

Fund for Veterans' Assistance
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Addendum I – Questions Received as of September 15, 2016

	Question Received	Answer
1	<p>I have a question about charging the Veteran's for repairs. I am writing three grants for this program for three different Habitat affiliates and one charges 10% of the cost. My question is: Can a fee be charged to the Veteran for repairs?</p>	<p>FVA grants do not prohibit organizations from charging fees for services. However, fees for services is considered revenue, and is classified as program income, and needs to be treated in accordance with the Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS), Part III, Subpart C.25, Program Income.</p>
2	<p>We were recipients for the 2015-16 TVC grant & received \$400,000. I notice this amount is not available this year. I am reviewing the current application package instructions and have this question:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pg. 8- Section IV - E -Additional Funding- <i>any additional funding will require submission of a grant application during a subsequent request for apps.....</i> Does this mean we apply for the lesser amount of \$300,000 & have the opportunity to request additional funds through an amendment? 2. Pg. 7-Section III Definitions of Key Terms - Statewide = We generally select Alamo Region, however, many of our homeless Vets are transient from other parts of the state or will be transferring to other parts of the state to be with family. I realize there are other Salvation Army TVC service 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligible applicants are encouraged to specifically request the funding amount from the options listed in the Request for Applications (RFA) that best supports project needs. 2. Organizations that choose to apply as a statewide service provider must have the infrastructure to provide services to eligible beneficiaries residing within all 254 Texas counties.

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	<p>providers throughout our Texas Division (Sherman, Amarillo, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Waco, El Paso, Houston, Tyler). Should we work collaboratively with them when clients transfer, would this qualify us as offering statewide services? I realize this is a reach, but I know we could utilize the statewide funding amount of \$500,000. OR.....is this amount restricted to entities such as, for example purposes only, Texas Homeless Network?</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Because of earlier commitments and activities, the submission date for our IRS form 990 for 2015 has been postponed until October. Following completion of that document, we have been informed that the earliest we can expect to have “audited” statements will be about 1 December. Still, we do expect to provide an application to you by October 27 (the application deadline) with all of the other necessary information and documents, and with the plan to provide you with the audited 2015 statements in early December and audited statements for 2016 by April of 2017). Will you still accept our application without the audited statements?</p>	<p>Part IV, Section H. Funding Amounts and Financial Documentation of the RFA states “An Eligible Applicant must provide the minimum required financial documentation listed below for the range in which their requested grant amount falls.” Part VI of the RFA states an application may be deemed Ineligible if... Minimum Financial Documentation is not provided.</p> <p>Accordingly, eligible applicants must provide the most recent financial documentation maintained by the organization for the range in which the requested grant amount falls.</p>

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<p>4</p>	<p>The grant requires insurance, what are the insurance requirements and this is the first time if successful we will have this grant. Can the insurance be provided after the grant is awarded.</p>	<p>To be eligible, applicants must include in the application package a copy of current professional liability insurance and/or malpractice insurance policy. Refer to Section VIII, 8, of the Request for Applications (RFA).</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>We are planning to apply for the General Assistance Grant from TVC for legal services. My question is regarding Duplication of Services.</p> <p>Grant funds are not to be used to conduct activities or to provide services that are the same as those currently provided by the Texas Veterans Commission. However, grant funds may be used to conduct activities or provide services that <u>complement</u> those provided by the Texas Veterans Commission.</p> <p>It is my interpretation our pro bono legal services provided by attorneys complement the services provided by TVC for VA disability benefit appeals and CRSC. It is my interpretation that the services provided are different as they are provided by pro bono attorneys, rather than Veterans Services Officers. The training, education, and license requirements of a VSO and an VA accredited attorney are vastly different. Also, the VSO's can't provide representation at the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, nor the</p>	<p>The RFA states under Prohibited Uses of Funds: Grant funds are not to be used to conduct activities or to provide services that are the same as those currently provided by the Texas Veterans Commission. “However, grant funds may be used to conduct activities or provide services that <u>complement</u> those provided by the Texas Veterans Commission. Accordingly, organizations should fully describe in their RFA document the services being proposed, and how they are not a duplication of services and complement those provided by the Texas Veterans Commission.</p>

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	<p>U.S. Supreme Court. All of these courts have appellate jurisdiction over these cases.</p> <p>Can you please confirm and clarify the TVC's position regarding this issue with pro bono attorneys providing these services.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>On the 2017-2018 application it states the following, “Applicant organizations with contracts or agreements with the Texas Veterans Commission may be ineligible for Fund for Veterans’ Assistance grant funding requested for Proposed Projects involving the same or similar services as those funded under the contract. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their submitted application discloses any such contract. The Proposed Project must be clearly and sufficiently differentiated in <i>Appendix I – The Application</i> from any contracted services.” Based on this, would we be eligible to apply since we have an ongoing/open grant with TVC at the moment?</p>	<p>TVC grants are awarded for a one-year grant term period. Current grant applicants may apply; however, the grant term may not have an overlapping, or concurrent funding period. All previous FVA grants awarded must be listed in Part II of the application. Grants awarded under this RFA will begin on July 1, 2017 and end on June 30, 2018.</p>