

**Fund for Veterans' Assistance  
 2017-18 General Assistance, Veterans Mental Health, Housing 4 Texas Heroes, and Veterans Treatment Court Grants  
 Addendum VI – Questions Received as of October 20, 2016**

|   | <b>Question Received</b>  | <b>Answer</b>  |
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| 1 | <p>I am contacting you to request clarification related to the funding announcement's reference to "audited financial statements".</p> <p>After discussing this requirement with a CPA, we agreed that there are three levels of nonprofit audits as outline below based on information from the <u>National Council on Nonprofits</u>:</p> <p>A "<b>financial review</b>" conducted by an independent auditor is to examine the nonprofit's financial statement and determine whether the financial statements are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. A review shares the goals of an audit, however, a review is not conducted with the same level of investigation or analysis as an independent audit.</p> <p>An "<b>audit</b>" requires the auditor to obtain independent confirmation or verification of the financial information examined.</p> <p>Based on the definition of "audit" provided on Page 5 of the funding announcement, we are of the impression that TVC is requiring a "financial review" as opposed to a full audit. Are we correct in this assumption? What type report is required an Audit or Review?</p> | <p>For applicants requesting project funding amounts of \$200,000 or more, a comprehensive independent audit report is required.</p> |

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| <p>2</p> | <p>I am completing the General Assistance Grant for TVC. On the checklist number 8 it states a copy of a current professional liability insurance and/or malpractice insurance policy, if applicable*. During the webinar this was called an insurance certificate. We have malpractice insurance, my question is; do you want a copy of the entire policy which is 47 pages, or the certificate of insurance (which is usually a few pages) from the malpractice insurance carrier?</p> | <p>The Certificate of Insurance is acceptable, as long as the document contains information regarding the dates of issuance and expiration (term), of the policy, and the types of insurance coverage, to include amounts of liability.</p>   |
| <p>3</p> | <p>Question: I have a question regarding the general assistance grant. When selecting the region, should we select the region in which we are located or the region from which the benefiting veterans will come from? We have veterans come to our facility from different regions of the state, but we will not know which regions until we receive their applications.</p>  | <p>Please check the geographic service areas or regions where “You” will provide and offer service(s). Your organization may provide and offer services in one or more counties within the state or “statewide”.</p>  |
| <p>4</p> | <p><b><u>General Assistance Grant</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Is there an age limit for a dependent of a veteran?</li><li>2. Can rent and utility deposits be paid under the Financial Assistance Component of the grant?</li></ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There is not an age limit. All organizations are required to verify and document eligible veterans, dependents, and surviving spouses who receive services prior to requesting reimbursements.</li><li>2. Yes, rent and utility deposits can be paid under the Financial Assistance service category of a General Assistance Grant. Emergency financial assistance is short-term and temporary in nature, such as, a one-time utility payment, one-time rental payment, transportation assistance, or childcare.</li></ol> |

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|                 | <p>3. Are car repairs an eligible expense under the Financial Assistance Component of the grant?</p> <p>4. If in the application we request funds for direct client costs or salaries, could we move those funds around later, depending on actual costs?</p> <p><b><u>Housing 4 Texas Heroes</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the Rapid Re-housing Component can we buy furniture for the client's home?</li> </ul> | <p>One-time assistance payments shall not cover more than six months. Proposed Projects that include provision of more than one-time emergency rental or mortgage assistance may not be considered for funding under this RFA.</p> <p>3. Yes, car repairs are an eligible expense under the Financial Assistance Component of the grant.</p> <p>4. Per the PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, VII. Option to Amend (page 25). Any changes, additions, or deletions to the NOGA or Approved Application must be executed through a grant amendment. A Grantee may request an amendment as outlined in the FVA Amendment Policy. Amendments may modify the approved budget, grant period, or scope of the Grant Project as described in the Approved Application. Each amendment request will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A Grantee may have no more than three (3) formal amendments during a grant period.</p> <p>Purchase of basic furniture items can be considered allowable, if the items are general use items that are necessary to accomplish the Proposed Project, and the cost of the items do not reach the threshold for capital equipment as defined by the applicant organization or \$5,000, whichever is less.</p> |
| <p><b>5</b></p> | <p>In regards to dependents as beneficiaries, if the veteran applies and household members are assisted indirectly (i.e.- live in the same residence where rental assistance is being paid) are they to be counted in the number of beneficiaries being served? Or are dependents just those who apply independently from the veteran?</p>   | <p>If dependents are counted as beneficiaries, a direct link to the Veteran receiving services must be clearly identified and supported with client intake documentation that clearly establishes relationship, and eligibility to receive services.</p>  |