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SAMHSA awards up to \$2.3 million in Statewide Consumer Network grants

Up to \$2.3 million in funding will help up to 11 new statewide consumer networks strengthen coalitions among consumers, peers, policymakers and service providers, Pamela S. Hyde, the administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced today.

Consumer networks can foster peer support groups and offer training for peer support leaders. Grantees also provide counseling services for persons with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

“These community-based, trained peer support networks provide essential services to individuals and families throughout our country, and their positive impact cannot be overstated,” said Hyde. “The innovative and holistic approaches to behavioral health support provided through these networks can help communities meet a wide array of mental illness and substance abuse disorders.”

Grantees will receive up to \$70,000 per year for up to three years. The actual amounts of the grants will depend on the availability of funds.

The grant recipients and their yearly awards are:

SC SHARE	West Columbus, S.C.	\$70,000
Advocacy Unlimited, Inc.	Wethersfield, Conn.	\$70,000

Mental Health Empowerment Project	Albany, N.Y.	\$68,223
Wings Across Alabama	Montgomery, Ala.	\$70,000
South Dakota United for Hope & Recovery	Rapid City, S.D.	\$70,000
Alaska Peer Support Consortium	Anchorage, Alaska	\$69,902
Amistad, Inc.	Portland, Maine	\$68,700
NAMI Texas	Austin, Texas	\$70,000
Fresh Start of Miami-Dade	Miami Gardens, Fla.	\$70,000
Kansas Consumer Advisory Council for Adults	Wichita, Kan.	\$70,000
Grassroots Empowerment Project, Inc.	Madison, Wis.	\$69,992

SAMHSA is a public health agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. Its mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.
