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**Subject:** RE: Grants Intent to Apply Received - Cooperative Agreement to Benefit...  
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For your files:

OMB has no objection to the department submitting a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to obtain funding to enhance services for the homeless population. If you have something in writing from the Department Director that states it is okay to apply for this grant, please send it to me. If not, that's okay but we may need it later.

Requested funding is \$800,000. No match is required. CFDA is 93.243. Funding is for the County to partner to provide less expensive alternatives to seeking medical attention. Partners for this project are still being determined.

The County Administrator has to sign off on this application package. Please include this email when you send a completed submittal for review. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and good luck with your application.

**Fredricka Jones**

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| <b>Program Manager:</b>         | Rodriguez, Daisy  |
| <b>Program Manager Phone #:</b> | 727-464-8002  |
| <b>County Department:</b>       | Human Services  |
| <b>Granting Agency:</b>         | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration |
| <b>CFDA/CSFA:</b>               | 93.243  |
| <b>Grant</b>                    | Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals     |

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| <b>Funding Program Name:</b>   |  |
| <b>Grant Funding Type:</b>   | Project  |
| <b>Grant Award Type:</b>   | Reimbursement  |
| <b>Grant Funding Program Funding Cap (\$):</b>                                     | \$800,000.00   |
| <b>Match Amount:</b>   | \$0.00   |
| <b>Required Match Type:</b>  |  |
| <b>Anticipated Match Source (F-C-P):</b>   | not applicable   |
| <b>Is the Match in the Current Budget?:</b>  | No   |
| <b>Will the Match need to be added to the Budget?:</b>                             | No   |
| <b>Total Cost of Project (including Grant, County match, and other Resources):</b> | \$800,000.00   |
| <b>Administering Agency Contact Name:</b>  | Maia Banks-Scheetz   |
| <b>Administering Agency Phone or Email:</b>  | <a href="mailto:maia.banks-scheetz@samhsa.hhs.gov">maia.banks-scheetz@samhsa.hhs.gov</a>   |
| <b>Administering Agency Address:</b>   | 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14N38C<br>Rockville, MD 20857  |
| <b>OPUS Project Title:</b>   | SAMHSA Coop Agreement for Homeless   |
| <b>Duration:</b>   | Multi Year   |
| <b>Proposed Abstract (Project Scope of Work):</b>                                  | Funding from this grant opportunity will increase capacity to provide evidence based mental health and substance abuse treatment services for individuals who experience homelessness and have serious mental illness (SMI), substance use disorder (SUD) , serious emotional disturbance (SED), and/or co-occurring disorder (COD). The County will partner and contract with several local agencies providing services including agencies that work with homeless youth, families, and veterans. This funding opportunity also strongly encourages a commitment to permanently house eligible clients. While funding does not support housing, we are looking to increase our housing placement specialists working with the population. It will also allow the County to provide outreach and other engagement strategies for individuals served, including screening and assessment. If awarded, the County's homeless population will be on a path to secure housing, coordinated behavioral health |

services and reduce their likelihood to use the emergency room for behavioral health and linkage services.

**Benefit Summary (How will this benefit the County, Dept, etc?):**

**Strategic Plan**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare  
2.2 Be a facilitator, convener and purchaser of services for those in need

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationship and public outreach  
5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

According to the SAMHSA, by 2020, mental and substance abuse disorders will surpass all physical diseases as a major cause of disability worldwide, and yet, Florida ranks 49th in the nation for behavioral health funding per capita at \$39.55 per person (Kaiser Family Foundation). Recent research for the County's Behavioral Health Pilot for High Users revealed that patients with a behavioral health diagnosis as the primary diagnosis accounted for 11,093 (39%) of all Pinellas County ER visits in 2012[1]. This resulted in total emergency room costs of \$50,408,640, of which 37% was incurred by self-pay/non-insured patients. Many were using the emergency room for non-emergent reasons, such as medication refills or non-urgent illnesses. The County's internal data from its Pinellas County Health Program for FY 2013 indicates that there were 6,764 total emergency room visits by 3,440 HS clients.

The need for additional services particularly for this population has been acknowledged not only by the providers, but the state and local government. The Governor, through Executive Order, included Pinellas County in a pilot program to conduct a comprehensive review of services and delivery and integration of those services. In addition, the County has recently initiated two programs: 1) a Behavioral Health High Utilizers Pilot project and 2) an expanded cross-system coordination project to better connect providers to each other to send/receive referral information. The County is coordinating these programs with the provider community through the leadership of the Health & Human Services Leadership Board, comprised of the following entities: The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, Florida State Attorney's Office, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Pinellas County School Board, and the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The health center is seeking funds to divert clients from visiting the emergency room when less expensive, more readily available, coordinated behavioral health and medical care could be available in locations where the homeless population is served.

**Director Approval (Attach):**

**Is the proposal submitted for a different Department?:**

No

**If submitting for a different department, what is that department name?:**

**Concept Paper Deadline (if applicable):**

**Grant Application Due Date:**

3/15/2016

**Source of Notification of Grant Solicitation:**

Administering Agency

If Other,  
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source:

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OMB Analyst:

Assigned To:

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Grant  
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Grant Status: Submitted to OMB

Grant Start  
Date:

Grant End  
Date:

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Comments:

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