involves ascertaining the efficiency and effectiveness of developing coalitions of community partnerships to eliminate duplication of services, fill gaps in services, and generally improve the comprehensiveness and cost efficiency of community partnerships. Of additional interest is how such coalitions and partnerships can relate to managed care organizations.

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 the 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 CSAP National Advisory Council whose review may be based on policy considerations as well as technical merit. Only applications recommended for approval by the Council may be considered for funding by CSAP.

3.1 General Review Criteria

As published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1993 (Vol. 58, No. 126, page 35962), 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 appropriate 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 and geographic distribution of grants throughout the United States.

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

4. Special FY 1995 Substance Abuse Prevention Activities

Project activities are grouped in this notice under two sections: Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

4.1 Grants

Four major activities for CSAP grant programs are discussed below.

4.1.1 Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants

- ◆ Application Deadlines: May 10 and September 10, 1995.
- Purpose: To provide support for conferences relating to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use/ abuse and related problems such as violence, HIV/AIDS among multiple high risk populations (including gay/ lesbian/bisexual youth, persons with disabilities, etc.) for the purpose of increasing awareness, conveying knowledge, improving prevention activities in communities and the workplace, and exchanging and disseminating new research findings and effective prevention strategies to the field, communities and the general public.
- ◆ Priorities: Conference planners are encouraged to be creative in linking with existing regional efforts, relevant grassroots organizations and agencies, CSAP Community Partnerships and High Risk Youth grantees in the region, the Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource Network (RADAR) liaisons, and representation from the target population on which the conference is focused.
- ◆ Eligible Applicants: Public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations including existing CSAP grantees for the purpose of disseminating the results of their projects.
- ◆ Grants/Amounts: Approximately 20 awards during FY 1995. Individual awards may not exceed \$50,000 in

direct costs. Indirect costs are not allowable under this announcement.

- ◆ Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.174.
- ◆ Program Contact: Luisa del Carmen Pollard, Division of Public Education and Dissemination, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Rockwall II Building, Suite 800, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443–0377.

4.1.2 Substance Abuse Prevention Demonstration Grants for High Risk Populations

The High-Risk Youth Demonstration Grants are divided into the following 3 modules:

Module A: High-Risk Youth Module B: Adolescent Females Module D: Replications

A description of each module follows.

[Note: Module C, Alcohol and other Drug Related Violence, is not included because this program did not receive funds for new starts in FY 1995.]

- ◆ Application Deadline: May 10, 1995.
- Purpose:

Module A: High-Risk Youth. To ascertain the effectiveness of multifaceted interventions that address multiple factors in at least three of six important life areas or "domains" (individual, family, school, peer group, neighborhood/community and society) that place youth at risk for or protect them from using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD).

Module B: Adolescent Females. To ascertain the effectiveness of multifaceted interventions that address factors more specific to adolescent females ages 10–21 such as sexual abuse, victimization, post traumatic stress syndrome, and depression that places them at risk for ATOD use/abuse as well as other self-destructive behaviors such as eating disorders, suicide, and prostitution.

Module D. Replications. To ascertain whether a program of prevention strategies that has been shown to be promising in modifying ATOD use on a given population in one location can be replicated by the original program developer (self-replication) or another investigator, using a similar population in another location. Please note that Module D is designed as a cooperative agreement.

Priorities.

In making award decisions, CSAP will consider applications recommended for approval by the IRG and the CSAP National Advisory Council. Other award considerations will include:

Prevention projects that are directed at children of substance abusers,