

Fund for Veterans' Assistance

Series XIII-A

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	Question Received	Answer
10	I read in the OMB Circulars Side by Side document (Food Costs section on pgs. 15-16) that breakfasts aren't allowed. Is that document referring to breakfasts for staff attending meetings, conferences, training, etc., or breakfasts for clients?	<p>2 CFR 230 Appendix A A. <i>Basic Considerations</i> An allowable cost is one that meets the criteria for authorized expenditures in the cost principles. A cost charged to an award must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocable • Necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration of the grant • Treated consistently as either a direct or indirect cost • Consistent with the recipient's policies, regulations, and procedures that apply to all awards and activities of the recipient. • cont. <p>The OMB circulars serve as a general guideline for selected costs. Not all costs will be mentioned in the OMB circulars. In this case, the grant will be used to provide meal services, which is necessary for the performance of this grant.</p>
11	Also, that section lists various acceptable food costs for clients, but that list didn't include anything similar to our meal delivery services. Does that mean food/meal costs for providing home-delivered meals to the homebound aren't allowable?	See above answer.
12	Even if food costs are unallowable, I'm assuming we could request funds to cover other costs associated with providing the breakfasts to veteran clients. Is that correct?	<p>If "the costs associated with providing the breakfasts" are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration of the grant • Treated consistently as either a direct or indirect cost • Consistent with the recipient's policies, regulations, and procedures that apply to all awards and activities of the recipient. <p>If Basic Cost considerations were met, these could be allowable.</p>

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13	Thousands of volunteers deliver the meals to our clients, and volunteers also help out in other ways. The services they contribute each year save us around \$2 million in labor and associated costs. Would we need to include the value of the time they contribute in the budget section of the FVA application?	Direct costs are those costs that are reimbursable; therefore volunteer time would not be included in the Budget Tables, for this grant application. An applicant may mention volunteer services in the Budget Narrative.
14	I also read about donated volunteer time in 2 CFR 230 (OMB Circular A-122). It talked about needing to include the value of volunteer time when you allocate indirect costs to different programs, if I understood the document correctly. Does that sound right?	<p>The cost principles do not dictate whether a particular cost should be treated as direct or indirect; treatment is determined by the recipient's accounting policy. However, typical Direct costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation for employees for work performed under the grant • Costs of materials acquired, consumed, or expended specifically for award purposes <p>Common Indirect costs listed in the OMB cost principles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depreciation • Costs of operating and maintaining facilities • General administration and general expenses • Personnel and accounting administration
15	I am wondering if the Grant Solicitation section (at the Summit) is open to all participants?	Join the Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) program and potential applicants on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 9:00AM – 11:30AM CST for an informational meeting to review the current Series XIII-A Request for Applications. This two and a half hour Informational Application Meeting is free of charge and hosted by FVA staff. Potential applicants are encouraged to attend the meeting or join the webinar to learn more about this grant opportunity. See FVA website for webinar registration.
16	Can the grant be used to remodel an existing home and be turned into a veterans group home?	See Addendum I, Question #2. <i>Part 2: Grant Project Information</i> <i>Section A.</i> Homeless/Housing: This category includes homeless support

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		<p><i>programs, shelter, transitional living/temporary housing, at-risk homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs. <u>It does NOT include construction of housing.</u></i></p> <p>Adaptive assistance and renovation is allowed under this grant.</p>
17	We understand that sub-grants are not an allowable cost, can a single application be submitted for a collaborative effort?	<p>Eligible Applicants. <i>As defined in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 15, Section 460.3 (a). The following are eligible to apply for grant funds: 1) Units of local government; 2) IRS Code 501(c)(19) Posts or organizations of past or present members of the Armed Forces; 3) IRS Code 501(c)(3) private nonprofit organizations authorized to do business in Texas; 4) Texas chapters of IRS Code 501(c)(4) Veterans service organizations; or 5) Non-profit organizations authorized to do business in Texas with experience providing services to Veterans.</i></p> <p>Also see Ineligible Applicants.</p> <p>All organizations must be Eligible Applicants.</p>
18	Does each agency need to apply individually?	<p>Eligible Applicants are allowed to form a Consortium. An application would be required from the Consortium.</p>