

RECOVERY COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM (RCSP)

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Program of Regional and National Significance

	Admin. Proposed
FY 2006	FY 2007
\$9.408	\$9.4 million

RCSP grants were initially used (1998) to organize the recovery community to provide public education and affect systems and policy change. In 2002, SAMHSA/CSAT changed RCSP's focus and began supporting organizations that enabled peers in stable recovery to help others avoid relapse and move into long-term recovery.

Recovery support services include recovery centers, peer coaching and mentoring and a variety of educational and skill-training services, including help in securing housing, education and employment; building constructive family and other personal relationships; managing stress; participating in alcohol-and other drug-free social and recreational activities; and obtaining services from multiple systems such as the primary and mental health care, child welfare, and criminal justice systems.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and other mutual support groups; professional in- and out-patient treatment are not recovery support services.

Currently 30 community-and faith-based organizations receive support. The grants' average awards have been \$350,000 per year for each grantee for four years.

SAMHSA/CSAT received **more than 100 applicants for the last grant cycle in 2004**. Of these, 8 were funded for about \$2.8 million in FY 2004 or a total of \$11,190,236 over the four year grant cycle. No awards were made in 2005.

In February 2006 SAMHSA/CSAT announced a new round of grant making. **For the current cycle, over 140 organizations applied for seven grants that were awarded in September 2006.**

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National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine report
Crossing the Quality Chasm: Improving the Quality of Health Care for Mental and Substance-Use Conditions (November 2005)

- Highlighted the long history of peer support/mutual support group/recovery consumers as providers of alcohol and other drug treatment services, pointing to the effective programs being carried out by SAMHSA's RCSP program.
- Peer support programs are an important mechanism for increasing consumers' self-efficacy beliefs and decision making capabilities
- Recommended that health plans and direct payers of substance use treatment services pay for peer support and illness self-management programs that meet evidence-based standards.

