

Fund for Veterans' Assistance

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Addendum V – Questions Received – July 13 to July 19, 2013

	Question Received	Answer
23	If we select "Referral" as the service category, can we also provide emergency financial assistance as a service? If so, can we add this expense to the budget?	<p><i>Part 2: Grant Project Information. B. Grant Project Service Category Check the <u>one</u> box that best indicates which primary service category the Beneficiaries of the proposed project are to receive.</i></p> <p>No. One service category only.</p>
24	Question E ask for a list of all grants for the past 2 years. This list may be quite large and include a number of pages. How do you suggest we include this information (attachment or insert into application)?	Attachments to the application will not be accepted. Please use the application form.
25	There are areas on the application that does not allow me enough words to report accurately information for the program. Can you tell me if there is a way we can exceed the word count without it affecting the application consideration and process?	Exceeding the word count may negatively impact any application.
26	The required performance measures do not fully illustrate the impact we expect our project to have. Is it allowable to add a few more quantifiable measures?	<p><i>Part 3: Reporting and Management. A. Performance Measures</i></p> <p>No. Do not add additional lines to the table to include other performance measures. Any additional performance measure should be discussed in the narrative sections.</p>
27	The imbedded excel sheets are difficult to work with (keep moving, font changes, I added some rows to the grants section and it messed up the tables, etc.). Is it acceptable to use a word table instead if we make certain the figures add up correctly?	<p><i>Part 4: Budget, To activate the Excel table, double-click on the table. This will open an active Excel window to be filled in.</i></p> <p>See question 18. No. Excel is needed to complete the embedded tables. All functions are set-up in the tables.</p>
28	XYZ Organization – North Texas Region serves 111 counties. Our application will request funding to serve these counties. Are there any special instructions or details we need to know about?	All instructions are included in the posted application.

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29	<p>In the RFA at the top of page 10 of 19 (#4) the instructions say to check the box if your organization is currently serving veterans or not, however this question and box do not seem to be in the actual application.</p>	<p><i>Part 1: Organization Information. A. Organization Overview. 4. If the organization <u>currently</u> serves Texas Veterans, indicate using the “Yes” box. If the funding being requested is to start a program or service for Texas Veterans, but the organization does <u>not currently</u> serve Texas Veterans, mark the “No” box.</i></p> <p>There is no box on the current application. Please disregard checking the box.</p>
30	<p>This question relates to the following portion of the RFA: "Duplication of Services: 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. Services provided by the Texas Veterans Commission include Claims Representation and Counseling, Education, Employment, as well as the Women Veterans and Veteran Entrepreneur Programs."</p> <p>Will applications be rejected if the applicant's mission or purpose is similar to an existing TVC program even if the services are different in scope or methods? This relates specifically to the Veteran Entrepreneur Programs.</p>	<p><i>II. Purpose of this Request for Applications. D. Duplication of Services</i></p> <p><i>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. Services provided by the Texas Veterans Commission include Claims Representation and Counseling, Education, Employment, as well as the Women Veterans and Veteran Entrepreneur Programs. More information about the programs can be found on the website, http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Home.aspx.</i></p> <p>If the application is to conduct activities or provide services that are the same as those at TVC, the application may be rejected. Without reviewing the exact program that is being proposed, we cannot fully respond.</p>