



Application for ASAM Criteria Training Events

Funding Period SFY 2018: July 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

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RFA PURPOSE

The 21st Century Cures Act was passed by Congress and signed into law in late 2016. It is designed to modernize health care through enhanced innovation, research and communication, leading to better patient outcomes. The Act also makes available to states new funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to combat the prescription opioid and heroin crisis. SAMHSA's State Targeted Response (STR) project funding will provide over \$970 million to states and territories over the next two years, beginning in fiscal year 2017. Ohio will receive over \$26 million dollars in FY 2017 and is eligible for additional funding in FY 2018.

Ohio's Opioid STR Project goals focus on building a community system of care (prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery support) that emphasizes service integration between physical health care, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare. Strategies and activities undertaken for this effort build upon Ohio's on-going efforts to address the opioid epidemic and are designed to reduce overdose deaths and enhance the ability of individuals with opioid use disorder to receive treatment using evidence-based approaches. This focus represents a high-impact opportunity to strengthen Ohio's comprehensive response to the state's opioid issues.

OhioMHAS seeks applications to provide trainings that educate prescribers about the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria. The goal of the trainings is to help prescribers better understand ways to standardize how patients are placed in treatment, as well as how to provide continuing, integrated care and ongoing service planning. Course offerings will include live and online training events. Trainings will be offered to physicians in the start of the project and may be opened up to other at OhioMHAS discretion. The successful awardee will secure continuing medical education (CME) credits for both the live and the online trainings.

OHIO ASAM Criteria Training Event Goals

Live Training

The awardee will coordinate with OhioMHAS to determine the times and locations for awardee to provide ten (10) live trainings. Each training will be a two-day seminar that will provide an in-depth look at the theoretical foundations of the ASAM Criteria, including clinically driven services, biopsychosocial assessment, the six dimensions, continued stay and transfer/discharge criteria. The awardee will secure CME credits for the training events. All physicians in attendance will be given a free copy of The ASAM Criteria, third edition (2013), so they can continue to build upon the skills learned in the course. Training events should begin in September 2017, with two or more trainings offered per quarter for the duration of the grant period.

Physician Attendance

OhioMHAS staff (or their contractor) will recruit physicians from a variety of specialties that may come into regular contact with persons diagnosed with substance use disorder, including primary care practitioners, emergency departments practitioners, urgent care practitioners, behavioral health practitioners, and obstetric/gynecologic practitioners. OhioMHAS staff (or their contractor) will choose the training location. Each training event will serve a minimum of 35 physicians and a maximum of 40 physicians. OhioMHAS will ensure that the minimum attendance requirements are met, and reschedule the training event if the minimum attendance requirement cannot be met.

Online Training

The awardee will make available its online ASAM Criteria training modules on multidimensional assessment and levels of care (i.e., two courses) for up to 1,500 physician learners (i.e., 1,500 unique physicians receiving 3,000 online offerings). The awardee will secure CME credits for the online training courses. Online trainings should be available beginning in September 2017, through the duration of the grant period – and until all online offerings are used even if that occurs after the end of the grant.

DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

As authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 5119.61, OhioMHAS will collect information and data from awardee. This information and data are outlined in the Reporting Requirements, which will be distributed with all the Notice of Award. These Reporting Requirements will be available on the OhioMHAS website. Reporting requirements, such as expenditure reports and quarterly program summary reports, will be reviewed by OhioMHAS staff. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may be considered a breach of the funding award and shall result in further action by OhioMHAS.

Additional Data Collection

Awardee will submit training data within two weeks of a training taking place, including:

- Number of physicians trained at live events;
- Number of physicians trained through online courses; and
- Demographic data, including physician DEA waiver number (if applicable), specialty, race, ethnicity, and sex.

Performance Assessment

The awardee is expected to participate in a performance assessment as needed, including monthly reviews with OhioMHAS staff.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must have an established ASAM Criteria live and online curriculum and have the staff or ability to contract with the staff necessary to conduct the live ASAM Criteria trainings. Applicants must have at least two years' experience delivering and coordinating ASAM Criteria training and/or training faculty to perform the trainings. Applicants must be able to secure CME credits for the online and live trainings.

Permissible Use of Funds: Costs may be related to the delivery of the live and online courses, technical assistance relating to course registration, CMEs, and content follow-up questions, and provision of copies of The ASAM Criteria, third edition (2013) to all attendees of the live trainings.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application page limit is eight, single-spaced pages in 12 point Times New Roman font. This page limit does NOT include the face sheet, the curriculum, the budget narrative or budget expenditure form (Appendices 1 and 2). Applications must include the following:

A. Scope of Work

1. Face sheet (Attachment 2)
2. Abstract - Summary of how all ASAM training services (live and online) will be implemented and total amount of funding requested. (300 words or less)
3. ASAM Criteria Curriculum – Applicant must provide copy of its live and online ASAM curriculum or permit access for online review of curriculum.
4. Project Description- Provide a description of the proposed project that includes the following:
 - a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant
 - b. Plan for conducting live trainings, including plans for finding training locations
 - c. Plan for conducting online trainings
 - d. Plan for coordination of collection and reporting of data, including number of physicians attending all training events, demographic information of physicians, etc.
 - e. Budget Expenditure Form (Appendix 1) and Budget Narrative (Appendix 2) documenting funding distribution. Proposals must include a budget and budget narrative that identifies all costs to complete the project as described in the application, as well as how OhioMHAS funds, and other resources will be used.

B. RFA Questions and Updates

1. The Request for Application, accompanying documents and all questions and answers will be posted on the OhioMHAS website at: <http://mha.ohio.gov/> <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=725>
2. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than **Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 by 5:30PM** to OhioMHAS at: CURESWORKFORCE@mha.ohio.gov
3. No questions will be answered after the deadline. You may **NOT** contact any OhioMHAS staff member directly with questions regarding this RFA. Contacting staff directly with questions could result in disqualification of an application.
4. Responses to all frequently asked questions (FAQ) will be posted to the OhioMHAS website at <http://mha.ohio.gov/> <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=725> and will be updated frequently.

C. Application Submission

1. All applications must be submitted electronically to: CURESWORKFORCE@mha.ohio.gov by **Monday, September 11th, 2017 at 5:30PM EDT**.
2. No faxed, mailed or hand carried applications will be accepted.

D. Award

1. Awards are expected to be announced in August for project implementation to begin no later than September 30, 2017.

2. All state fiscal year 2018 funds should be obligated by April 30, 2018. Applicants may not submit a budget that exceeds \$141,250.00, which is inclusive of all live and online training services and material costs.

Review Criterion	Points Possible
Scope of Work	
Abstract: Project implementation plan and funding requested reflect a clear understanding of the 21 st Century CURES ASAM criteria training project	5
Course curricula: All course content is appropriate for 21 st Century CURES ASAM criteria training project goals.	30
Project description components:	
a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant	20
b. Reasonable plan for conducting live trainings, including plans for finding training locations	10 10
c. Reasonable plan for conducting online trainings	5
e. Reasonable plan for coordination of collection and reporting of data, including number of physicians attending all training events, demographic information of physicians, etc.	5
Technical Score	85
Budget: Program cost is reasonable and realistic	20
Total Score	105
Rating	Explanation
0	Is Not Addressed. Application does not comply with the requirement and/or does not address expectations.
1-2	Weak. Application does not substantially meet the requirement and/or does not substantially meet expectations.
3-4	Meets. Application meets the requirement, and meets expectations.
5	Exceeds. Application exceeds the requirement and exceeds expectations.

Conditions of Award

- Awardee will work with OhioMHAS on all aspects of the ASAM Criteria training project throughout the duration of this grant period.
- Awardee will attend required training, technical assistance and/or meetings as per SAMHSA and/or OhioMHAS request including monthly status meetings with the OhioMHAS project director.
- As authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 5119.61, OhioMHAS will collect information and data from awardee. Awardee will provide required information and data electronically, through online reporting systems. All information and data will be reviewed by project staff.

- Failure to comply with reporting requirements shall result in further action by OhioMHAS, which may include withholding of funds.
- The Department reserves the right to make no award, make an award for a lesser amount, make an alternative award for the specified project or make an award for a shorter duration. The Department reserves the right to ask clarifying questions, issue conditional awards, and negotiate a best and final proposal with one or more applicants(s). The Department reserves the right to waive errors and omissions that do not materially affect the application. Errors and omissions may result in lower evaluation scores or rejection of the application.
 - Awardee will be solely responsible for reporting, withholding, and paying all employment related taxes, payments, and withholdings for his/her self and any personnel, including but not limited to: Federal, State, and local income taxes, social security, unemployment or disability deductions, withholdings, and payments.
 - Awardee must execute OhioMHAS Agreement and Assurances upon notice of award. (For reference, a copy of the Agreement and Assurances can be found in Attachment 1).
 - The Department reserves the right to change the conditions of the grant or discontinue the grant if money is not allocated to the states as expected, if the federal government changes the conditions of the federal grant, or if the awardees performance is not adequate.

**Deadline for submission of all proposals is Monday, September 11th, 2017 by
5:30PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time to:
CURESWORKFORCE@mha.ohio.gov**