and Urban Indian Organizations
Match Requirement:	None
Purpose:	The purpose of this program is to prevent suicide and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth through the age of 24 years. Native Connections is intended to reduce the impact of mental and substance use disorders, foster culturally responsive models that reduce and respond to the impact of trauma in AI/AN communities, ¹ and allow AI/AN communities to facilitate collaboration among agencies to support youth as they transition into adulthood. It is expected that recipients will develop and implement an array of integrated services and supports to prevent suicide. AI/AN community members should be involved in all grant activities, including planning, program implementation, and evaluation. At a minimum, community members should include youth, family members, tribal leaders, and spiritual advisors.

Required Activities:

1. Develop policies and procedures to promote coordination among youth-serving agencies, to include: standards of care for youth at risk for suicide; procedures to address the transition of youth from one agency to another; the role of evidence-based clinical health practices in supporting suicide prevention, substance misuse prevention interventions; mental health promotion strategies among youth and their families; and the role of local traditional healing/helping practices in combination with evidence-based suicide and substance use prevention among youth.
2. Develop and/or revise protocols to ensure that youth at risk for suicide, including those who attempt suicide and use substances, receive follow-up services to ease their transition into treatment.
3. Develop and/or revise community “postvention” protocols for responding to suicides, suicide attempts, and suicide clusters, to promote community healing and reduce the possibility of contagion (i.e., suicides following and connected to an initial suicide). The protocols should reflect the traditions and culture of the tribe, tribal organization, or consortia of tribes or tribal organizations, or that are incorporated into urban Indian programs.

4. Develop and implement mental health awareness training in communities including activities to raise awareness on the importance of suicide prevention strategies including screening for suicide.
5. Implement community substance misuse prevention strategies including public messaging; training on the risk of substance use; and education in school settings.

Other Expectations:

Recipients must utilize third party reimbursements and other revenue realized from the provision of services to the extent possible and use SAMHSA grant funds only for services to individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance programs, individuals for whom coverage has been formally determined to be unaffordable, or for services that are not sufficiently covered by an individual's health insurance plan. Recipients are also expected to facilitate the health insurance application and enrollment process for eligible uninsured clients. Recipients should also consider other systems from which a potential service recipient may be eligible for services (for example, the Veterans Health Administration or senior services), if appropriate for and desired by that individual to meet his/her needs. In addition, recipients are required to implement policies and procedures that ensure other sources of funding are utilized first when available for that individual.

Required Application Components:

1. SF-424
2. SF-424A, Sections A-E
3. Projective Narrative and Supporting Documentation
4. Budget Justification and Narrative
5. Attachments
 - a. Letters of Commitment from any organization participating in project
 - b. Data collection instruments/interview protocols
 - c. Sample Consent Forms
 - d. Confidentiality and SAMHSA Participant Protection/Human Subjects Guidelines

ALL APPLICANTS MUST REGISTER WITH NIH's eRA Commons

NO MORE THAN 20% OF THE TOTAL GRANT MAY BE USED FOR DATA COLLECTION,
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT, PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Project Narrative:

1. No longer than 10 pages, single spaced
2. You must use the four sections/headings
3. **Section A: Statement of Need (20 points – ~ 2 pages)**
 - Identify and describe the population(s) of focus that will be impacted in the targeted systems and agencies and the geographic catchment area where the project will be implemented.

- Describe the extent of the problem in your area including a description of issues related to suicide; substance misuse rates; and mental health needs at large.
4. **Section B: Proposed Approach (40 points – ~ 5 pages)**
- Describe the goals and measurable objectives (see [Appendix D](#)) of the proposed project and align them with the Statement of Need outlined in A.2. Provide the following table:

Number of Unduplicated Individuals to be Served with Grant Funds				
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5

- Describe how you will implement the Required Activities as stated in [Section I.1](#). Describe your use of EBPs and how they will be incorporated into your program.
 - Provide a chart or graph depicting a realistic timeline for the entire five years of the project period, showing dates, key activities, and responsible staff. These key activities should include the requirements outlined in [Section I.1](#). **Note:** The timeline should be part of the Project Narrative. It should not be placed in an attachment.
5. **Section C: Staff, Management, and Relevant Experience (25 points – ~ 2 pages)**
- Describe the experience of your organization with similar projects and providing services to the population(s) of focus for this FOA, particularly experience in providing culturally appropriate and competent services. Identify any other organization(s) that will partner in the proposed project. **NOTE:** Include Letter(s) of Commitment from any partner organizations in **Attachment 1** of the application. If you are not partnering with any other organizations, indicate so in your response.
 - Provide a complete list of staff positions for the project, including the Key Personnel (Project Director) and other significant staff members. Describe the role of each, their level of effort, and qualifications, including their experience providing services to the population(s) of focus and familiarity with their culture(s) and language(s).
6. **Section D: Data Collection and Performance Assessment (15 points – ~ 1 page)**
- Provide specific information about how you will collect the required data for this program and how such data will be utilized to manage, monitor, and enhance the program.
7. **Budget Justification**
8. **Required Supporting Documentation**
- **Biographical Sketches and Job Descriptions**