

**Fund for Veterans' Assistance
 2017-18 General Assistance, Veterans Mental Health, Housing 4 Texas Heroes, and Veterans Treatment Court Grants
 Addendum II – Questions Received as of September 22, 2016**

	Question Received	Answer
1	<p>My question relates to the category which we are to select for new, expansion, or continuation. As current grantee implementing the program, we have found a few things that we may want to amend that will make the program even stronger.</p> <p>If we select continuation, may we make any changes to the proposal or are we required to keep it exactly the same as the prior grant? (scope and/or budget changes?)</p> <p>If we wanted to add a site in the Valley, am I correct in thinking that would be an expansion?</p>	<p>From the Request for Applications Section V. Grant Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Expansion</u>: Select this category if your organization has received funding in the past for the Proposed Project, and you are now applying for a grant to provide additional services and/or additional Veteran and/or family member beneficiaries. • <u>Continuation</u>: Select this category if your organization has received funding in the past for the Proposed Project being described in <i>Appendix I – the Application</i>. <p>An organization that has received FVA funding in the past for a proposed project, and submits an application categorized as a <i>continuation</i>, may make changes as deemed necessary to support project deliverables.</p> <p>An organization that has received FVA funding in the past for a proposed project, and submits an application categorized as an <i>expansion</i>, should describe in their application what and how they will provide additional services, and/or, serve additional beneficiaries.</p>

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<p>2</p>	<p>Can you please provide the statutory authority which includes the scope and description of services mandated to be provided by the Veterans Service Officers employed by the Texas Veterans Commission, specifically regarding VA disability benefit claims and combat related special compensation?</p>	<p>The Statutory Authority for Claims is: Texas Government Code §§ 434.007 and 434.0078.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>We have been approached by the county veteran officers of our 8 county service area with assistance in regards to this application process. They are interested in having our rural transit district apply for funds under the General Assistance application for transportation services for veterans in our region. I am bit confused as to where we fall under those allowed to apply for funds. SWART is a rural transit district and is considered a local government and is treated as a political sub-division under the Texas Department of Transportation. We receive federal and state funds from TxDOT in the form of grants.</p> <p>Also, is there a date set yet for the webinar?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) program will be holding an Informational Application Webinar on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. (CDT) for potential applicant organizations to review the current 2017-18 General Assistance and 2017-18 Veterans Mental Health Requests for Applications (RFAs), now open through October 27, 2016 and November 3, 2016. This 2-hour webinar is free of charge and hosted by FVA staff. Potential applicant organizations are encouraged to join the webinar to learn more about this grant opportunity. If you are unable to attend the webinar, a recording will be posted to the FVA website for 24/7 viewing.2. As defined in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 15, Section 460.3(a). The following are eligible to apply for grant funds: 1) Units of local government; 2) IRS Code § 501(c)(19) Posts or organizations of past or present members of the Armed Forces; 3) IRS Code § 501(c)(3) private nonprofit organizations authorized to do business in Texas; 4) Texas chapters of IRS Code § 501(c)(4) Veterans service organizations; or 5) Non-profit organizations authorized to do business in Texas with experience providing services to Veterans.

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	<p>I am looking for clarification if we are eligible to apply for this stream of funding. Thank you.</p>	<p>Units of local government are eligible to apply. Units of state government, including state agencies, are not eligible to apply.</p>
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