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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Program of Regional and National Significance

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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

RECOVERY COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM (RCSP)
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Program of Regional and National Significance

2006 Grantees
Recovery Alliance Peer Support Services
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El Paso, Texas 79995
Ben Bass
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TX-6th Silvestre Reyes

Sister to Sister
Oklahoma CART System
2808 N.W. 31st St.
Oklahoma City, OK
Donna Woods Bauer
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OK-5th Mary Fallin

Medication-Assisted Recovery Services Project (MARS)
Melrose Track 206 East 161st St.
Bronx, NY 10451
Walter Ginter
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
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AZ-7th Raul Grijalva

Recovery Consultants of Atlanta
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Atlanta, GA 30316
David Whiters
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GA-5th John Lewis

Recovery Network of New York
Center for Community Alternatives
115 East Jefferson St., Suite 300
Syracuse, NY 13202
Marsha Weissman
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NY-25th James Walsh

Tohono O`odham Nation RCSP Project
Tohono O’odham Nation Division of Behavioral Health
P.O. Box 810
Sells, AZ 85634
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AZ-7th Raul Grijalva

2004 Grantees
Accessing Success
Relief Nursery, Inc.
1720 West 25th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97405
Cheryl MacGintie
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)
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Hartford, CT 06114
Phillip Valentine
philip@ccar.us
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
jhnhrbns@sbcglobal.net
CA-49th Darrell Issa

Peer to Peer
The Fortune Society
39 West 19th St.
New York, NY 10011
Cynthia Delarosa
cdelarosa@fortunesociety.org
NY-8th Jerrold Nadler

Peer-to-Peer Support Services Program
Heartland Cares, Inc.
3025 Clay Street
Paducah, KY 42001
Krista Wood
kwood@hcares.org
KY-1st Ed Whitfield

Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA)
Prosper
Walden House, Inc.
149 West 22nd St.
Los Angeles, CA 90007
Demetrius Andreas
dandreas@waldenhouse.org
CA-31st Xavier Becerra
2003 Grantees

AIDS Service Center of Lower Manhattan, Inc.
41 East 11th Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10003
NY-8th Jerrold Nadler

Asian Pacific American Community of Recovery Network
Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Inc.
720 8th Avenue South, Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98104
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yoonjooh@acrs.org
WA-7th Jim McDermott

Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA)
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Dallas, Texas 75238
Joe Powell
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TX-5th Jeb Hensarling

Recovery Association Project (RAP)
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MI-13th Carolyn Kilpatrick

G.M.I. Wings
Group Ministries, Inc.
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Buffalo, NY 14208
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NY-28th Louise Slaughter

The RECOVER Project
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MA-1st John Olver
Our Common Welfare
Women in New Recovery
860 North Center Street
Mesa AZ  85201
Patricia Henderson
winrpah@winr.org
AZ-6th 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 13th 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
226 East Canon Perdido Street, Suite H
P.O. Box 28
Santa Barbara, CA  93102