

Mental Health Workforce Coalition

**Programmatic Request for the
FY 2014 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Bill
Submitted by the Mental Health Workforce Coalition**

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Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)

*Note – This program is funded through three separate accounts within SAMHSA, hence the three separate programmatic requests.

Program:	Minority Fellowship Program (1 of 3)
Request Type:	Programmatic
Subcommittee/Bill:	Labor, Health and Human Services, Education
Agency:	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services
Account:	Programs of Regional and National Significance, Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)
Requested Program Funding:	\$5,089,000
President's FY 2014 Request:	N/A
FY 2013 Funding:	\$5,089,000 (CR)

Program:	Minority Fellowship Program (2 of 3)
Request Type:	Programmatic
Subcommittee/Bill:	Labor, Health and Human Services, Education
Agency:	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services
Account:	Programs of Regional and National Significance, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)
Requested Program Funding:	\$546,000
President's FY 2014 Request:	N/A
FY 2013 Funding:	\$546,000 (CR)

Program:	Minority Fellowship Program (3 of 3)
Request Type:	Programmatic
Subcommittee/Bill:	Labor, Health and Human Services, Education
Agency:	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and

	Human Services
Account:	Programs of Regional and National Significance, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)
Requested Program Funding:	\$71,000
President's FY 2014 Request:	N/A
FY 2013 Funding:	\$71,000 (CR)

Description of Program: The SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) was designed to help reverse the disparities that exist in mental health services and improve the quality of those services to minority populations through the training of additional minority mental health professionals. The purpose of the program is to provide stipends to doctoral level students to increase the number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals who teach, administer, conduct services research, and provide direct mental health and substance abuse services to underserved populations. The Program provides competitive fellowship funding to promote the entry of students looking to serve in underserved communities. This continues to be an important program as the mental health needs of minority populations in the United States have been, and continue to be, grossly underserved. Evidence has shown that minority mental health professionals practice in underserved areas at a higher rate than non-minorities, and a direct positive relationship exists between the numbers of minority mental health professionals and the utilization of needed services by ethnic minorities.

The program received a total of \$5,706,000 in FY 2013 through the *Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013* (\$5,089,000 in CMHS, \$546,000 in CSAT, and \$71,000 in CSAP).