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State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant

Document Summary

This memo describes the procedure for counties and tribes identified as high-need areas to request State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis Grant funding from the Department of Health Services (DHS) Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) for the purpose of decreasing waitlists, service denials, or other unmet needs for individuals seeking treatment services for an opioid use disorder for the period July 1, 2017, through April 30, 2018.

Background

DCTS applied for the federal STR grant in February 2017. At the same time, DCTS requested that counties and tribes having unmet opioid treatment needs complete a survey to help DCTS determine where and how the funding should be allocated. The federal grant was awarded to Wisconsin on May 1, 2017, stipulating that a portion of the funds be distributed to support service implementation within four months. Given the urgency, STR contracts are to begin July 1, 2017. Funding for year two of the STR grant funding will be based on successfully meeting contract requirements and continued federal funding. For 2017 the total funding of \$1.8 million is to be provided to counties and tribes identified as high need specifically for the purpose of decreasing waitlists and service denials for individuals seeking treatment services for an opioid use disorder. (See attached chart of high-need communities.)

Application Process

Eligibility for Funding

Agencies eligible for funds include county departments of human services and counties and tribes not currently receiving DCTS funds through the Medication-Assisted Treatment-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MAT-PDOA) Grant Program. Communities of high need are given priority.

Information to be Submitted for Funding Consideration

Applications are due June 15, 2017, for contracts starting July 1, 2017, with funding available through April 30, 2018. To apply, use [F-02122](#).

Each county or tribe must describe the number of additional people the county or tribe are able to serve who are currently awaiting treatment services or are in urgent need due to an opioid use disorder and the cost to provide these services. Awards will be based on need and number of people to be served. The awards will be prorated based on the amount of funding available. These awards will be stand-alone contracts for 2017. These awards will not be made as an appendix to the state-county contract.

There is no carryover funding as part of this opportunity. All funds must be spent during the contract period.

Eligibility Conditions for Funding Requests from Counties and Tribes

In order to qualify to receive this funding, eligible counties and tribes must agree to meet the conditions of funding and address the criteria below in a narrative. The narrative may be in the form of a cover letter to the application or an attached document. This funding requires the following:

- Prior to award, DCTS will compile a baseline number of annual substance use disorder persons who were served in calendar year (CY) 2016. Applicant will be expected to increase the number of substance use disorder persons served during the grant period over the baseline. Similarly, DCTS will compile a baseline amount of annual substance use disorder expenditures during CY 2016. Applicant will be expected to increase the amount of annual substance use disorder expenditures during the grant period over the baseline.
- Counties shall report client-level data and expenditures through the Program Participation System (PPS). DCTS will negotiate with tribes on a client and expenditure reporting method having adequate integrity such as an extract from the Indian Health Service Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) or other in-house database or accounting system.
- Counties must comply with all local (city, county) and state requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification. Tribes must comply with all applicable tribal requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification or explain that licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements do not exist.
- Counties and tribes must use evidence-based practices for opioid addiction treatment including access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders. Applicants must agree to not deny or limit persons the opportunity to receive pharmacotherapy (buprenorphine and naltrexone formulations). Applicants proposing to serve a population with a practice that has not been formally evaluated with that population are required to provide other forms of evidence that the practice(s) they propose is appropriate for the population(s) of focus. Evidence for these practices may include unpublished studies, preliminary evaluation results, clinical (or other professional association) guidelines, findings from focus groups with community members, etc. Applicants may describe their experience either with the population(s) of focus or in managing similar programs. Information in support of the proposed practice needs to be sufficient to demonstrate the appropriateness of the practice.
- Counties and tribes must permit access to opioid use disorder services for persons reentering communities from criminal justice settings or other rehab settings.
- Counties and tribes must begin delivering services prior to September 1, 2017.
- Counties and tribes awarded funds must provide DCTS with a list of subcontractors and their agency Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.

Action Summary

The following process will be used for the review and approval of these funds:

1. Counties and tribes shall submit copies of [F-02122](#) to [Jason Harris](#) by June 15, 2017.
2. The DCTS Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR) will review the applications and forward recommendations to the DCTS Administrator for final approval.
3. Following the DCTS Administrator's approval, BPTR will contact selected counties and tribes regarding the awarding of funds and contracting.

For additional information and questions regarding this memo:

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Attachment

Attachment 1: Initial Communities of Focus, Number of Persons to be Served

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