



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board and community partner grant recipients
FROM: Angie Bergefurd, Assistant Director for Community Programs and Services
Daniel Schreiber, Deputy Director for Financial Management
DATE: June 5, 2015
RE: Grants application and funding process for SFY 2016

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is reviewing and approving funding of community grants and program initiatives funded from block grant and other state sources for State Fiscal Year 2016. The department is in the process of realigning grant management and fiscal processes to promote a uniform and centralized approach for the distribution and monitoring of funds to the community. For SFY 2016, all currently funded grantees must submit their applications electronically via the Online Grant Application (OLGA) system or the Proving Ohio's Prevention Success (POPS) system in order to reduce the amount of paperwork required to process grants.

The Grant Information for Applicants (GIFA) provides guidance for OhioMHAS grant funded programs. It provides applicants for continuation grants with the requirements for SFY 2016 grant application and sets forth the process by which grant applications will be submitted and reviewed. The SFY 2016 grant application will cover a one-year period, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. For SFY 2016, OhioMHAS will issue two separate GIFA documents. GIFA 1 will provide guidance to grantees that currently have a grant in either POPS or OLGA, or as otherwise indicated by your grant program lead. GIFA 1 is included with this communication.

GIFA 1 includes many SAPT grants that were previously impacted by the six quarter SAPT realignment which will allow OhioMHAS to provide consistently timed funding to grant recipients and eliminate cash flow issues in the future. As a reminder, the last two quarters of realignment are the first two quarters of SFY 16. As a result, grantees will receive a larger amount of SAPT funding over the course of SFY 16 compared to SFY 15. Grantees that saw benefit from the one-time Mid-Biennium Review GRF funding in SFY 15 that was used to supplement some grants, please note that this additional GRF is not anticipated for SFY 16.

The second application announcement (GIFA 2) will provide guidance to those grantees who will be utilizing OLGA for the first time to submit their grant application(s) or those grantees whose SFY 2016 funding amounts or deliverables may differ from the previous year. A webinar will be scheduled to provide technical assistance. The webinar will provide applicants who are new to the Online Grants Application (OLGA) system with step-by-step instructions on the SFY 2016 grant application submission process. Additional information, including registration for the webinar, will be included in the GIFA 2 document expected to be released at the end of June.

OhioMHAS project leads will be contacting you to review projected grant awards, discuss deliverables, and address any questions you may have regarding the POPS and OLGA systems. You may also contact your respective project leads for technical assistance regarding allocation, program, and related grant information in the interim.