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TO: Board Executive Directors and CFOs
FROM: Daniel Schreiber, Deputy Director of Financial Management
DATE: July 1, 2020
RE: SFY 2021 GIFA Announcement

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The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is pleased to release the Grant Information for Applicants (GIFA) document for State Fiscal Year 2021 (SFY21). This document provides a list of certain grants and funding opportunities listed by Board area. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of funding any area or provider may receive. Allocations are published under separate cover, and certain other funding opportunities and disbursements will be announced throughout the year as they become available. All federal and state funds awarded here are based on the availability to the department. Please note that individual amounts may be different than previous years based on amended or modified deliverables, outcomes, or other decisions associated with each award.

We want to acknowledge that the coronavirus has dramatically impacted our health, our healthcare systems, and our economy. The pandemic is not over and the impact on our economy – and on Ohio’s tax revenues – continues as we begin SFY21. As we start this new fiscal year, it is clear that revenues will not be sufficient to maintain all of the state budget increases that were built into SFY21 last year. We know that stability is crucial during these uncertain times, so are releasing adjusted SFY21 allocations as we continue to carefully examine available funding sources and review our budget priorities and areas of need. Thank you for your continuing collaboration and for all that you are doing to serve Ohioans. Your hard work has enabled us to continue critical services across Ohio.

Most programs and projects should be developed on a state fiscal year basis, or July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and must be structured such that funds are expended or encumbered only to pay liabilities incurred within this fiscal year. Certain other grants run on a federal fiscal year. These will be clearly noted at the time of application and on the Notice of Sub-Award). All applications must be submitted through the Grant Funding and Management System (discussed below) in conjunction with any specific guidance from the assigned Project Lead. Any program modifications/changes throughout the year must be in coordination with and have the approval of the Project Lead.

What is included on the GIFA?

As in the past, the GIFA reflects only funding opportunities that are planned to be awarded in SFY21. As such, any carryover amounts that may be granted by either the Federal or State government will not be reflected on this document.

What is NOT included on the GIFA?

There are several items that may have been funded in the past that cannot be found on the current iteration of the GIFA. While this will sometimes mean that the program is not being funded in the specific year, there may be other reasons why it is not on the document:

- Certain grants for which the Department has not yet received a Notice of Award (NOA) from the federal government will not be published as part of the GIFA. When the Department is in receipt of the federal NOAs for each grant, separate communication will occur with those specific grantees to determine funding levels and deliverables.
- The Department will continue to fund certain programs that have been designated as “allocation-type” programs. This funding type is for programs specifically authorized in legislation or by MHAS from specific fund sources. Like last year, these programs will use a slightly different application process in GFMS than grants, given requirements may differ. Recipients of this type of funding will be contacted by the appropriate Department Project Lead with any specific requirements for application or receipt.
- The Department will also be funding various activities through purchase orders and contracts that are not considered grants and are therefore not included in the GIFA. Those funding mechanisms are processed through the MHAS Bureau of Fiscal Operations. In addition, the GIFA does not include any grant opportunities that will be competitively bid in SFY 2021. Programs expected to be funded in 2021 but are not on this GIFA will be coordinated with the Project Lead.

If you do not see funding on the GIFA that you expected to receive, please contact your Project Lead to determine if the project is being funded in 2021 and, if so, which methodology will be used.

Grant Funding Management System (GFMS)

Grantees will be required to submit the application including all relevant information through the Grant Funding Management System (GFMS). Please contact your program lead for any training or technical assistance

GFMS will be open beginning **Monday, July 6, 2020**, with program and fiscal leads entering items into the system for providers to complete the applications process. Please note that while program leads are working diligently to make application available as expediently as possible, not all projects will be available on that day. In addition to the automatic message received when an entry is ready for providers to complete their information, program leads will contact their community partners when items are available. Should you have any questions, please contact your program lead (duane.casto@mha.ohio.gov), and they will be happy to provide any technical assistance you may require.

Applications for grants that are being awarded on will have much of the demographic information carried over from the previous year to limit the amount of data entry required. As a result, grantees may not need to submit a new application in its entirety, but rather provide updates to the application in the following areas:

1. Project Narrative;
2. Demographic changes;
3. Changes to Organizational Information and/or Federal Requirement sections that have occurred since last submission Please contact the MHAS Help Desk to make updates to organization information;
4. Changes to the Project Area;
5. Updates to the Community Assessment (if applicable);
6. Changes in service capacity areas since last submission;

7. Updates to staff descriptions and/or licenses that have occurred since last submission; and
8. Changes in the Implementation Plan, including Project Model/NOMS/Objectives/service & activities.

Please note that in addition to providing necessary updates in the areas above, a new line item budget must be submitted along with a new budget narrative for SFY 2021. Grantees must also upload all needed signatures, and other requirement documentation in GFMS, such as an Annual Financial Reporting Audit. Please contact your Project Lead with specific questions related to updating your application for SFY 20.

All funding is subject to change due to changes in State and Federal laws, regulations, and fund availability. Should any of this award information change following the publication of these documents, MHAS will contact affected recipients as soon as possible.

As always, thank you for your work with us and the communities you serve. Please contact your Project Lead or Daniel Schreiber with any questions or concerns.

TABLE 1 – Allocation Type Funding

Program Area	Project Area	Project Lead
Community Prevention	Prevention & Wellness	Stacey Frohnapfel-Hasson
Access Success	Operating Expenses	Caitlin Beha Worth
Addiction Treatment Program	Criminal Justice Services	Kathy Yokum
Community Transition Program	Addiction Services Partnership	Christopher Nicasastro
DSA Housing	Mental Health Block Grant	Roma Barickman
Family & Children's First Council	Behavioral Health Care	Tammy Payton
Probate Courts	Court Costs	Christopher Nicasastro
Resident Trainees	Resident Trainees	Beth Ferguson
Specialized Dockets Payroll Subsidy	Specialized Docket Support	Joani Moore