

**Fund for Veterans' Assistance  
Veterans' Mental Health  
Addendum II – Questions Received through December 5, 2014**

	<b>Question Received</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	I am working with XYZ. A nonprofit organization, we provide substance abuse treatment services to a large portion of South Texas. Would substance abuse treatment be an eligible activity under this grant?	<p>Page 3 of the Request for Applications addresses the priorities that will be used by the advisory committee in making funding recommendations. Activities of a substance abuse treatment program that may be considered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing any gap in mental health services</li> <li>• Provision of Services from mental health care professionals, especially to Veterans and family members living in rural areas</li> <li>• Provision of mental health services that specifically relate to mental health issues resulting from military service</li> <li>• Provision of Therapy to Veteran family members regardless of the participation of the Veteran</li> </ul>
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are funds to be used primarily to enhance the services of an existing center for veterans or can funds be used to develop a center to serve veterans?</li> <li>2. Are social work services considered to be mental health services or is the emphasis of this program on providing psychological counseling services?</li> <li>3. Must mental health services be provided potentially to all eligible veterans who are students at the university or must services also be open to veterans in the community?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Page 3 of the Request for Applications addresses the <i>priorities</i> that will be used by the advisory committee in making funding recommendations. <i>“Sustaining or expanding Peer Networking Centers”</i> is listed as a priority. Page 4 of the Request for Applications notes that “Projects funded under the Veterans Mental Health Grant program should emphasize direct services to Veterans and their families and may include ... Peer Networking Centers.” Developing a center is not excluded.</li> <li>2. Please see Page 4 of the Request for Applications, <b>Section I. Purpose and Overview:</b> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">“The Texas Veterans Commission is authorized to use funds appropriated to the FVA to administer this grant and make reimbursement grants to address the mental health needs of</p> </li> </ol>

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		<p>Veterans and their families. Projects funded under the Veterans Mental Health Grant program should emphasize direct services to Veterans and their families and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer sessions, group sessions, Veteran family member counseling, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) services, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) services, equine therapy, co-occurring diagnosis counseling, and other types of counseling.</li> <li>• Peer Networking Centers, locations operated by Eligible Applicants, which includes staffing by Veterans, for Veterans and their families, where they are comfortable interacting with their Peers to learn about accessing resources and services for their benefit.”</li> </ul> <p>3. The applicant organization is able to define who will be eligible to receive services described in the Proposed Project under the <b>Beneficiaries</b> Section of <i>Appendix I – the Application</i>. The Request for Applications defines beneficiary as:</p> <p>“Beneficiary. A member of the target population served by the Grantee’s organization. For purposes of this grant, the Beneficiary, is a Texas Veteran, Texas surviving spouse, or a Texas Veteran’s dependent.”</p>
3	<p>What are your definitions of "mental health services" and "direct services" to Veterans pertaining to project proposals for this grant application?</p>	<p>Please see Page 4 of the Request for Applications, <b>Section I. Purpose and Overview</b> for the types of projects to be funded by the grant program:</p> <p>“The Texas Veterans Commission is authorized to use funds appropriated to the FVA to administer this grant and make reimbursement grants to address the mental health needs of Veterans and their families. Projects funded under the Veterans Mental Health Grant program should emphasize direct services to Veterans and their families and may include:</p>

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