

Restated Question	Response
<p>I need clarification on whether we can apply for funding during the 2025-2026 RFA cycle. Our organization operates as two arms under our umbrella organization. We were awarded in the 24-25 grant cycle under the general assistance program.</p> <p>According to Section 5.3.6, "Applicant organizations with contracts or agreements with TVC may be ineligible for FVA grant funding requested for Proposed Projects involving the same or similar services as those funded under the contract." From this, it seems we may be able to apply once.</p> <p>Additionally, Section 3.9 mentions that grant renewals are possible at the Commission's discretion.</p> <p>Could you confirm whether we can apply for or renew either of these programs during the 2025-2026 RFA cycle?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question. As your organization operates a single entity, you're limited to one FVA award contract under a single grant program category at a time. Please note that as you applied for the 24-25 grant cycle award, and subsequently "Awarded" (non-renewed), your organization is not eligible to apply for the 25-26 grant cycle. Your current grant is automatically in FVA's pool of grantees that may be eligible for renewal consideration. Grants that were awarded through the application process for the 24-25 grant year are eligible for renewal for the same grant program, service category and funding amount, if renewal criteria are met.</p> <p>24-25 RFA p. 7, Section 3.9 Renewal Criteria</p> <p>3.9.7 Grant performance will be taken at the end of the 9th month (March). 3.9.8 Grants must achieve 60% of the "Total Number of Clients to Be Served at the end of the 9th month of the grant period (July 1st – March 31st). 3.9.9 Grant must not have unresolved compliance findings. 3.9.10 Commission may request additional information to determine renewal.</p>

Can this grant be used to provide case management to veterans who are homeless?

FVA funds a number of different service categories under four different grant programs – General Assistance, Housing for Texas Heroes (Home Projects), Veterans Mental Health, and Veteran Treatment Court. Case management as a standalone service is not an eligible service. However, we encourage organizations that want to apply for a grant to provide eligible homeless veteran support services in their geographic service area to identify need through case management to provide the best benefit to the homeless veteran population.

Please refer to the 25-26 Grant Program Requirements - Appendix I: General Assistance Grant Program pp. 5-6, for a complete list of eligible services under the Homeless Veterans Support service category.

FVA's 25-26 RFA, Grant Program Requirements, webinars, and other additional resources are available on our website at <https://tvc.texas.gov/grants/grantseekers/>.

<p>As an equine assisted therapy facility, how do we request reimbursement for horses and their care?</p>	<p>Organizations that provide equine therapy should apply under the Veteran Mental Health (VMH) program’s “Clinical Counseling” service category. Clinical Counseling grantees request reimbursement for costs associated with eligible Clinical Counseling and supplemental non-clinical service delivery (such as equine therapy) on a per unit cost basis, at a reasonable agreed-upon rate set by your organization dependent on the type of eligible services provided to the veteran. This allows the organization to include the estimated cost of the care of the horse(s) into a set rate established during the Revisions stage if awarded. It’s important to understand that the intent of our Clinical Counseling grant is to fund organizations that provide clinical services provided by a Texas Licensed Mental Health Professional. FVA will fund a grant that provides non-clinical equine therapy contingent on the non-clinical aspect used a supplement to EBP therapy.</p> <p>Additionally, the purchase of a horse is considered a capital expenditure, which is a prohibited use of FVA Grant Funds. Capital expenditures to acquire a capital asset (such as land, additional buildings and/or structures, vehicles, trailers, livestock, and service animals), or expenditures to make additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations, or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life. This means that while you can include the cost to care for a horse in the per unit cost rate, but prohibited from including any costs relating to the purchase of a horse. Please refer to the 25-26 Grant Program Requirements - Appendix 3: Veterans Mental Health Grant Program pp. 2-3, for a complete list of eligible services under the Clinical Counseling service category. FVA’s 25-26 RFA, Grant Program Requirements, webinars, and other additional resources are available on our website at <a href="https://tvc.texas.gov/grants/grantseekers/">https://tvc.texas.gov/grants/grantseekers/</a>.</p>
<p>Is there a word or PDF list of grant application questions?</p>	<p>There is not a separate list of grant applicaton questions. They are only visible in Fluxx when filling out a grant application.</p>

What document(s) are required to request reimbursement?	Accounting records, including monthly reports, shall be supported by adequate source documentation as prescribed by TVC. Supporting documentation for each reported cost shall demonstrate Cost Incurred and Proof of Payment. FVA's Reimbursement Documentation Requirements (RDR) outlines specific guidelines.
Are reimbursement requests submitted electronically?	Yes, within Fluxx.
How often are reimbursement requests disbursed?	Monthly.
What is the difference between duplicating services & complementing services?	Applicants are to review current programs offered by TVC to ensure proposed projects described in their applications do not duplicate services currently provided by TVC.
What does "supplant" mean?	Supplanting is the replacement of agency funds for any activity of an existing project specifically because TVC grant funds were awarded. Supplanting of salaries or compensation for part-time or full-time county or city employees is unallowable.

Are out-of-state 501 (c) (3) non-profits eligible to apply for grant funding?	Out-of state entities are eligible to apply for grant funding if they have current operations physically in Texas and are registered with the Texas Secretary of State and authorized to transact business in Texas.
If a grant was Awarded for the 2024-25 grant period, does the grantee apply for renewal?	No action required by the grantee.
When are 2024-25 grants eligible for renewal announced?	Awarded and Renewed grants will be announced during the 3rd Quarter Commission Meeting in May 2025.
If a 2024-25 grant is not renewed, can the grantee re-apply for the same grant?	Non-renewed 2024-25 grants for the 2025-26 grant period would need to wait until the 2026-27 grant application window to re-apply.
If a 2024-25 grant is not renewed, can the grant period be extended?	If a grant is not renewed, the possibility of extending the current grant period up to an additional 6 months is an option.
If a 2024-25 grant is renewed for 2025-26, will the awarded amount be the same since the 2025-26 grant period is 14-months?	If a 2024-25 grant is renewed for the 2025-26 grant period, the details of the additional grant period are still being determined.
Is the RFA Webinar on October 17 the same as the previous RFA Webinar on September 12?	Yes.
What financial documentation is required in an application package?	<b>4.11. Financial Documentation:</b> FVA staff review financial documents associated with the applicant via the IRS website. Staff may request additional information to determine financial stability. Applicant should pass the liquid asset test and have sufficient funds to cover 2 months of services.
I keep getting an error saying information isn't verified in PEOPLE and ORGANIZATION sections when I try to submit my application. How do I fix it?	Before you can begin to submit your application, you are required to first provide additional information in the People and Organization tabs. Step-by-step instructions are available on the TVC Grants Portal User Guide on our grantseeker webpage: <a href="https://tvc.texas.gov/grants/grantseekers">https://tvc.texas.gov/grants/grantseekers</a>

<p>What documents are being requested under the Organization Documents section of the application?</p>	<p>The Organization Documents section is for your organization's policies &amp; procedures covering "Capitalization and Equipment, Cash Management, Payroll, Procurement, Travel, Vendor Payments".</p>
<p>How would we purchase food under a Financial Assistance grant Food (Grocery) service?</p>	<p>An organization representative would purchase SNAP-approved food with cash, company check, or company credit/debit card. Financial assistance (including gift cards) must never be given directly to a client.</p>
<p>Can FVA funds be used to reimburse allocated expenses for facility operational costs, such as rent, utilities, and maintenance costs, when only a portion of a building or facility is utilized for the FVA program?</p>	<p>Yes, traditional "overhead" costs would be Indirect Administrative &amp; Facilities Costs – which FVA grants use a 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.</p>
<p>If a Housing for Texas Veterans (HTX) grantee wanted to serve a higher number of eligible beneficiaries, can we set a lower organizational limit than FVA's maximum?</p>	<p>\$35,000 is FVA's maximum for necessary Home Projects. Each organization can implement more stringent restrictions if desired.</p>
<p>RFA states "Grantees are not allowed to generate program income through a TVC grant...the services provided to clients will be free of charge," and the summary of changes says, "Grantees are now required to charge all service costs and fees to the TVC grant rather than charging clients on a sliding scale based on income." Does this apply to the clients served through any awarded TVC grant, or does this apply to all clients served by the program for which we are applying. Also, is insurance billing considered income in this regard?</p>	<p>No program income may be generated through any program funded by FVA in the 25-26 grant cycle you're applying for. This includes co-payments paid by the beneficiary at the time of service. If you typically bill insurance for the cost of the session, you may do so. FVA will reimburse you the difference after the insurance pays their portion. The intent of not allowing program income is to ensure that services funded by FVA are 100% free to the veteran beneficiary.</p>

<p>Under the Grant Program and Service Category section of the application, it asks, "Is your organization currently providing the above selected service category to the public?" is this asking if we are providing the services we project in our application to the public as a whole in addition to the veterans we project to serve in our application? Can you please clarify?</p>	<p>This question will not be applicable to organizations that only serve veterans. We receive application from non-profits that serve the general public, so the intent of the question is to obtain a well-rounded understanding of all of the different types of services provided by organizations that help wider demographics including the general public. If your organization only serves veterans, your response to this question should indicate that you only serve veterans, and you should list all the different program types applicable to the services you provide.</p>
<p>We need to change our physical address in the portal but cant see how to do that. How does the primary contact update the information on this page? Also, we have several physical addresses in addition to the headquarter address. Which physical address is needed here?</p>	<p>During the registration process, address options expand depending on whether you answer yes or no to the question asking if there are any additional addresses you need to account for. During registration you will enter your Headquarters Address, Physical Address (if different), Mailing Address (if different), and any other Additional Organization Addresses such as where services are being provided. We ask for the address of your headquarters, and most importantly the address of all service locations. If veterans will receive services at a particular location, you need to list the address. After the initial registration, you will need to notify FVA of any changes to addresses so that we may track, confirm, and make the change on our end. If you need to change or add to your list of addresses, please specify which of the addresses listed for your organization need to be updated (HQ, Physical, Mailing, or Additional) and the updated address info.</p>
<p>When calculating salary, the application asks for annual salary. Do we put the 12 month salary or 14 month salary since that is the amount needed for the 14 month grant cycle?</p>	<p>You would calculate your Salaries and Fringe for 14 months, which will cover the entire duration of the grant.</p>