

Frequently Asked Questions: AFA-10-2012-SA Recovery Coach Technical Assistance

- Explain project funding and start-up expenses for the project.
 - \$5,000 can be budgeted and used as start-up expenses for the project; proposals with start-up funds exceeding \$5,000 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.
 - \$35,000 per FTE with 14 positions for region is the regional funding available for operational expenses in the named region (4) within the AFA; proposals with operational funds exceeding \$35,000 per FTE that do not include revenue from other sources (non-award funding) jeopardize the project being funded.
- Can agencies expand existing Recovery Coaching efforts with this funding by collaborating with other organizations?
 - Yes, as long as all standards outlined in AFA are met.
- If the Governor's recommendation was 2 Recovery Coaches per county, why do we have to use one position now for a 'Supervisor'?
 - Funding does not have to go towards the hiring of a 'supervisor' if an individual meeting the eligibility requirements is already in place within the organization. A portion of submitted budget proposal may be applied toward the 'supervisors' salary if duties are to be assigned an eligible, pre-existing employee.
- Can an organization write for multiple Recovery Coach positions?
 - Yes, as long as the proposal and budget reflects the number of Recovery Coaches being funded and each position stays within the budgetary constraints listed within the AFA.
- Can the Recovery Coaches operate from (be housed within) one of the comprehensive agencies?
 - Yes; Per the AFA Recovery Coaches can operate from comprehensive and non-comprehensive organizations such as non-treatment recovery homes, faith-based organizations, etc.
- Does the Recovery Coach have to be in recovery from a personal addiction?
 - No, please refer to the AFA for additional clarification on definition of Recovery Coach. A Recovery Coach will not have a dual role within organization such as clinician, sponsor, etc.
- How will Recovery Coach find peers to mentor?
 - This is completely up to those applying for funding to determine. You will describe your plan as part of the submission process. Referrals may come from multiple sources; any organization awarded will become part of BBHF service directory.

- Who will train Recovery Coaches?
 - This is to be determined and delineated by all applicants applying for funding. You will describe your plan as part of the narrative submission process.
- Are their specific trainers identified to provide Recovery Coach training?
 - Any eligible party, in good standing, that has participated in a Training of Trainers (TOT) Recovery Coach program may provide the Recovery Coach training
- Explain State-required Recovery Support training?
 - BBHMF is currently developing a statewide training and certification process for the multi-tier recovery support network. Once completed all Recovery Coaches will be required to participate in the training as part of their Recovery Coach Certification process.
- Clarify Recovery Wellness Plan. Will the Recovery Coach be expected to provide Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP)?
 - No, the Recovery Wellness Plan referred to in the AFA is different from WRAP services. A Recovery Wellness Plan is a plan developed by an individual in recovery to establish and track goals for their recovery. Recovery Coaches will help generate and monitor the plans of all individuals he/she mentors.
- **AFA Correction, page 14:**
 - Per AFA 'Eligibility Requirements for the Recovery Coach' the Recovery Coach 'must have a Sponsor **and/or other identified recovery support(s)** and continue to participate in support groups and recovery network.'
- Do the funds available have to be used for salaries?
 - All projects must include plans to hire a Recovery Coach for their organization; this Recovery Coach will essentially be a new hire with no dual job responsibilities or other roles within the organization. The project budget will reflect compensation for its Full Time Recovery Coach. Specifications of that salary may be left up to the applicant to determine providing all State and Federal employment guidelines are satisfied.
- Can a portion of the funding be used to provide other supportive services such as relapse prevention, community outreach, and increasing access to recovery services? \$3,500 is to be used for direct supportive services but can the project propose using a greater portion of the overall budget in this category?
 - The AFA requires at least \$3,500 per Recovery Coach position to be used for direct service expenses. As long as all expectations of the AFA are met the applicant may use more than the designated amount for these types of expenses. Additional program costs including such ancillary services as outreach, advertising the programming, and other means of barrier removal as deemed acceptable through

the proposal and award process. Please note the project budget must illustrate in detail how funds awarded will be spent.

- Are we able to know which counties in the region had Letters of Intent submitted for this grant?
 - No, this information will not be disclosed.