Here is the approached use by Ohio

For year 1, we
1. Identified all certified outpatient programs in Ohio
2. Narrowed the list to include only programs with at least 150 admissions in the previous year
3. Checked those programs against their Behavioral Health data submission (this is the sociodemographic, TEDS and NOMS data portion of our client information system)
4. Considered the agencies that had a track record of submitting the BH data (critical in order for us to create the initial program profiles required in the application)
5. Added a requirement that the programs also have experience with the Department's Outcome Framework
6. Took geographic region into consideration, thinking that selecting programs in the same quadrant of the state would help with accessibility between programs and would likely result in greater sustainability.

For year 2, we used the same criteria. We kept agencies selected within the same quadrant of the state as year 1

For year 3, we opened removed criteria 6 and opened up the inclusion criteria to be statewide, and gave preference to agencies that were part of the action campaign and/or who had been attending quarterly STAR-SI meetings.