

## Frequently Asked Questions: AFA-09-2012-SA Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Technical Assistance

- Explain project funding and start-up expenses for the project.
  - \$20,000 can be budgeted and used as start-up expenses for the project; proposals with start-up funds exceeding \$20,000 that do not include revenue from other sources (non-award funding) jeopardize the project being funded. If requested, be sure to include the necessary budget documentation for these additional funds.
  - \$50,000 per site with 2 sites authorized is the regional funding available for operational expenses in each of the named regions (2, 4, 5, and 6) within the AFA; proposals with operational funds exceeding \$50,000 that do not include revenue from other sources (non-award funding) jeopardize the project being funded.
- Are these SBIRT sites to be run the same as the Pretera and FMRS sites?
  - The awarded SBIRT sites can illustrate uniqueness beyond the referenced programs as long as the standards identified in the AFA and integrity of the SBIRT model is maintained. These SBIRT projects will not require the high level Federal reporting that the referenced providers currently are responsible for as this is not a federally funded project.
- Does the provider select the assessment tools used?
  - There are pre-selected assessment tools that are used as part of the SBIRT process. The link provided contains details regarding these assessment tools on page 5: <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention/SBIRT/SBIRTwhitepaper.pdf>
- Will SBIRT require multiple assessment tools?
  - A brief screening tool and ASSIST, a longer assessment tool, are used for all SBIRT programs
- Can SBIRT be provided in Urgent Care Setting?
  - Yes; see AFA for more examples of SBIRT program settings
- Will there be duplicate reporting requirements for organizations already reporting outcome information to BHHF?
  - No, duplicate reporting will not be required of those already responsible for submitting CSDR information to BHHF. Reporting of information not captured within the CSDR reporting will still be a requirement of funded projects. Applicants do not have to currently be involved with CSDR reporting to be considered for funding.
- Can a single provider write a proposal for both (2) SBIRT sites in the Region? If the single provider writes for both (2) SBIRT sites, do they need two separate proposals? One for each site? -OR- Can they combine the budget of both sites into a \$100,000 project and submit one proposal for 2 sites, as long as no site exceeds \$50,000?

- Applicants are encouraged to submit separate proposals for each service location, site, or program to allow for proposal evaluation to be specific for each location proposed. Each location should have its own budget that shall not exceed the maximum “per location” budget amount. Aggregating multiple locations into a single proposal creates the need to evaluate proposals using an “all-or-nothing” evaluation approach. Combined location proposals will be accepted and evaluated, but are not preferred.
- Can an existing SBIRT site receive award funding if it is not currently receiving funding from another source, nor will it receive alternative funding during the time-frame of the awarded projects?
  - Yes, as long as the additional funding is not used to merely supplant an existing program during the year in which other funding is available. The proposal for a continuation site should indicate how the money will be used for the year in which there are two funding sources AND the intended use for subsequent years in which there are no alternate funding sources.