



## 3-27-09 UPDATE: SAMHSA Releases Two Grant Opportunities that Can Fund Services in Supportive Housing

**Please note:** CSH is offering the information to help potential applicants based on our current best understanding and interpretation of the two grant opportunities that have been released by SAMHSA. This is not meant to represent official advice under SAMHSA CSAT or CMHS authority.

### OVERVIEW

The **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** is now accepting applications for 2 FY2009 grant programs that can fund services in supportive housing, including grants from the **Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) for Services in Supportive Housing**, and grants from the **Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) for the Treatment for Homeless program**.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, SAMHSA issued an official modification to their current CMHS grant announcement to account for Congressional success in providing a very substantial increase in funding for these grants as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. **See official link here:**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=45416>

This means that there is now **\$16.34 million** (up from \$1.5M) available for the CMHS grant program for Services in Supportive Housing. The purpose of this program is to help prevent or reduce chronic homelessness by funding services for individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness in coordination with existing permanent supportive housing programs and resources.

The CSAT grants are designed to expand and strengthen treatment services for homeless people with substance use and/or mental health disorders. Funds are available in both a "General" category (\$6.8 million) and a "Services in Supportive Housing" category (\$4.5 million).

### Q & A with SAMHSA: Conference Call

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and the National Alliance to End Homelessness (the Alliance) co-hosted a free web-based conference call on the SAMHSA request for applications (RFA). On this call, representatives from SAMHSA answered many key questions about the two grant opportunities.

**To listen to a recording of this call**, please click this link: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/tools/multimedia>

### Summary of Two Opportunities for Funding Services in Supportive Housing

SAMHSA grant funds may not be used to fund housing costs, but are intended to be used for services linked to permanent housing that is funded through HUD's Homeless Assistance grants programs (including Shelter Plus Care or Supportive Housing Program) or through comparable funding provided from other sources. For both grant programs applicants seeking funding for services in supportive housing will be required provide documentation of funding (from HUD or other sources) for the housing component of the project. SAMHSA grants can be used to pay for a range of services including outreach, case management, independent living skills, assistance in obtaining income support and entitlements, direct treatment, including screening, assessment, and active treatment for substance use and mental disorders, and other wrap-around and recovery support services. In both programs grantees are encouraged to assure that clients have access to a comprehensive array of integrated services, including primary care services, which may be provided directly or through collaborative arrangements. Service delivery should begin by the 4<sup>th</sup> month after grant funding is awarded. All applicants are strongly encouraged to consider the unique needs of veterans and their families in developing their proposed project. All SAMHSA grantees are required to collect and report data, and up to 20% of the total grant award may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment. Cost sharing and matching funds are not required in either of these two grant programs.

### Some Key Differences

There are several important differences between these two grant opportunities. To assist potential applicants in determining which of these grant opportunities may be most appropriate for supportive housing projects, a few key differences are summarized in the table on the next page. Potential applicants should carefully review the funding announcement(s) for more information about the specific requirements for each grant program, including more information about the range of services that must be provided, application requirements, evaluation criteria and applicable preferences or priorities.

<b>Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Treatment for Homeless</b>	<b>Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) Services in Supportive Housing</b>
<a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/ti_09_006.aspx">http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/ti_09_006.aspx</a>	<a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/sm_09_007.aspx">http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/sm_09_007.aspx</a>
<b>Posting on Grants.gov:</b> February 24, 2009 <b>Application Due Date:</b> April 30, 2009	<b>Posting on Grants.gov:</b> February 20, 2009 <b>Application Due Date:</b> April 17, 2009
<b>Anticipated Total Available Funding: \$11.3 million</b>	<b>Anticipated Total Available Funding: \$16.34 million</b> (up from \$1.5M in official notice)
SAMHSA/CSAT is targeting \$4.5 million per year within the Treatment for Homeless Program for “Services in Supportive Housing” grants. The remaining \$6.8 million will be available for “General” Treatment for Homeless grants.	<b>Important note:</b> Previously this grant was estimated at 1.5 million. However additional funding for this RFA was approved by Congress on March 24 <sup>th</sup> , within the Omnibus appropriations bill.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b> Eligibility is restricted to community-based public and private nonprofit entities such as county governments, city or township governments, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes, urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges; and community- and faith-based organizations. Applicants for services in supportive housing grants must demonstrate the ability to place clients in supportive housing. <b>Non-Eligible Applicants:</b> Under the statute, States and for-profit agencies are not eligible to apply. Also, grantees from the FY 2005, 2006, and 2008 funding cohorts for the Treatment for Homeless program are not eligible to apply for this program.	<b>Eligible Applicants:</b> Eligibility is limited to applicants that operate HUD-funded permanent supportive housing or other comparable supportive housing programs funded by non-HUD sources.
<b>Anticipated Number of Awards:</b> Treatment for Homeless-General - Up to 20 Treatment for Homeless-Services in Supportive Housing - Up to 13	<b>Anticipated Number of Awards:</b> Up to 41 grants
<b>Anticipated Award Amount:</b> Up to \$350,000 per year for up to 5 years	<b>Anticipated Award Amount:</b> Up to \$400,000 per year for up to 5 years
<b>Eligible Target Population(s)</b>	
“Homeless” persons are those who lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence, including persons whose primary nighttime residence is: a supervised public or private shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations; a time-limited/ nonpermanent transitional housing arrangement for individuals engaged in mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment; or a public or private facility not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping	The purpose of this program is to help prevent or reduce chronic homelessness by funding services for individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness in coordination with existing permanent supportive housing programs and resources.  This program targets individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness. A <i>chronically homeless person</i> is defined as “an unaccompanied

<p>accommodation. Families are not excluded from this definition.</p> <p>“Homeless” also includes “doubled-up” – a residential status that places individuals at imminent risk for becoming homeless – defined as sharing another person’s dwelling on a temporary basis where continued tenancy is contingent upon the hospitality of the primary leaseholder or owner and can be rescinded at any time without notice.</p> <p>“Chronically Homeless” persons are defined as unaccompanied homeless individuals with a substance use disorder, mental disorder, or co-occurring substance use and mental disorder, who have either been continuously homeless for a year or more or have had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years.</p>	<p>homeless individual with a serious mental illness or a co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorder who has either been continuously homeless for at least one year OR has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.” A <i>homeless family</i> is defined as “one or more adults, at least one of whom has a serious mental illness or co-occurring disorder, who are caring for their dependent children, and who have been continuously homeless for six months, have had two or more episodes of homelessness in the past two years or have a history of residential instability (i.e., 5 or more moves over the past two years).”</p> <p>For the purposes of this RFA the term “<i>homeless</i>” is defined as “a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets), in emergency homeless shelters (including domestic violence shelters), or transitional housing.”</p>
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