Applying for SAMHSA Grants

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SAMHSA 101: Overview

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What is SAMHSA?

Mission:

To lead public health and service delivery efforts that:

1. *Promote mental health*
2. *Prevent substance misuse*
3. *Provide treatments & supports to foster recovery*
4. *Ensure equitable access & better outcomes*

Vision:

SAMHSA envisions that people with, affected by, or at risk for mental health and substance use conditions receive care, thrive, and achieve wellbeing.

What does SAMHSA do?

- **Grant funding:**
  - States
  - Territories
  - Tribal & Local Communities
  - Non-governmental organizations
- **Technical Assistance to Grantees & Practitioners**
- **Resources**
  - Publish/Disseminate Resources for Individuals & Family Members on Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment & Recovery
- **Data**
  - Collect, Analyze & Share Behavioral Health Data
- **Leadership & Voice**
  - Collaborate with Other Agencies to Evaluate Programs & Improve Policies
  - Raise Awareness of Available MH/SUD Resources Through Educational Messaging Campaigns and Events.

SAMHSA's Centers and Offices

- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use
  - 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinating Office
  - Office of Behavioral Health Equity
  - Office of the Chief Medical Officer
  - Office of Intergovernmental and Public Affairs
    - Communications
    - OTAP / OIASA
    - Regional
  - National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory
  - Office of Recovery
- Office of Financial Resources
- Office of Management, Technology and Operations

SAMHSA's Four Centers:

- Center for Mental Health Services
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
- Center for Behavioral Health Statistics & Quality

SAMHSA Appropriations Budget Authority

SAMHSA FY 2024 Enacted Budget

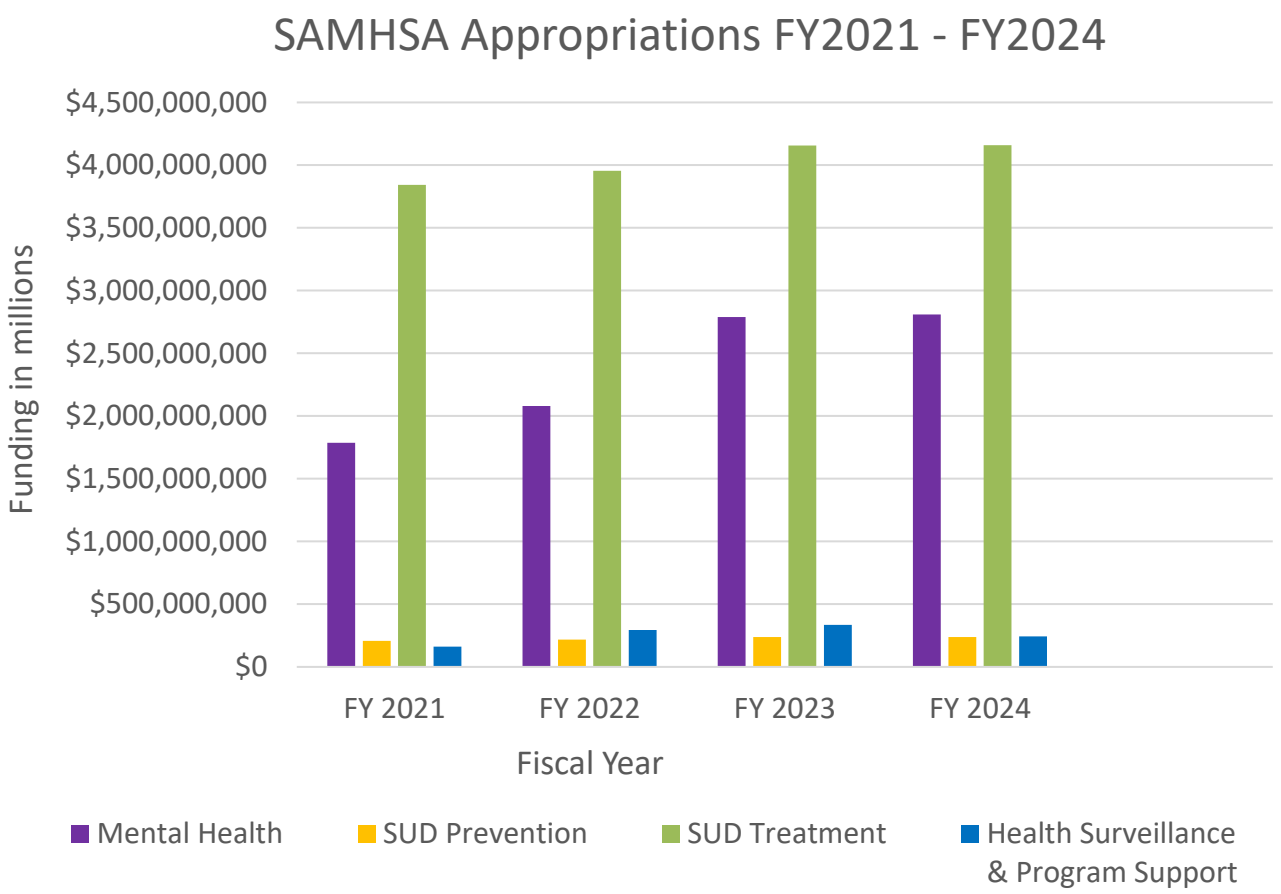
Mental Health Funding
$2.809 billion (+$20m over FY23)

Substance Use Prevention Funding
$236.88 million (flat with FY23)

Substance Use Treatment
$4.159 billion (+$2m over FY23)

Health Surveillance & Program Support
$243.17 million (-$92m under FY23)*

Total SAMHSA FY24 Budget Authority =
$7.30 billion - $70m under FY23



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SAMHSA's Block Grants

- **Formula Grants**
  - Provide funds to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 6 Pacific jurisdictions based on economic and demographic factors.
- **Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) -** FY24 Enacted - $1.01 billion
  - Grantees provide comprehensive, community-based mental health services to adults with serious mental illnesses and to children with serious emotional disturbances and to monitor progress in implementing a comprehensive, community-based mental health system.
- **Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUPTRS BG**) – FY24 Enacted - $2.01 billion
  - Grantees use the funds to plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance use and promote public health.

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Center for Mental Health Services – Major Grants

- Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)
- Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- Children's Mental Health Services
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
- Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network
- Mental Health Awareness Training
- Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration
- Suicide Prevention Programs
  - GLS Youth Suicide Prevention – States
  - GLS Youth Suicide Prevention – Campus
  - GLS Suicide Prevention Resource Center
  - AI/AN Suicide Prevention Initiative
  - National Strategy for Suicide Prevention
    - Zero Suicide
    - Other NSSP
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness
- Minority Fellowship Program
- Interagency Task Force on Trauma-Informed Care
- Assertive Community Treatment
- PRNS:
  - Project AWARE
  - Healthy Transitions
  - Children & Family Programs
  - Consumer & Family Network Grants
  - Project LAUNCH
  - Mental Health System Transformation & Health Reform
  - Homelessness Prevention Programs
  - Minority AIDS
  - Criminal and Juvenile Justice Programs
  - Practice Improvement & Training
  - Consumer & Consumer-Supporter TA Centers
  - Disaster Response
  - Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint
  - Tribal Behavioral Health Grants
  - Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health

988 Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinating Office

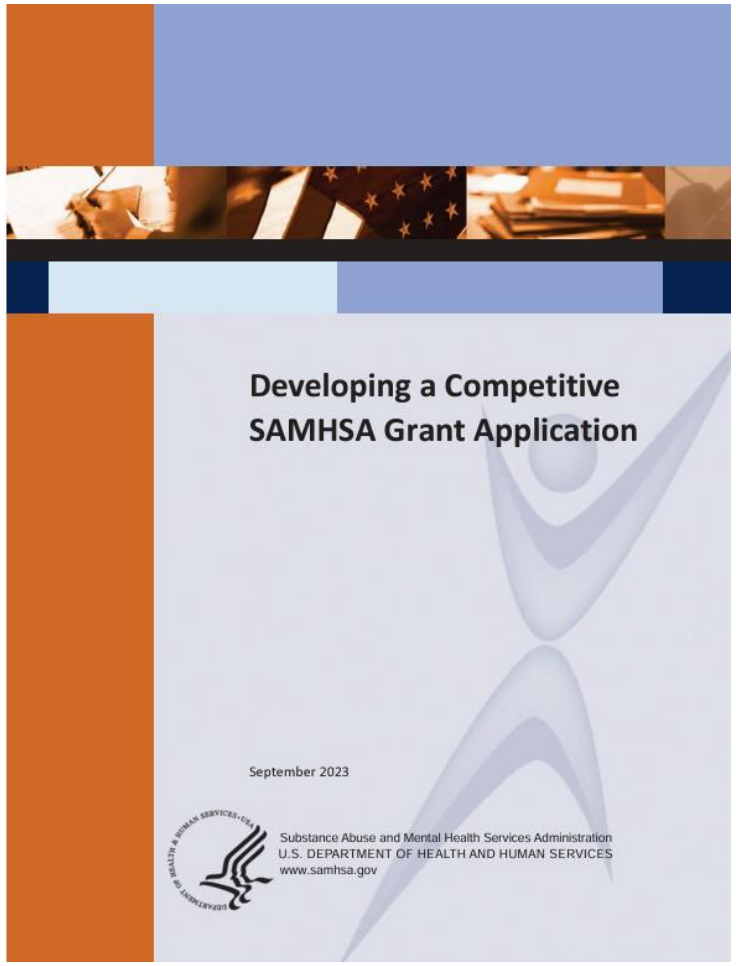
- Serves as **lead federal organization of 988**
  - Manage cooperative agreement with 988's network administrator
  - Provide funding to help administrator, states, territories, and tribes strengthen 988's services
  - Lead awareness and behavior change communication campaigns

- Since **988's Launch in July 2022**
  - Counselors answered more than 10 million calls, texts, and chats from people looking for help with suicidal thoughts and mental health and substance use-related crises.
  - Of the 10 million contacts answered in the past two years, 1.7 million were texts – with 988 answering 51% more texts in the past 12 months than the year before.
  - In FY23, 988 implemented Spanish-language chat and text functionality

Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application

Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application is a valuable resource available on the SAMHSA website at:

- (Application Forms and Resources webpage)



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Key Activities in the Grant Application Process

1. **Prepare** to apply
2. **Develop** your application
3. **Submit** your application and await results & feedback

Preparing to Apply

Register and set-up your account in **all three systems:**

- System for Award Management (SAM) SAM.gov
- Grants.gov
- eRA Commons registration

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Preparing to Apply (continued)

Ready, Set, Apply!

Key Elements:

- Review and Update your **program/organizational** materials
- **Data** supporting Mental Health or Substance use needs in your area
- Building **Partnerships** and **Networks**

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Developing an Application

Key Activities:

- Download Application Documents
- Review NOFO Requirements
- Access Additional Resources
  - ➢2024 NOFO Application Guide:

Who's Eligible to Apply for SAMHSA Grants?

- Generally, only domestic public and private non-profit entities can apply to SAMHSA grants.
- Each NOFO has its own eligibility requirements.
  - Check the specific SAMHSA NOFO for eligibility

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Support for 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements program (Short Title: 988 Tribal Response). The purpose of these cooperative agreements is to provide resources to improve response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in Tribal communities and/or activated by American Indians/Alaska Natives. With this program, SAMHSA aims to: (1) ensure American Indians/Alaska Natives have access to culturally competent, trained 988 crisis center support through existing and/or new 988 Lifeline centers; (2) improve integration and support of 988 crisis centers, Tribal nations, and Tribal organizations to ensure there is navigation and follow-up care; and (3) facilitate collaborations with Tribal, state and territory health providers, Urban Indian Organizations, law enforcement, and other first responders in a manner which respects Tribal sovereignty.

Funding Opportunity Title:	Support for 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements (Short Title: 988 Tribal Response)
Funding Opportunity Number:	FG-23-005
Due Date for Applications:	7/18/2023
Estimated Total Available Funding:	Up to $17,800,000 per year
Estimated Number of Awards:	9 to 71
Estimated Award Amount:	$250,000 - $2,000,000 per year
Cost Sharing/Match Required:	No
Anticipated Project Start Date:	9/30/2023
Anticipated Award Date	8/31/2023
Length of Project Period:	3 years
Eligible Applicants:	Eligibility is limited to federally recognized Indian Tribes, tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations. Tribes and tribal organizations may apply individually or as a consortium. [See Section III-1 for eligibility information.]

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Developing an Application (continued)

<u>Key Activities:</u>

- Review evaluation criteria and develop your project narrative
- Address all Required Activities
- Note Page Limits and Formatting Requirements

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Submit the Application/Await Results & Feedback

- Submit Application Early …60-day Application Window
- Check E-mail for Notifications
- Participate in Peer Review
- Await Application Review and Feedback

Other Resources for Submitting Applications

1. System of Award Management (SAM) – www.SAM.gov
2. Grants.gov – www.grants.gov
3. eRA Commons Registration – www.era.nih.gov/register-accounts/register-in-era-commons.htm
4. eRA Help Desk – www.era.nih.gov/need-help
5. How to Apply for a SAMHSA Grant – www.samhsa.gov/grants/how-to-apply
6. Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Guide – www.samhsa.gov/grants/how-to-apply/nofo-application-guide
7. Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application – www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/developing-competitive-samhsa-grant-application-manual.pdf
8. SAMHSA Grants Dashboard - https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-dashboard
9. FY24 SAMHSA Grant Forecast – www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-dashboard/forecasts
10. Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center – www.samhsa.gov/resource-search/ebp
11. SAMHSA Data – www.samhsa.gov/data
12. FY25 Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates - https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/samhsa-fy-2025-cj.pdf

Resource Mailboxes

- **Grant Application Process**

dgr.applications@samhsa.hhs.gov

- **Grant Award Management Process**

SAMHSAGrants@samhsa.hhs.gov

Thank You

Happy to Answer any Questions!

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