send any State review process recommendations directly to: Division of Extramural Activities, Policy, and Review, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 17–89, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 Funding Opportunities

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announces the availability of FY 2000 funds for grants for the following activity. This activity is discussed in more detail under Section 4 of this notice. This notice is not a complete description of the activity; potential applicants *must* obtain a copy of Parts I and II of the Guidance for Applicants (GFA) before preparing an application. Part I is entitled Cooperative Agreement for a Technical Assistance Center for the Evaluation of Adult Mental Health Systems Change. Part II is entitled General Policies and Procedures Applicable to all SAMHSA Applications for Discretionary Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

Activity	Application deadline	Estimated funds available, FY 2000	Estimated No. of awards	Project period
TA Center for Evaluation of Adult Mental Health Systems Change.	4/17/2000	$600,000	One	3 years.

The actual amount available for awards and their allocation may vary, depending on unanticipated program requirements and the number and quality of applications received. FY 2000 funds for the activity discussed in this announcement were appropriated by the Congress under Public Law No. 106–113. SAMHSA's policies and procedures for peer review and Advisory Council review of grant and cooperative agreement applications were published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 58, No. 126) on July 2, 1993.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The SAMHSA Centers' substance abuse and mental health services activities address issues related to Healthy People 2000 objectives of Mental Health and Mental Disorders; Alcohol and Other Drugs; Clinical Preventive Services; HIV Infection; and Surveillance and Data Systems. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report: Stock No. 017–001-00474–0) or Summary Report: Stock No. 017–001–00473–1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402–9325 (Telephone: 202–512–1800).

SAMHSA has published additional notices of available funding opportunities for FY 2000 in past issues of the **Federal Register**.

General Instructions

Applicants must use application form PHS 5161–1 (Rev. 6/99; OMB No. 0920–0428). The application kit contains the two-part application materials (complete programmatic guidance and instructions for preparing and submitting applications), the PHS 5161–1 which includes Standard Form 424 (Face Page), and other documentation and forms. Application kits may be obtained from the organization specified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

When requesting an application kit, the applicant must specify the particular activity for which detailed information is desired. This is to ensure receipt of all necessary forms and information, including any specific program review and award criteria.

The PHS 5161–1 application form and the full text of the activity described in Section 4 are also available electronically via SAMHSA's World Wide Web Home Page (address: http://www.samhsa.gov).

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted to: Mr. Ray Lucero, SAMHSA Referral Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, Policy and Review, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 17–89, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857* (* Applicants who wish to use express mail or courier service should change the zip code to 20852.).

Application Deadlines

The deadline for receipt of applications is April 17, 2000.

Competing applications must be received by the indicated receipt date to be accepted for review. An application received after the deadline may only be accepted if it carries a legible proof-of-mailing date assigned by the carrier and that date is not later than one week prior to the deadline date. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

Applications received after the deadline date and those sent to an address other than the address specified above will be returned to the applicant without review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for activity-specific technical information should be directed to the program contact person identified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

Requests for information concerning business management issues should be directed to the grants management contact person identified for the activity covered by this notice (see Section 4).

Programmatic Information

1. Program Background and Objectives

SAMHSA's mission within the Nation's health system is to improve the quality and availability of prevention, early intervention, treatment, and

rehabilitation services for substance abuse and mental illnesses, including co-occurring disorders, in order to improve health and reduce illness, death, disability, and cost to society.

Reinventing government, with its emphases on redefining the role of Federal agencies and on improving customer service, has provided SAMHSA with a welcome opportunity to examine carefully its programs and activities. As a result of that process, SAMHSA moved assertively to create a renewed and strategic emphasis on using its resources to generate knowledge about ways to improve the prevention and treatment of substance abuse and mental illness and to work with State and local governments as well as providers, families, and consumers to effectively use that knowledge in everyday practice.

SAMHSA's FY 2000 Knowledge Development and Application (KD&A) agenda is the outcome of a process whereby providers, services researchers, consumers, National Advisory Council members and other interested persons participated in special meetings or responded to calls for suggestions and reactions. From this input, each SAMHSA Center developed a ''menu'' of suggested topics. The topics were discussed jointly and an agency agenda of critical topics was agreed to. The selection of topics depended heavily on policy importance and on the existence of adequate research and practitioner experience on which to base studies. While SAMHSA's FY 2000 KD&A program will sometimes involve the evaluation of some delivery of services, they are services studies and application activities, not merely evaluation, since they are aimed at answering policy-relevant questions and putting that knowledge to use.

SAMHSA differs from other agencies in focusing on needed information at the services delivery level, and it is question-focus. Dissemination and application are integral, major features of the programs. SAMHSA believes that it is important to get the information into the hands of the public, providers, and systems administrators as effectively as possible. Technical assistance, training, and preparation of special materials will be used, in addition to normal communication means.

SAMHSA also continues to fund legislatively-mandated services programs for which funds are appropriated.

2. Special Concerns

SAMHSA's legislatively-mandated services programs do provide funds for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and prevention services. However, SAMHSA's KD&A activities do not provide funds for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and prevention services except sometimes for costs required by the particular activity's study design. Applicants are required to propose true knowledge application or knowledge development application projects. Applications seeking funding for services projects under a KD&A activity will be considered nonresponsive.

Applications that are incomplete or nonresponsive to the GFA will be returned to the applicant without further consideration.

3. Criteria for Review and Funding

3.1 General Review Criteria

Review criteria that will be used by the peer review groups are specified in the application guidance material.

3.2 Funding Criteria for Scored Applications

Applications will be considered for funding on the basis of their overall technical merit as determined through the peer review group and the appropriate National Advisory Council review process. Availability of funds will also be an award criteria. Additional award criteria specific to the programmatic activity may be included in the application guidance materials.

4. Special FY 2000 SAMHSA Activities

Cooperative Agreement for a Technical Assistance Center for the Evaluation of Adult Mental Health Systems Change (short title: TA Center for Evaluation, SM00–002)

- Application Deadline: The receipt date is April 17, 2000.
- Purpose: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announces the availability of funds to support a Technical Assistance Center for the Evaluation of Adult Mental Health Systems Change in order to provide evaluation technical assistance to States, public and private non-profit entities, to assist them in using the results of KDA program evaluation and to improve the planning, development, and operation of adult mental health services provided under the Community Mental Health Block Grant.
- Eligible Applicants: Public and domestic private non-profit and for-profit entities, units of State or local government, community-based organizations, and State or private universities and colleges.
- Amount: $600,000 in total costs (direct and indirect) to support one award.

Period of Support: Support may be requested for a period of up to 3 years.

- *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 93.119.
- Program Contact: For questions concerning program issues, contact: Mary L. Westcott, Ph.D., Community Support Program Branch, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Room 11C26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443–2826.

For questions regarding grants management issues, contact: Steve Hudak, Grants Management Officer, Division of Grants Management, OPS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Room 13–301, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443–4446.

- Application kits are available from: National Mental Health Services, Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN), P.O. Box 42490, Washington, DC 20015, Telephone: 1–800–789–2647, TTY: (301) 443–9006, Fax: (301) 984–8796.

5. Public Health System Reporting Requirements

The Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS) is intended to keep State and local health officials apprised of proposed health services grant and cooperative agreement applications submitted by community-based nongovernmental organizations within their jurisdictions.

Community-based nongovernmental service providers who are not transmitting their applications through the State must submit a PHSIS to the head(s) of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be affected not later than the pertinent receipt date for applications. This PHSIS consists of the following information:

a. A copy of the face page of the application (Standard form 424).

b. A summary of the project (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, which provides:

(1) A description of the population to be served.

(2) A summary of the services to be provided.

(3) A description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State or local health agencies.

State and local governments and Indian Tribal Authority applicants are not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Application guidance materials will specify if a particular FY 2000 activity

is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

6. PHS Non-Use of Tobacco Policy Statement

The PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103–227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care, or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

7. Executive Order 12372

Applications submitted in response to the FY 2000 activity listed above are subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372, as implemented through DHHS regulations at 45 CFR Part 100. E.O. 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of applications for Federal financial assistance. Applicants (other than Federally recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact the State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) as early as possible to alert them to the prospective application(s) and to receive any necessary instructions on the State's review process. For proposed projects serving more than one State, the applicant is advised to contact the SPOC of each affected State. A current listing of SPOCs is included in the application guidance materials. The SPOC should send any State review process recommendations directly to: Division of Extramural Activities, Policy, and Review, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 17–89, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

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Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Recommended Year 2000 Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; survey protocol.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of its recommended survey protocol for the 2000 field season for determining the presence/absence of the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly. Using information gathered during 1999, we revised the ''Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) for the 1999 Field Season'' dated January 25, 1999. The current recommended protocol entitled ''Year 2000 Survey Protocol for the Endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*)'' incorporates those modifications found to be appropriate, and replaces the 1999 protocol. We will annually review and modify this survey protocol as needed to ensure that the best scientific information is incorporated into the prescribed methodology.

DATES: Data and comments on the year 2000 survey protocol received by August 4, 2000, will be considered in the development of the 2001 survey protocol.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this protocol may be obtained from the Service's Region 1 World Wide Web Home Page at http://www.r1.fws.gov/text/quino.html or from the Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Comments and materials concerning the survey protocol should be sent to the Field Supervisor at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Kehoe at the above address (telephone 760–431–9440, fax 760–431–9618).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The quino checkerspot butterfly was listed as an endangered species on January 16, 1997 (62 FR 2313) as result of loss and degradation of habitat, invasion by alien species, overgrazing, fires, poorly planned fire management practices, and off-road vehicle use. The historic range of the quino checkerspot butterfly extended from the Santa Monica Mountains east and south along the foothills of the Transverse and Peninsular Ranges in California, and south into Baja California, Mexico. Adults have been found from sea level to approximately 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) and populations can be found today in southern San Diego and southwestern Riverside Counties, California. Quino checkerspot butterflies can be observed from mid-February to mid-May, depending on weather. Quino checkerspot butterflies are generally associated with sage scrub, open chaparral, grasslands, and vernal pools; especially open or sparsely vegetated areas, hilltops and ridgelines, rocky outcrops, trails, and dirt roads.

We are seeking additional information to increase our understanding of Quino checkerspot butterfly ecology and biology throughout the species' range. We intend to annually review and modify as necessary the recommended survey protocol to ensure that the best scientific information is incorporated into the prescribed methodology. Therefore, data and comments on the year 2000 survey protocol that we receive by August 4, 2000, will be considered in the development of the 2001 quino survey protocol.

Dated: February 10, 2000.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of scoping Meeting on Intent To Prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement in Anticipation of Receiving an Endangered Species Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit Application to Incidentially Take Listed Species From the San Marcos and Comal Springs Ecosystems by the Edwards Aquifer Authority in Their Efforts to Manage Underground Water Withdrawals From the Southern Edwards Aquifer

AGENCY: Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office Complex, Austin, Texas.

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct scoping meetings and prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This notice advised the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information