

Fund for Veterans' Assistance
2017-18 General Assistance, Veterans Mental Health, Housing 4 Texas Heroes, and Veterans Treatment Court Grants
Addendum VII – Questions Received as of October 27, 2016

	Question Received	Answer
1	I am working on a General TVC grant application. Do the attachments have to have page numbers that are numbered consecutively after the Appendix? In other words, does the audit have to have consecutive page numbers as it relates to the rest of the packet?	<p>After the Appendix I - The Application, the attachments are not required to have page numbers. The attachments must be clearly identified to ensure that you have the complete application package.</p> <p>The Application Package should include the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Application Checklist 2. Appendix I - The Application (The True and Correct Statement of Appendix I - The Application MUST be signed and the signature MUST be original) 3. Résumés of the Principal Participants in the organization 4. List and terms of current governing body members (Board of Directors, Commissioners Court, City Council Members) 5. Financial Documentation (per Section IV. H above.) 6. IRS Tax determination letter regarding non-profit status, if not a unit of local government. Do not submit paperwork from the State Secretary of State or the State Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding non-profit status. Only IRS Tax determination letter indicating your organization is recognized as a tax-exempt non-profit is acceptable. 7. Current federal indirect negotiated cost plan, if applicable 8. A copy of current professional liability insurance and/or malpractice insurance policy, if applicable.
2	Based on our two years of experience working with Texas Veterans' Commission, Rebuilding Together Houston wants to expand our services to local veterans in a new way. We would like to set aside some of our grant request to be earmarked as 'emergency funds.' Many times in the last two years, Veterans have approached us with	<p>The Housing 4 Texas Heroes provide projects funded under this grant may include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless support programs, shelter, transitional living/temporary housing, rapid re-housing • At risk homeless prevention, long-term rental assistance, case management, wrap-around services • Temporary housing assistance to families of Veterans who are undergoing long-term treatment at a medical facility in Texas • Home modification, home repair, or weatherization.

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<p>emergency home and home repair situations looking for quick assistance--an air conditioning breakdown in the middle of summer, large plumbing repairs (no working toilet in the home, not hot water, etc.), refrigerator repair or replacement, etc. These situations can be significant for our veterans, and in some cases, could be life threatening to an aging homeowner with no place else to go.</p> <p>In the past, we have prioritized these 'emergency situations', but it would take as long as two months to get the application completed, homeowner vetted, home inspected, contractors' bids, and contract awarded. We would like to create a "Veteran Homeowner Emergency Fund" to help our veterans and give temporary relief, enabling the veteran and their family to remain in their home while we work on a permanent solution to their problem.</p> <p>Could you please tell us if Houses 4 Texas Heroes would allow such funding, and if so, which section would we include such expenses in the application?</p>	<p>The emergency home repair assistance could be included under "Client Services" budget category as at risk homeless prevention.</p> <p><u>Client Services</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Client Services may include, but are not limited to, participant support costs such as rental assistance, transportation assistance for Veterans in shelters, household set-ups for Veterans provided with housing, and any contract personnel that will be providing services to Beneficiaries. An itemized break-out of each client service is required, and extra lines may be inserted into this table. For Home Modification assistance projects, typical Client Services costs include contract labor and supplies. Please note that the maximum amount H4TXH funding for home modification assistance per Veteran household is \$15,000. Grantees may utilize other revenue streams in addition to H4TXH funding to fund additional projects on a home modification.2. Describe each client service listed in the table and explain why each cost is necessary to accomplish the Proposed Project. Include, if applicable, the maximum amount of assistance to be provided to clients. <u>Narrative must also include a calculation to demonstrate how the cost was determined.</u> For Home Modification Projects, narrative calculation must include estimated contract labor and supplies costs used to determine the average home modification cost per Veteran household.
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<p>3</p>	<p>Can we submit grant applications for both General Assistance and Veterans Mental Health for 2017-2018?</p>	<p>Yes, an eligible entity may apply for multiple grants.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Is the time our internal accounting staff spend on financial reporting for the grant considered direct or indirect to the project?</p> <p>Same question for OMB-A 133 Single audit services.</p>	<p>In general, internal accounting staff costs in support of administration of a grant is considered an indirect cost.</p> <p>Costs associated with single audit services are considered indirect costs.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>I cannot find the apps. to fill out for housing grant?</p>	<p>Application documents for the 2017-2018 RFAs are posted on the TVC website (www.tvc.texas.gov), under the Fund for Veterans' Assistance tab; Apply For A Grant section. Applicants may click on a grant category, and find the application documents needed to apply for a grant both in Word/Excel format, and PDF format.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>We have a question regarding the FVA grant application, specifically under <u>Part II, Organizational Background, Other Grants and TVC Contracts, Item 1.</u> Under this section, it asks us to list all grants received in the last two years.</p> <p>My question is, do you want a list of all grants the County as an entity has received, or just those grants specific to</p>	<p>Please list all grants related to the Veterans Treatment Court portion of the county government and all TVC contracts the county has received within the last two (2) years. Do not include FVA grants as they are listed on a separate table. Do not list in-kind donations. If an audit was performed by a third-party CPA firm that included the grant listed, indicate "Yes" under Audit Performed. If more room is needed to list all grants, add lines or additional pages. Also, please enter the total dollar amount of all other grants received.</p>

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	the Veterans Treatment Court program under which we will be applying?	
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