



MEMORANDUM

TO: WSC Clients

FROM: Washington Strategic Consulting, Inc.

DATE: June 27, 2017

RE: FY 2017 Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (AIMS): Supplemental Funding Opportunity

Overview

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced on Tuesday the availability of \$195 million in [a new funding opportunity](#) for community health centers to expand access to mental health and substance abuse services focusing on the treatment, prevention and awareness of opioid abuse in all U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia.

Applications are due in EHB by 5:00 PM EDT on July 26, 2017. The awards are expected to be made in September of this year.

Eligibility

Organizations receiving Health Center Program operational (H80) grant funding at the time of the AIMS funding opportunity release are eligible to apply.

There are currently 23 organizations in New Jersey receiving FY 2017 H80 grant funding.

Award Information and Reporting Requirements

Awardees will enhance mental health and substance abuse services by increasing personnel. They will also leverage health information technology (IT) and provide training to support the expansion of mental health services, and substance abuse services focusing on the treatment, prevention, and awareness of opioid abuse, and their integration into primary care.

Access to expanded mental health services and expanded substance abuse services directly or through contracts or agreements must be implemented within 120 days of award. Expanded or new direct hire staff and/or contractors who will support mental health service expansion, and substance abuse service expansion focusing on the treatment, prevention, and awareness of opioid abuse must also be in place within 120 days of award.

Patient projections must be met by December 31, 2018.

Funding

Health centers may request up to \$75,000 in AIMS **ongoing funding** to support the expansion of mental health services (up to \$37,500), and substance abuse services focusing on the treatment,



prevention, and awareness of opioid abuse (up to \$37,500). Ongoing funding is expected to become part of the continuing H80 grant awards (roll into base funding).

Health centers may request up to \$75,000 in AIMS **one-time funding** for health IT and/or training investments that will support the expansion of mental health services, and substance abuse services focusing on the treatment, prevention, and awareness of opioid abuse, and their integration into primary care. HRSA may adjust award amounts consistent with available funds.

AIMS awards will include the requested 12-months of funding (September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018), which spans two H80 grant budget periods (FY 2017 and FY 2018). To use AIMS funding in the FY 2018 budget period, awardees must submit a Prior Approval Request to carry over unobligated funds within 90 days of your H80 grant's FY 2017 budget period end date.

Applications

Organizations receiving Health Center Program operational (H80) grant funding at the time of the AIMS funding opportunity release are eligible to apply. Eligible health centers were notified through the HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHB) email sent on June 26, 2017.

If a health center applying for the grant is in a state that has a [Single Point of Contact](#) (SPOC), they must contact the SPOC to alert them that the health center will be submitting an application. If there is no SPOC, then they may contact their [Primary Care Office](#) (PCO) for guidance.

For questions concerning the AIMS application requirements and process, contact the AIMS technical assistance team at bphcsupplement@hrsa.gov. For questions about allowable costs, the budget, or the budget narrative, contact Mona D. Thompson, Grant Management Specialist, at mthompson@hrsa.gov.

