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SAMHSA awards up to \$25 million to expand use of health information technology

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced today it is awarding up to 29 new grants, totaling up to \$25 million over three years, to expand use of health information technology to increase access to behavioral health services.

This program will leverage technology to improve access and coordination of the treatment of mental and substance use disorders especially for Americans in remote areas or in underserved populations. Web-based services, smart phones, and behavioral health electronic applications (e-apps) will enhance communication between patients and health care providers to improve discussions about treatment options and decisions, and better manage health.

“One of the most important advances in medicine is the application of information technology to health care,” said SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde. “Technology now offers substance abuse treatment programs new ways to reach people in need of treatment and recovery support with safe, high-quality care.” This grant program is part of SAMHSA’s Strategic Initiative on Health Information Technology.

Each grantees may receive up to \$280,000 annually over three-years. The actual amounts may vary, depending on availability of funds and progress achieved by the awardees.

Below is a list of awardees and their projected yearly award amounts:

Grantees	City	State	Yearly Award
Aliviane, Inc.	El Paso	Texas	\$280,000
Centerstone of Indiana	Columbus	Ind.	\$280,000
Clinical and Support Options, Inc.	Greenfield	Mass.	\$280,000
Kentucky River Community Care, Inc.	Jackson	Ky.	\$280,000
Human Services Center	Peoria	Ill.	\$279,087
Tarzana Treatment Centers	Tarzana	Calif.	\$280,000
Wright State	Dayton	Ohio	\$279,990

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Preferred Family Healthcare Inc.	Kirksville	Mont.	\$273,738
Odyssey House Louisiana Inc.	New Orleans	La.	\$280,000
Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System	Chattanooga	Tenn.	\$280,000
Health Services Center, Inc.	Anniston	Ala.	\$280,000
CETPA	Norcross	Ga.	\$280,000
Street Works	Nashville	Tenn.	\$280,000
Northern Ohio Recovery Association	Cleveland	Ohio	\$280,000
The University of Tennessee	Knoxville	Tenn.	\$279, 659
University of KS Medical Ctr Research Institute	Kansas City	Kans.	\$280,000
Arapahoe House, Inc.	Thorton	Colo.	\$280,000
Loyola Recovery Foundation, Inc.	Pittsford	N.Y.	\$273,681
River Edge Behavioral Health Center	Macon	Ga.	\$280,000
Aspire Indiana, Inc.	Nobelsville	Ind.	\$262,792
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority	Richmond	Va.	\$280,000
WestCare Nevada, Inc.	Las Vegas	Nev.	\$280,000
Turning Point	Paterson	N.J.	\$279,581
Spectrum Programs, Inc.	Miami	Fla.	\$280,000
Advocates, Inc.	Framingham	Mass.	\$279,970
Nicasa, NFP	Round Lake	Ill.	\$267,882
TASC, Inc.	Chicago	Ill.	\$267,881
Central Oklahoma Family Medical Center, Inc.	Konowa	Okla.	\$262,579
First Call Alco/Drug Prevention & Recovery	Kansas City	Mo.	\$265,927

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