

## **RECOVERY COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM (RCSP)**

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

The President's FY 2008 budget proposes to drastically cut funding for a key innovative federal program that is helping individuals in their communities get help for addiction to alcohol and other drugs and once they are clean and sober, sustain their recovery and get their lives back on track.

The Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP) has evolved into one of the most innovative and cost-effective demonstrations of organizing people in recovery from addiction and engaging them in building communities of recovery.

The RCSP has supported nearly 50 projects since it began in 1998. Initially the grants were intended to organize the recovery community to provide public education and policy change. In 2002, RCSP changed focus and began supporting organizations that provide services and enable peers in stable recovery to help others avoid relapse and move into long-term recovery.

Across the country, 24 current grantees (six more will be funded in 2007) are providing peer-to-peer recovery support services, pioneering ways that communities can support people in recovery and their families. Many of the grant projects rely on the willingness of individuals in recovery and their family members to voluntarily "give back" to those who are seeking recovery (Attachment A lists the names of projects and the communities that they are in.)

Recovery community and faith-based organizations have developed and are demonstrating ways to prevent relapse, promote long-term recovery, and improve the quality of life of tens of thousands of individuals and their families. These community-based organizations have assessed their community's specific local strengths and needs, developed programs that have been demonstrated to address them, and drawing on the abilities of people in long-term recovery who serve as peers.

The RCSP promotes a recovery-oriented system of care by bridging the gap between short-term episodes of treatment and long-term recovery that is grounded in community support. Peer services are non-clinical and enhance clinically-driven treatment outcomes through holistic, community-based services. Peer services act as a safety net for individuals who suffer relapse and offer a streamlined reentry to treatment, if necessary. Peer recovery services are completely distinct and separate from 12-step groups and other mutual aid supports. However, the RCSP emphasizes helping individuals create a network of varied recovery supports that can include mutual aid and 12-step supports.

Peer Recovery Support Services include 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. Many of these services are delivered at the growing number of recovery community centers around the country.

The 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.

At a Faces & Voices of Recovery September 2006 briefing held with the Congressional Caucus on Addiction, Treatment and Recovery, members of Congress and their staffs heard from current and former RCSP grantees from Philadelphia, PA; Hartford, CT and Denver, CO about the lives that have been changed under this program.

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<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008 (President's proposed budget)</b>
<b>\$8.8 million</b>	<b>\$9.1 million</b>	<b>\$5.3 million (\$3.9 million cut)</b>

The grants' average awards have been \$350,000 per year for each grantee for four years. SAMHSA/CSAT received **more than 140 applications for the last grant cycle in FY 2006, seven** of which were funded. The agency made no awards in 2005.

## Appendix A

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#### **2006 Grantees**

##### **Recovery Alliance Peer Support Services**

P.O. Box 9669  
El Paso, Texas 79995  
Ben Bass  
[bbass@recoveryalliance.org](mailto:bbass@recoveryalliance.org)  
TX-6th Silvestre Reyes

##### **Sister to Sister**

Oklahoma CART System  
2808 N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> St.  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Donna Woods Bauer  
[donna@ocarta.org](mailto:donna@ocarta.org)  
OK-5th Mary Fallin

##### **Medication-Assisted Recovery Services Project (MARS)**

Melrose Track 206 East 161<sup>st</sup> St.  
Bronx, NY 10451  
Walter Ginter  
[wpginter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpginter@sbcglobal.net)  
NY-16th Jose Serrano

##### **A Youth Recovery Project**

Pima Prevention Partnership  
2525 East Broadway Blvd., Suite 100  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
Harry Kressler  
[hkressler@thepartnership.us](mailto:hkressler@thepartnership.us)  
AZ-7th Raul Grijalva

##### **Recovery Consultants of Atlanta**

1904 Glenwood Ave., SE  
Atlanta, GA 30316  
David Whitters  
[david@recoveryconsultants.org](mailto:david@recoveryconsultants.org)  
GA-5th John Lewis

##### **Recovery Network of New York**

Center for Community Alternatives  
115 East Jefferson St., Suite 300  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
Marsha Weissman  
[mweissman@communityalternatives.org](mailto:mweissman@communityalternatives.org)  
NY-25th James Walsh

##### **Tohono O'odham Nation RCSP Project**

Tohono O'odham Nation Division of Behavioral Health  
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Jane Latane  
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AZ-7th Raul Grijalva

**2004 Grantees**

**Accessing Success**

Relief Nursery, Inc.  
1720 West 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97405  
Cheryl MacGinitie  
[program3@reliefnursery.org](mailto:program3@reliefnursery.org)  
OR-4th Peter DeFazio

**Putting a New Face on Recovery**

White Bison  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80918-3440  
Don@whitebison.org  
CO-5th Doug Lamborn

**Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)**

198 Wethersfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06114  
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CT-1st John Larson

**Face to Face: Capacity Development through Interpersonal Connectiveness**

Welcome Home Ministries  
2195 Oceanside Blvd.  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
Reverend Carmen Warner-Robbins  
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CA-49th Darrell Issa

**Peer to Peer**

The Fortune Society  
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New York, NY 10011  
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NY-8<sup>th</sup> Jerrold Nadler

**Peer-to-Peer Support Services Program**

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Paducah, KY 42001  
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[kwood@hcares.org](mailto:kwood@hcares.org)  
KY-1<sup>st</sup> Ed Whitfield

**Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA)**

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Cleveland, OH 44115  
Anita Bertrand  
[abertrand@norainc.org](mailto:abertrand@norainc.org)  
OH-11<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Tubbs Jones

**Prosper**

Walden House, Inc.  
149 West 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007  
Demetrius Andreas  
[dandreas@waldenhouse.org](mailto:dandreas@waldenhouse.org)  
CA-31<sup>st</sup> Xavier Becerra

## **2003 Grantees**

### **AIDS Service Center of Lower Manhattan, Inc.**

41 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10003  
NY-8<sup>th</sup> Jerrold Nadler

### **Asian Pacific American Community of Recovery Network**

Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Inc.  
720 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Suite 200  
Seattle, WA 98104  
Yoon Joo Han  
[yoonyoo@acrs.org](mailto:yoonyoo@acrs.org)  
WA-7<sup>th</sup> Jim McDermott

### **Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA)**

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Dallas, Texas 75238  
Joe Powell  
[Joep2722@aol.com](mailto:Joep2722@aol.com)  
TX-5<sup>th</sup> Jeb Hensarling

### **Recovery Association Project (RAP)**

Central City Concern  
Portland Headquarters  
1100 NE 28th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232  
E. V. Armitage  
[evarmitage@centralcityconcern.org](mailto:evarmitage@centralcityconcern.org)  
OR-3<sup>rd</sup> Earl Blulmenauer

### **The Detroit Recovery Project**

Clark Associates  
1151 Taylor, Room 416C  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Andre Johnson  
[ajohnson@detroitrecovery.org](mailto:ajohnson@detroitrecovery.org)  
MI-13<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Kilpatrick

### **G.M.I. Wings**

Group Ministries, Inc.  
1333 Jefferson Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14208  
Kenneth Smith  
[Khsmith101@aol.com](mailto:Khsmith101@aol.com)  
NY-28<sup>th</sup> Louise Slaughter

### **The RECOVER Project**

Western Massachusetts Training Consortium  
55 Federal St., Suite 125  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
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MA-1<sup>st</sup> John Oliver

**Our Common Welfare**

Women in New Recovery  
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Mesa AZ 85201  
Patricia Henderson  
[winrpah@winr.org](mailto:winrpah@winr.org)  
AZ-6<sup>th</sup> Jeff Flake

**2001 Grantees**

**Nashville Area Recovery Alliance (NARA)**

Alcohol & Drug Council of Middle Tennessee  
2612 Westwood Drive  
Nashville, TN 37204

**Syracuse Recovery Community Support Project**

Center for Community Alternatives  
115 East Jefferson Street  
Syracuse, New York 13202

**A-Ye-Ga: Awakening the Recovery Spirit**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
59 Echota Church Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**Full Circle Project**

Easy Does It, Inc.  
1300 Hilltop Road  
Leesport, PA 19533

**Friends of Addiction Recovery-New Jersey**

NCADD-New Jersey, Inc.  
1675 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Suite 205  
Hamilton, New Jersey 08619

**Community Change Oriented Recovery Effort (C-CORE)**

Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona  
9405 South Avenida del Yaqui  
Guadalupe, Arizona 85283

**Pinal Hispanic Council**

Proyecto Bienestar (Project Well Being)  
330 North Picacho Street  
Casa Grande, Arizona 85222

**Recovery Consultants of Atlanta**

1904 Glenwood Avenue, South East  
Atlanta, GA 30316

**Alaska Women's Recovery Project (AWRP)**

South Central Foundation  
4130 San Ernesto Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99508

**Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), Inc.  
Restoring Citizenship**  
1500 North Halsted Street  
Chicago, IL 60622

**Frontier Recovery Network**  
University of Nevada (Reno)  
900 West First Street, Suite 102  
Reno, NV 89503

**Dual Diagnosis Anonymous World Services, Inc.**  
320 North "E" Street, Suite 207  
San Bernardino CA 92407

**El Paso Alliance**  
3901 Montana Avenue, Suite B  
El Paso, TX 79903

**SpeakOUT!: LGBT Voices for Recovery**  
208 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10011

**New England Alliance for Addiction Recovery (NEAAR)**  
1492 Elm Street  
Manchester, NH 03101

**Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance, Inc. (PRO-A)**  
900 South Arlington Avenue, Suite 119  
Harrisburg, PA 17109

**People with Recovery and Disabilities**  
Pima Prevention Partnership  
330 North Commerce Park Loop, Suite 160  
Tucson, Arizona 85745

**Community Recovery Network**  
Santa Barbara Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93102