non-Federal programs. Special emphasis will be given to providing assistance for racial and ethnic minority populations; adolescents; residents of public housing and the homeless; women, their infants and children; rural populations; migrant workers; substance abusers involved in the criminal justice system; the disabled; those at risk for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis(TB), sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and other infectious diseases; and those with co-occurring mental disorders.

3. Criteria for Review and Funding

Competing applications requesting funding under the specific project activities in Section 4 will be reviewed for technical merit in accordance with established PHS/SAMHSA peer review procedures.

Applications that are accepted for review will be assigned to an Initial Review Group (IRG) composed primarily of non-Federal experts. Applications will be recommended for approval or disapproval on the basis of technical merit. Applications recommended for approval will be assigned scores according to level of merit.

Notification of the IRG's recommendation will be sent to the applicant upon completion of the initial review. In addition, the IRG recommendations on technical merit of applications over \$50,000 will undergo a second level of review by the CSAT National Advisory Council, whose review may be based on policy considerations, as well as technical merit.

3.1 General Review Criteria

As published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1993 (Vol. 58, No. 126), SAMHSA's "Peer Review and Advisory Council Review of Grant and Cooperative Agreement Applications and Contract Proposals," peer review groups will take into account, among other factors as may be specified in the application guidance materials, the following general criteria:

• Potential significance of the proposed project;

 Appropriateness of the applicant's proposed objectives to the goals of the specific program;

• Adequacy and appropriateness of the proposed approach and activities;

• Adequacy of available resources, such as facilities and equipment;

• Qualifications and experience of the applicant organization, the project director, and other key personnel; and

• Reasonableness of the proposed budget.

3.2 Funding Criteria for Approved Applications

Applications recommended for approval by the peer review group and the CSAT National Advisory Council (if applicable) will be considered for funding on the basis of their overall technical merit as determined through the review process.

Other funding criteria will include;

- Availability of funds.
- Geographic distribution.

Additional funding criteria specific to the programmatic activity may be included in the application guidance materials.

4. Special FY 1995 Substance Abuse Treatment Activities

Project activities are grouped in this notice under one section: Grants.

4.1 Grants

Four major activities for CSAT grant programs are discussed below.

4.1.1 Substance Abuse Treatment Conference Grants.

• Application Deadlines: January 10, May 10, September 10, 1995.

• Purpose: To provide support for domestic conferences relating to alcohol and other substance abuse treatment, including conferences for the purposes of coordinating, exchanging and disseminating information to the services community and the general public; and for the development of strategies for improving substance abuse treatment.

• Priorities: Consumer and treatment services-oriented constituency groups, including those representing State and local governments, professional associations, voluntary organizations, and self-help groups that share a mutual interest with CSAT.

• Eligible Applicants: Public and non-profit private entities.

• Grants/Amounts: Approximately eight (8) awards. Individual awards may not exceed \$50,000 or 50% of the total costs of the conference, whichever is less.

• Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.218.

• Program Contact: Nancy S. Kilpatrick, M.A., Office of Scientific Analysis and Evaluation, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Rockwall II Building, 6th Floor, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443– 8831.

4.1.2 Community Based Comprehensive HIV/STD/TB Outreach Services for High Risk Substance Abusers Demonstration Program

• Application Deadline: April 27, 1995.

• Purpose: To support communitybased comprehensive HIV/STD/TB outreach intervention services for chronic, hardcore substance abusers and their sex and/or needle sharing partners. Projects will demonstrate: (1) The efficacy of outreach as an intervention for facilitating access to substance abuse treatment, and (2) that comprehensive outreach interventions affect behavior changes in the targeted populations.

 Priorities: Extent to which outreach intervention services are directed towards chronic. hardcore substance abusers and their sex/needle sharing partner(s). Chronic, hardcore substance abusers are defined as those individuals who have severe drug problems, frequently inject heroin and/or cocaine, and/or who are polydrug users. Emphasis is expected on providing outreach services to the following subpopulations: racial/ethnic minorities (includes African Americans, Latinos/ Hispanics, Asian/Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians); women; residents of public housing projects; and homeless individuals.

• Eligible Applicants: Public and private non-profit entities must submit their applications through the Single State Agency (SSA) in their State. Indian Tribal authorities constitute an exception and may apply directly to CSAT without going through an SSA. Public and private non-profit providers presently operating in the third and final year of grants awarded in 1992 under the former Office of Treatment Improvement's demonstration program for AIDS Outreach for Substance Abusers are eligible to apply for competing renewals under this announcement for up to two additional years of support.

• Grants/Amounts: 20–25 awards, with individual award amounts varying from \$275,000-\$375,000. CSAT expects to set aside no more than 50% of available funds for competing renewals.

Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance Number: 93.949

• Program Contact: Wendell McConnell, M.D., Chief, HIV/Linkage Branch, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Rockwall II Building, 6th Floor, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443–8160.

Note: Complete guidelines for preparing and submitting an application under this activity will be available on January 18, 1995.