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SAMHSA is accepting applications for up to \$8.012 million in funding for FY 2013 Cooperative Agreements for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment

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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for fiscal year 2013 Cooperative Agreements for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). The purpose of this program is to implement screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services for adults in primary care and community health settings with substance misuse and substance use disorders (SUDs). This program is designed to expand/enhance the state and tribal continuum of care for substance misuse services and reduce alcohol and drug consumption and its negative health impact; increase abstinence and reduce costly health care utilization; and promote sustainability of SBIRT services through the use of health information technology (HIT).

SAMHSA expects that grants of up to \$2.003 million per year will be provided to up to four selected grantees for up to five years. The actual award amounts may vary, depending on the availability funds.

WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible applicants are the immediate office of the Single State Authority (SSA); director of the health department (or equivalent agency) in the states, territories, and District of Columbia; or the highest ranking official and/or the duly authorized official of a federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribe or tribal organization. See Section III-1 of the grant announcement for complete eligibility information.

HOW TO APPLY: You may request a complete application package for RFA number TI-13-012 from SAMHSA at 1-877-SAMHSA7 [TDD: 1-800-487-4889]. You may also download the required documents at http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/apply.aspx. Your application must be submitted through http://www.Grants.gov. Please refer to Appendix B of the grant announcement, "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications."

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Applications are due by 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on April 29, 2013.

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