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	Question Received	Answer
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you identify the exact language in the audit we'll provide from our CPA that is required in order to apply for an FVA grant over \$300,000? 2. We notice the application indicates a \$300,000 and a \$500,000 level for statewide program requests. What about a \$400,000 request? May we apply at that level? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On Page 9 of the RFA, Section IV. Program Guidelines, H. Funding Amounts and Financial Documentation notes that for requests over \$300,000 the minimum required financial documentation is <i>Audited Financial Statements</i>. On Page 5 of the RFA, Section III. Definition of Key Terms defines <i>Audited Financial Statements</i> as “A consulting service provided by a third-party Certified Public Accountant (CPA) that reviews the accounting processes and procedures. The CPA will review the financial statements using standard promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.” Further clarification should be sought from the Applicant organization’s CPA. 2. Also on Page 9 of the RFA, Section IV. Program Guidelines, H. Funding Amounts and Financial Documentation lists the funding amounts available under this RFA. At its June 19, 2015 meeting, the Texas Veterans Commission voted to revise the maximum amount of funding to be requested as \$300,000. As a result the \$400,000 funding request category was removed. The Commission also stipulated that Applicants with Proposed Project Service Areas that are Statewide may still apply for \$500,000.
2	<p>Question: Grant requests for rent coverage for transitional housing for wounded warriors - are these types of grants now being made through the FVA Housing grant or can this still be applied for in the General Assistance Grant category?</p>	<p>Page 4 of the RFA, Section II. Purpose of this Request for Applications, notes: “Applications for those Proposed Projects falling under the Homeless/Housing Service Category will not be considered for funding under this RFA. Homeless/Housing projects are now part of the Housing 4 Texas Heroes program and organizations wishing to submit applications for funding to support Homeless/Housing projects will be able to do so in the upcoming Housing for Texas Heroes Request for Applications, expected to be posted Fall 2015.</p> <p>Homeless/Housing projects include homeless support programs, shelter, <i>transitional living/temporary housing</i>, at-risk homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs.”</p>

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<p>3</p>	<p>Are financial literacy activities such as financial education classes for veterans and their families eligible for the FVA Series 16-A grant program?</p>	<p>Page 13 of the RFA, under Section V. Grant Application, Part 1: Proposed Project Information, notes the following programs may fall under the following Grant Project Service Category for this grant:</p> <p>“Supportive Services: This category is for support services such as elder care, food delivery programs, <i>financial counseling</i>, case management and medical assistance programs. “</p>
<p>4</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will applying for the FVA Series 16-A General Assistance grant for a Financial Assistance project, which will provide one-time rent payments and one-time utility payments, affect an applicant that is also planning to submit an application for a Homelessness Prevention project under the Housing 4 Texas Heroes grant in Fall 2015? 2. For Financial Assistance projects providing one-time rent and utility payments, is this restricted to one-time assistance per grant term or can the provider decide a time period (within the grant term)? For example, can the provider implement a policy that assistance cannot be received more than one time during a 6-month period? Also, can a veteran be assisted with more than one type of assistance during a defined time period? For example, can a veteran seeking assistance for a rent payment come back within the time period to receive assistance with a utility 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Page 5 of the RFA, under Section II. Purpose of this Request for Applications, C. Number of FVA Grants, states “Organizations will only be awarded one FVA General Assistance grant during this competition. <i>An organization may have a Housing4TexasHeroes grant and still retain eligibility to apply for an FVA grant.</i>” <p>Additionally, Page 8 of the RFA, under Section IV. Program Guidelines, D. Grant Funding Period, states “Organizations may only be awarded one FVA grant at a time. <i>Organizations may have an FVA grant and an H4TXH grant concurrently.</i>”</p> 2. Page 12 of the RFA, under Section V. Grant Application, Part 1: Proposed Project Information, describes Emergency Financial Assistance as assistance “that is short-term and temporary in nature.” It would be up to the applicant organization to determine programmatic restrictions and include that information in <i>Appendix I – The Application</i> as applicable.

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	<p>payment? Can a veteran seeking assistance for a gas bill payment come back within the time period to receive assistance with an electricity bill payment?</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>I'm working on our next application for TVC, and I've run into an issue with the equipment description. The RFA states:</p> <p><u>Equipment</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the table as instructed. Equipment is an article of tangible personal property that has a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the organization's level of capitalization or \$5,000. List any equipment that will be purchased with this grant. Refer to 2 CFR Part 200, <i>Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards</i>. If the unit price of equipment listed exceeds \$5,000 or your organization's level of capitalization, the cost will not be allowed. 2. Describe each equipment item listed in the table and explain why each equipment item is necessary to accomplish the Proposed Project. <u>Narrative must also</u> 	<p>2 CFR Part 200, <i>Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards</i> §200.94 Supplies, defines supplies as the following:</p> <p>“Supplies means all tangible personal property other than those described in §200.33 Equipment. A computing device is a supply if the acquisition cost is less than the lesser of the capitalization level established by the [applicant organization] for financial statement purposes or \$5,000, regardless of the length of its useful life.”</p> <p>Per this definition, if the item is less than your organization's capitalization level, please list it under Supplies.</p>

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	<p><u>include a calculation to demonstrate how the cost was determined.</u></p> <p>3. If this is a continuation request and your organization was previously awarded funding for the Proposed Project, note each item of equipment listed in the Table above that was also requested as part of a previously funded application and explain why it is being requested again. Examples of such items of equipment may include laptops, projectors, printers, phones, office furniture.</p> <p>The way I read this, TVC defines equipment as costing \$5,000 or more, but the last sentence under #1 says that any equipment that exceeds \$5,000 is NOT allowable. Does that essentially mean that equipment is not allowable?</p> <p>To further complicate how this reads, under #3, examples are listed as “laptops, projectors, printers, phones, office furniture” – most of these items do/would not exceed \$5,000, which would make them not “equipment”. In other grants I have written, these kinds of items are called “controlled assets” and are placed under “Supplies”. Our program wants to include some of these items (laptop, printer, phone, office furniture, etc.) on the next application, and I can’t figure out</p>	
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	<p>which table (Equipment or Supplies) I should put these requests.</p> <p>In the RFA, Supplies are defined this way <u>Supplies</u></p> <p>1. Complete the table as instructed. This category would include paper and other consumable items.</p> <p>Collin County's capitalization level is also \$5,000. I would like to get clarification of where I should put non-consumable assets with a useful life of more than a year costing LESS than \$5,000. Should they go in the Equipment section or the Supply section?</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Can grant funds be used to pay for computer, printer, and scanner for the program that will be utilized by a contract employee? Can grant funds be used to purchase a cellular phone and pay monthly cellular service fees for a contract employee to utilize?</p>	<p>Computers, printers, scanners, and cellular phones are generally allowable items of cost. However, items such as those are typically provided for regular employees. The terms of the contract with the contract employee would likely dictate additional costs to be incurred by your organization on top of the contracted rate.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>If we desire to set up summer camp programs for military youth, can those programs cover the costs of food and lodging as well as the activity fees?</p>	<p>2 CFR Part 200, <i>Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards</i> §200.456 states that participant support costs are allowable. §200.75 Participant support costs, defines participant support costs as the following:</p> <p>“Participant support costs means direct costs for items such as stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fee paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with conferences, or training projects.”</p>

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		<p>Additionally, page 11 of the RFA, under Section IV. Program Guidelines, J. Prohibited Costs, notes that the FVA reserves the right to restrict food costs; however if it meets the established criteria, it can be allowable:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Food – FVA reserves the right to restrict a Grantee from expending any funds on food costs or to disallow food costs. FVA will determine if food costs have both a programmatic purpose and are reasonable and necessary for the successful performance of the Proposed Project.”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p>The RFA for the General Assistance Grant states that “use” leases or “operational” leases are allowable only when specifically authorized. What would be the options for an agency seeking to obtain a vehicle for year-round use for transportation services?</p>	<p>Page 11 of the RFA, under Section IV. Program Guidelines, J. Prohibited Costs, capital expenditures are noted as being a prohibited cost. Under this provision, vehicle purchases and capital leases are also prohibited. Capital leases are such leases where the leaser will own the vehicle after the period of lease. Operational or use leases – which are permitted – are for the use of the vehicle during a period of time with no further investment in the vehicle. It would be similar to a long-term rental of a vehicle.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p>Can you tell me if the TVC grant allows for weapons for the officers; such as Tasers, batons, mace for the officers currently funded under the TVC grant?</p>	<p>While there is nothing that specifically prohibits non-lethal weapons from being included in an Applicant’s proposed budget, there are several factors to be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capital Expenditures. Page 10 of the RFA, under Section IV. Program Guidelines, J. Prohibited Costs, capital expenditures are noted as being a prohibited cost. The Applicant would need to ensure that the unit cost of the items requested do not meet the definition of a Capital Expenditure. Page 6 of the RFA, under Section III. Definitions of Key Terms, defines Capital Expenditures as: <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the organization for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000.</p> 2. Budget Narratives. Page 16 of the RFA, under Section V. Grant Application, Part III: Budget and Budget Narratives, states that the “budget

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		<p>is broken up into Direct and Indirect Cost. Within Direct Costs there are seven allowable sections.” The language goes on to instruct: “Complete each Table as applicable to your Proposed Project. Costs must be broken out in Tables to a degree that is sufficient to determine if costs <i>are reasonable, allowable, and necessary for the successful performance of the grant project</i> ... Following each table, a narrative description supporting and discussing each budget item must be entered, as well as a calculation demonstrating how the cost was arrived at.”</p> <p>3. Allowable Costs. 2 CFR Part 200, <i>Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards</i> §200.403 Factors affecting allowability of costs, lists general criteria to be considered when determining if a cost is allowable, and notes specifically that a cost must “(a) be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the Federal award and be allocable thereto under these principles.”</p> <p>Generally, Applicants should ensure that they have demonstrated that costs included in their proposed budget have <i>both a programmatic purpose and are reasonable and necessary for the successful performance of the grant.</i></p>
<p>10</p>	<p>1. Our organization received funding for Veteran’s Mental Health however, it will only be utilized in one of our service areas – Wichita Falls. Does this award of this grant automatically prohibit us from applying for the General Assistance Grant? If awarded with the General Assistance Grant, we would only utilize it in other counties, not the one that was awarded the Veteran’s Mental Health Grant.</p> <p>2. Our organization receives SSVF funding through the VA, which is a</p>	<p>1. If your organization currently has a Veterans Mental Health grant it is prohibited from being awarded a General Assistance grant at the same time. Page 5 of the RFA, under Section II. Purpose of this Request for Applications, C. Number of FVA grants notes: “<i>An organization may not have an overlapping or concurrent FVA General Assistance Grant and a Veterans Mental Health Grant.</i>”</p> <p>2. Having an SSVF grant through the VA would not prohibit your organization from being eligible to apply for a General Assistance grant.</p> <p>However, if you were looking to expand rapid-rehousing services provided for by the SSVF grant, Homeless and Housing projects are not currently being funded under this 16A RFA. Page 4 of the RFA, Section II. Purpose of this Request for Applications, notes:</p>

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	<p>rapid re-housing program. Are we eligible to apply for the grant since we have the SSVF funding?</p>	<p>“Applications for those Proposed Projects falling under the Homeless/Housing Service Category will not be considered for funding under this RFA. Homeless/Housing projects are now part of the Housing 4 Texas Heroes program and organizations wishing to submit applications for funding to support Homeless/Housing projects will be able to do so in the upcoming Housing for Texas Heroes Request for Applications, expected to be posted Fall 2015.</p> <p>Homeless/Housing projects include homeless support programs, shelter, <i>transitional living/temporary housing</i>, at-risk homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs.”</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>From the current RFA, we know we need an audit to accompany a \$300,000 request. Does the audit need to specifically be an A133 audit? Or, may we include a different, current independent audit that we already have?</p>	<p>On Page 9 of the RFA, Section IV. Program Guidelines, H. Funding Amounts and Financial Documentation notes that for requests over \$300,000 the minimum required financial documentation is <i>Audited Financial Statements</i>.</p> <p>The Audited Financial Statements that serve as required minimum financial documentation for a request of \$300,000 does not need to be an A-133 audit.</p> <p>On Page 5 of the RFA, Section III. Definition of Key Terms defines <i>Audited Financial Statements</i> as “A consulting service provided by a third-party Certified Public Accountant (CPA) that reviews the accounting processes and procedures. The CPA will review the financial statements using standard promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.” For further clarification, applicants are encouraged to contact their CPA.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>[My organization] usually applies for its FVA grants in early January. Is this a separate grant initiative or has the grant due date moved up? (for 2016-2017 grants) I think that I’ve read in the past that the summer deadline is a different deadline than the one we normally apply for, but I just wanted to make sure that we</p>	<p>General Assistance Grants have grant funding period start dates of either January 1 or July 1. While the application periods may vary, the grant funding period start dates follow the January and July schedule.</p> <p>Page 8 of the RFA, under Section IV. Program Guidelines, D. Grant Funding Period notes that the grant funding period for this 16A RFA is January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.</p>

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	are not going to miss an important grant deadline.	
13	<p>We deliver reintegration, marriage education and family enrichment trainings for Veterans. In the past we have qualified for a Veterans Mental Health Grant, however, we understand the eligibility for “Mental Health” may be changing. What we do is not counseling, not treatment; rather it is considered education or training. This is a seriously unmet need among veterans and provides interpersonal and relationship skills that can be utilized not only for healthier marriages, but increase the Veteran’s chances for job placement and retention as well as help prevent homelessness resulting from divorce.</p> <p>Since our services address “Family and child services,” “training,” and “education,” would we be eligible to apply under the General Services Grant, or is the better fit still Veterans Mental Health?</p>	<p>Page 13 of the RFA, under Section V. Grant Application, Part 1: Proposed Project Information, notes eligible Service Categories funded under this 16A RFA. Those categories include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Assistance - Transportation - Employment - Family Services - Legal - Referral - Supportive Services - Veterans Treatment Court <p>In that same section, it is stated several times that proposed projects may not have mental health components. As you note in your question, your project services are neither “counseling” nor “treatment” and based on that information alone, it would appear that the project would not be ineligible.</p> <p>However, as noted on Page 11 of the RFA, under Section V. Grant Application, “The information supplied by the <i>Applicant in Appendix I – The Application</i> will be used to evaluate and score the application using <i>Appendix II – Evaluation Rubric</i>. Applicants are to provide sufficient detail to evaluate the Proposed Project.”</p> <p>Ultimately, it is information provided within the Application that is used to determine if a proposed project is eligible.</p>
14	<p>We currently have a FVA-15A grant, and we plan to apply for a FVA Series 16-A grant. Our proposed project consists of basically the same services plus a few additional services as our FVA-15A grant,</p>	<p>The RFA does not describe criteria to determine if a Proposed Project is an expansion or a continuation. However, you note that you project to serve more beneficiaries than those you serve through your current grant and that the proposed project will include services in addition to those currently available to your</p>

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	<p>but we are projecting to serve twice as many veterans. To answer the question in the application, would our proposed project be considered an expansion of current services or continuation of an existing FVA-funded project?</p>	<p>beneficiaries. Given those two factors, it seems reasonable to consider your proposed project an expansion of services.</p>
<p>15</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In our experience with previous FVA grants, we have not been able to bill for our insurance package that is for general, umbrella and malpractice coverage that is allocated to the program. Is this expense considered an indirect expense that can be billed for using the 10% indirect rate? 2. According to the “Fiscal Guidelines for Grants” document that was published in January 2012, we are not allowed to be reimbursed for the employer portion of 403(b) expense. Would there be a more recent document that would address this or is this still applicable? In this document it states that the employer contributions are not allowed for voluntary plans, however, Family Houston does contribute 2% of the employees’ salary after they have been employed for 1 year regardless of their participation in the plan. Family Houston also matches up to 3% of participating employee’s contributions. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All applicants may claim up to 10% of total Direct Costs as Indirect Recovery Costs. Page 18 of the RFA, under V. Grant Application, Part 3: Budget and Budget Narratives, J. Indirect Charges, notes that “Indirect charges are those items that are often considered “overhead.” <p>Additionally, 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards §200.56 defines Indirect Costs as “those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved.” 2 CFR Part 200 goes on to say under §200.412 Classification of costs that “A cost may be direct with respect to some specific service or function, but indirect with respect to the Federal award or other final cost objective. <i>Therefore, it is essential that each item of cost incurred for the same purpose be treated consistently in like circumstances either as a direct or an indirect (F&A) cost in order to avoid possible double-charging of Federal awards.</i>”</p> <p>If that criteria is met, it would appear that the insurance package could be classified as a cost under the 10% Indirect Recovery.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Page 11 of the RFA, under Section IV. Program Guidelines, K. Grant Management Standards, notes that grants awarded under this RFA must follow applicable UGMS (state) and OMB (federal) grant management guidelines. Those documents both note the following: <p>“The cost of fringe benefits in the form of employer contributions or expenses for social security; employee life, health, unemployment, and worker's</p>

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		<p>compensation insurance (except as indicated in [section 26/§200.447] Insurance and indemnification); pension plan costs (see [subsection e/paragraph (i)] of this section); and other similar benefits are allowable, provided such benefits are granted under established written policies. Such benefits, must be allocated to Federal awards and all other activities in a manner consistent with the pattern of benefits attributable to the individuals or group(s) of employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to such Federal awards and other activities, and charged as direct or indirect costs in accordance with the non-Federal entity's accounting practices.”</p> <p>“Fiscal Guidelines of Grants” is not an applicable document guiding the management of grants awarded under this RFA.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Under “Financial Assistance” which is the category we may apply for under the Fund for Veterans Assistance grant, are we able to do payments for emergency housing assistance? The “Purpose of this request for Applications” seems to say that any supportive services for permanent housing must fall under the “Housing 4 Texas Heroes” grant which is due to issue an RFA this fall. I have quoted that section below, but then, on page 12, under “Grant Project Service Category” it states that: “Financial Assistance: Emergency financial assistance that is short-term and temporary in nature, such as, a one-time utility payment, one-time rental payment . . . 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>As you note, Page 12 of the RFA, under Section V. Grant Application, Part 1: Proposed Project Information, describes the Financial Assistance Service Category as “Emergency financial assistance that is <u>short-term and temporary</u> in nature, such as, a one-time utility payment, one-time rental payment, transportation assistance, or child care.” It does go on to say that “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>This additional language is added because projects falling under the previous Homeless/Housing Service Category are not funded under this RFA, and will now be funded under the Housing 4 Texas Heroes grant program. Those Homeless/Housing projects are described on page 4 of the RFA, Section II. Purpose of this Request for Applications as projects including “Homeless/Housing projects include homeless support programs, shelter, transitional living/temporary housing, at-risk homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs.”</p> <p>As such, emergency financial assistance that is short-term and temporary in nature is an allowable Service Category under this grant. Medium or long-term rental assistance, rapid re-housing programs, transitional living projects would not be funded under this RFA.</p>

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	<p>“II. Purpose of this Request for Applications. The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to seek Grant Applications from Eligible Applicants for Reimbursement Grants using FVA funds. All grant awards will be made through a competitive grant selection process. This RFA and accompanying Application documents are for the General Assistance Grant. This solicitation is not for Veterans Mental Health programs or Housing 4 Texas Heroes programs.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Applications for those Proposed Projects falling under the Homeless/Housing Service Category will not be considered for funding under this RFA. Homeless/Housing projects are now part of the Housing 4 Texas Heroes program and organizations wishing to submit applications for funding to support Homeless/Housing projects will be able to do so in the upcoming Housing for Texas Heroes Request for Applications, expected to be posted Fall 2015.</p> <p>Homeless/Housing projects include homeless support programs, shelter, transitional living/temporary housing, at-risk homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs.”</p> <p>Can you clarify this for us? Are we definitely able to do one-time rental assistance/emergency housing under</p>	
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	<p>Financial Assistance or must we wait for the Housing/Homeless RFA? This would be to supplement our SSVF grant program.</p>	
<p>17</p>	<p>When submitting the Application Package electronically, do the items that are to be sent in PDF format all have to be contained in one large PDF document, or may they be sent in the e-mail as separate documents? The reason for this question is that the instructions on page 21 of the RFP state that for the electronic submission, the Application Package is to consist of two items.</p>	<p>Page 21 of the RFA, under Section IX. Application Submission, B. Application Format and Delivery Method, outlines the parameters for submitting the electronic format of your application. Specifically, #2 states “All other applicable items listed in XII. Application Package in PDF format.”</p> <p>Those additional applicable items do not need to be submitted as one PDF file. They may be submitted as several, separate PDF files.</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>Question 1: When you state Audited Financial Statements, is this the full and complete audit, or just a portion of the audit? Webinar states that full "single audit" is not required. Please explain.</p> <p>Question 2: Webinar states that there are no housing or homeless allowances as this is through another grant. Are we allowed to make one time emergency rent and/or mortgage payments? Are we allowed to utilize our own funding through other programs for ongoing rent and mortgage assistance, such as HOME program?</p>	<p>1. On Page 9 of the RFA, Section IV. Program Guidelines, H. Funding Amounts and Financial Documentation notes that for requests over \$300,000 the minimum required financial documentation is <i>Audited Financial Statements</i>.</p> <p>The Audited Financial Statements that serve as required minimum financial documentation for a request of \$300,000 does not need to be an A-133 audit, or “single” audit.</p> <p>On Page 5 of the RFA, Section III. Definition of Key Terms defines <i>Audited Financial Statements</i> as “A consulting service provided by a third-party Certified Public Accountant (CPA) that reviews the accounting processes and procedures. The CPA will review the financial statements using standard promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.” For further clarification, applicants are encouraged to contact their CPA.</p> <p>2. Page 12 of the RFA, under Section V. Grant Application, Part 1: Proposed Project Information, describes the Financial Assistance Service Category as “<i>Emergency financial assistance</i> that is <u>short-term and temporary</u> in nature, such as, a one-time utility payment, one-time rental payment, transportation</p>

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<p>19</p>	<p>The last attachment requested on the Application Checklist is a copy of the current professional liability insurance. Do you need a copy of the entire policy or will a copy of the current certificate of liability insurance do?</p>	<p>A copy of the current certificate will be sufficient.</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>I have been compiling and adding my data into the 2016 application but just saw that housing is no longer listed as a supported feature of the grant.</p> <p>Is this correct? Should we apply for Housing for Heroes instead of this Fund for Veterans Assistance? Sorry that I seem to have missed something!</p>	<p>Page 4 of the RFA, Section II. Purpose of this Request for Applications, notes:</p> <p>“Applications for those Proposed Projects falling under the Homeless/Housing Service Category will not be considered for funding under this RFA. Homeless/Housing projects are now part of the Housing 4 Texas Heroes program and organizations wishing to submit applications for funding to support Homeless/Housing projects will be able to do so in the upcoming Housing for Texas Heroes Request for Applications, expected to be posted Fall 2015.</p>

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