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## **TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**

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March 19, 2020

### **TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**

#### **NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.045**

Agenda for the Emergency Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2020, at the Stephen F. Austin State Building, 1700 N. Congress Ave. Suite 800, Austin Texas 78701.

#### **Need for Emergency Meeting in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 551.045:**

The public pandemic declarations from the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Texas Governor, the Centers for Disease Control, the Texas Attorney General, the Department of State Health Services, the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), and other state and local warnings and guidelines regarding COVID-19 (a/k/a Coronavirus) has created an urgent public necessity for the Commission to immediately convene a meeting under Tex. Gov't Code § 551.045, to respond to, deliberate on, and/or take action on the pandemic and its effects on the public, veteran customers and their beneficiaries, TVC partners, TVC employees, and the Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) 2019-2020 grantees and the veterans they serve. Due to these realities, TVC has determined that immediate action is required to address the imminent threat to the public health and safety. Therefore, the Commission will hold the emergency meeting to discuss, make recommendations, and/or vote to provide additional resources, relax or eliminate certain provisions of policy regarding assistance to current FVA grantees, the customers TVC serves, and the veterans served by the 2019-2020 FVA grants. TVC consulted with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) regarding the need for this emergency meeting, and the OAG's guidance confirmed the need for an emergency meeting to address the effects of the pandemic on the provision of services to the veterans of the state of Texas.

**As required by Tex. Gov't Code 551.045, Members of the Public can participate and/or listen in by live teleconference by dialing into the conference bridge. Those desiring to participate or listen to the emergency meeting should Dial 877 226-9790 and enter access code 5138892. In addition, a full and final recording of the meeting will be posted on the TVC website after conclusion of the meeting. Please check the TVC website at [www.tvc.texas.gov](http://www.tvc.texas.gov) for that recording.**

### **EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS**

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Public comment.
- III. Report, presentation and/or action regarding TVC's response to and remedies for COVID-19's effects on the Fund for Veterans' Assistance 2019-2020 grant program. This item will include an update to the Commission from TVC staff regarding current grantees and may result in deliberation and/or action on emergency grant funding procedures being put in place immediately to ensure the continued provision of services to Texas Veterans.

- IV. Possible selection of next regularly called Commission meeting (Third Quarterly meeting, fiscal year 2020), and whether the date of that meeting could be affected by increased or decreased projections and data of the pandemic.
- V. Adjournment.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Gabe Torres, Executive Assistant, at 512/463-6564, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



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Executive Director

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**COMMISSIONERS'  
PACKET  
(AGENDA  
ATTACHMENT)  
TO EMERGENCY  
MEETING 03/20/2020  
UNDER  
TEX. GOV'T CODE §  
551.045**

## TVC-FVA Emergency Funding Request Form

In case of a natural disaster or major event where a state of emergency has been declared grantees may request up to \_\_\_\_\_% of their current grant award to assist Veterans and their families with needs associated with providing services during the declared emergency.

### THE INTENT OF THE EMERGENCY FUNDING IS TO INCREASE FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE CLIENT SERVICE NEEDS

<b>Grantee Name</b>	
<b>Grant Number</b>	
<b>Current Grant Amount \$</b>	
<b>Current Project Service Category</b>	

#### What services are currently being provided?

Budget Category	Current Awarded Amount	Emergency Funding Request	Adjusted Total Grant Amount
Salaries and Wages			
Fringe Benefits			
Travel			
Supplies			
Client Services			
Other Direct			
Indirect Cost			
<b>Total</b>			

#### What services will be provided with the emergency funding?

## TVC-FVA Emergency Funding Request Form

<b>Currently, what is the organization's maximum allowable cost per client?</b>	
<b>What is the <u>proposed</u> maximum allowable cost per client?</b>	

<b>Currently, what is the organization's maximum number of months that services will be provided to a single client?</b>	
<b>What is the <u>proposed</u> maximum number of months that services will be provided to a single client?</b>	

Performance Measures			
Number to Serve	Current Grant Award Beneficiaries	Additional Beneficiaries based on this request	Adjusted Total Number to Serve
<b>Veterans</b>			
<b>Departments</b>			
<b>Surviving Spouses</b>			

The submission of this document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the awarded organization.

**Grantee Approving Authority**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	

**TVC Approving Authority**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	

## FVA 19-20 GRANTEE STATUS BOARD

19-20 Grants	# of Grants	Service Categories	# of Grants per Service Category	Fully Operational	Reduced Services	Canceled Services	Unknown
<b>General Assistance</b>	37	Family Services	4	3	0	0	1
		Transportation	2	0	0	0	2
		Supportive Services	7	4	0	1	2
		Financial Assistance	20	10	0	1	9
		Employment	2	1	0	0	1
		Legal	2	0	0	1	1
<b>Housing for Texas Heroes</b>	18	Veteran Homelessness Prevention	2	0	0	0	2
		Home Modification Assistance	11	2	1	0	8
		Homeless Veterans Support	5	3	0	0	2
<b>Veterans Mental Health</b>	25	Clinical Counseling Services	20	4	0	0	16
		Non-Clinical Support Services	1	1	0	0	0
		Peer-Delivered Services	4	1	0	0	3
<b>Veterans Treatment Court</b>	17	Treatment Court	17	5	1	0	11
<b>Veteran County Service Officer</b>	3	Supportive Services (VCSO-GA)	1	0	0	0	1
		Financial Assistance (VCSO-GA)	2	1	0	0	1
Totals:	100	15	100	35	2	3	60

Dashboard Status filtered by Grantee Actions Taken		
Fully Operational	General	26
	Remote Services	6
	TeleMed	3
Reduced	Reduced Services	2
Canceled	Canceled Services	3
UNK	X	60
		100

Grantee Status	
Fully Operational	35
Reduced Services	2
Canceled Services	3
UNK	60
	100