Building Communities of Recovery (BCOR)
NOFO (TI-24-003)
Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-24-003

Eligibility

1. **Who is eligible to apply?**

   Eligible applicants are Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs), defined as independent, non-profit organizations wholly or principally governed by people in recovery from substance use disorder (SUD) and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders (COD) who reflect the community being served.

   All non-profit entities must submit documentation of their non-profit status in **Attachment 8**.

   In **Attachment 9**, the applicant organization must document its eligibility as an RCO by providing a letter from the Board of Directors certifying that it has met the criteria of a RCO for a minimum of two years.

2. **Can individuals apply for and receive funding through the BCOR Grant program?**

   No, individuals cannot apply to this grant. Individuals can find resources for treatment or assistance at SAMHSA's Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator (https://www.findtreatment.gov) or by contacting SAMHSA's National Helpline at 1-800- 662-HELP (4357).

3. **Can an organization that is currently in the process of securing nonprofit status apply to this program?**

   An organization must have documentation of their nonprofit status when submitting the application. Acceptable evidence of non-profit status can be found on pages 22 and 23 of the NOFO. The documentation must be included in Attachment 8 of the application.

4. **Can FY2022 and FY2023 BCOR grantees apply to this NOFO?**

   Recipients that received initial funding in FY2022 and FY2023 **are not** eligible to apply. Recipients who received their initial funding prior to FY2022 are eligible to apply.

5. **Can another organization apply on behalf of an RCO?**

   No, another organization cannot apply on behalf of an RCO; the applicant on record must be an RCO and provide the supporting documents requested per Attachments 8 and 9.

Key Personnel

6. **What are the minimum qualifications and the level of effort for the Project Director?**

   The Project Director is responsible for oversight of the project and staff with lived experience in SUD and/or COD recovery who reflect the needs and population of the community(ies) to be served.

   There are two key personnel for this program: the Project Director and the Project Coordinator. The combined level of effort (LOE) for the two positions must, at a minimum, equal 100 percent.

Required/Allowable Activities

7. **Do projects need to conduct all the required activities or select from those listed in the NOFO?**

   Yes, projects must implement all required activities listed in Section 1.3 of the NOFO (pg. 8).

8. **If we cannot provide an activity ourselves, can we subcontract with another provider to implement the activity?**

   Yes, grant activities can be completed in partnership with a subcontractor. The grant recipient will be legally responsible for all required activities and oversight of the grant and will serve as SAMHSA's point of contact for the grant.

9. **When are recipients expected to start delivery of services?**

   Recipients are expected to begin the delivery of services by the fourth month of the award.

Data Collection/Reporting

10. **How often will the recipient collect Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data?**

    Data will be collected at three points: intake to SAMHSA-funded services, six months post-intake, and discharge from the SAMHSA funded services.

Financial

11. **Is there a cost-sharing and matching requirement for this grant?**

    Yes, this program requires cost-sharing/match. You must provide matching funds (directly or through donations from public or private entities) from non-federal contributions that are not less than $15 for each $85 of federal funds provided in the award.

12. **Can the non-federal share be in cash or in-kind?**

    Yes, cash or third-party in-kind contributions may be accepted as part of the recipient's cost-sharing.

Application Submission (*See the [FY24 Application Guide](#) for additional information*)

13. **Where can I get information on preparing a grant application?**

    The [FY 2024 NOFO Application Guide](#) provides detailed instructions on preparing and submitting your application. Please review each section of the Application Guide for important information on the grant application process, including the registration requirements, required attachments, and budget.

14. **How to submit an application?**

    After completing all required registration and application requirements, you must electronically submit the application using eRA ASSIST or Grants.gov Workspace.

15. **When is the application deadline?**

    Applications must be submitted to and validated successfully **no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time on April 29th, 2024**. Applications submitted after the due date will not be reviewed.

    SAMHSA recommends that you allow enough time before the deadline to submit your application and to correct errors identified in the validation process. It is highly recommended that you submit your application 24–72 hours before the

submission deadline to allow for enough time to correct errors and resubmit the application. (See page 11 and page 17 of the FY24 Application Guide)

Other Application Questions

16. **How do I know if my organization qualifies for the additional ten (10) points stated in the NOFO?**

    Ten (10) points will be given to applicants in states and territories that have not previously received BCOR funding with proposed projects that address the needs of underserved communities and/or rural populations greatly impacted by SUD and COD.

    Applicants must meet **both requirements** to qualify and receive the additional ten (10) points: 1) Be from a state/territory that has not previously received BCOR funding **AND** 2) the proposed project must address the needs of underserved and/or rural populations greatly impacted by SUD and COD.

17. **Is there a list or a definition of underserved communities?**

    Underserved communities are defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985.

18. **Where can I find the list of states and territories that have NOT previously received BCOR funding?**

    A table with the states and territories that have NOT previously received BCOR funding can be found on page 18 of the NOFO.

19. **If my organization does not meet the criteria for the additional ten (10) points in Section A, can we still apply?**

    Yes, if the organization meets the eligibility criteria and can perform the required activities of the grant, they are encouraged to apply.

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