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Pre-Submittal Webinar

Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant Program
Request for Applications No. HHS0007424

September 9, 2020 @ 10AM

Vendor Pre-Submittal Webinar

Agenda

- Procurement Activities
- Project Overview
- Closing Comments

Introductions

Speakers

- Amy Pearson, Procurement Contact, HHSC Procurement and Contracting Services (PCS)
- Ethel Garcia, HHSC, Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant Program (TV+FA)

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Procurement Activities

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Procurement Roles

HHSC Procurement Team

- Procurement and Contracting Services (**PCS) -** Responsible for procurement activity.
- Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant Program (TV+FA) responsible for project scope.
- Contract Management Unit **(CMU)** - Responsible for ensuring compliance with requirements, performance, results, contract management and monitoring.

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Schedule of Events

Upcoming Events

Deadline for Submitting Questions

September 14, 2020 by 2:00PM

Any questions arising from todays webinar or anytime prior to the questions deadline, must be submitted in writing to amy.pearson@hhs.texas.gov

HHSC Posts Responses to Vendor Questions

Estimated Deadline **September 21, 2020**

Deadline for submission of Solicitation Responses

October 2, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

Anticipated Operations Start Date

September 1, 2021

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Solicitation Access

HHSC will post all official communication regarding this RFA on the following websites, including the notice of award:

- The Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD) is located at http://www.txsmartbuy.com/sp.
- The Texas E-grants is located at https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/grants.
- The HHSC website is located at https://apps.hhs.texas.gov/pcs/rfa.cfm.
- HHSC reserves the right to cancel this RFA, or to make no award if it determines such action is in the best interest of the State.
- HHSC may, in its discretion, reject any and all proposals or portions thereof.

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HHSC Sole Point of Contact

- All communications relating to this RFA must be directed to Amy Pearson, HHSC Sole Point of Contact at amy.pearson@hhs.texas.gov

- All communications between respondents and other HHSC staff members concerning this RFA are strictly prohibited.

- Failure to comply with these requirements may result in proposal disqualification.

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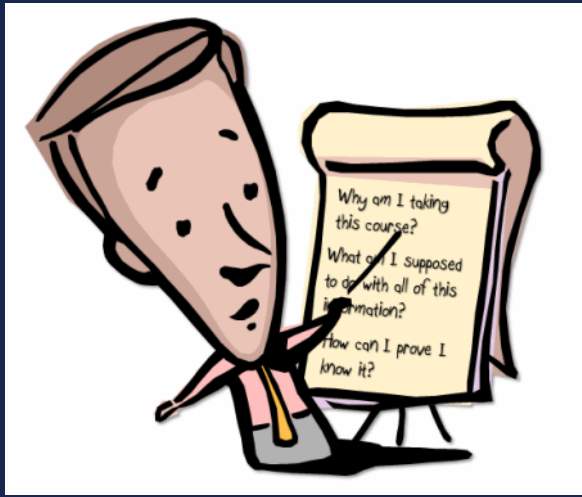
PROJECT OVERVIEW



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RFA Overview

Ethel Garcia, HHSC, Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant Program (TV+FA)

Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant Program

Purpose:

The purpose of TV+FA is to provide community-based, sustainable, evidence based, and accessible behavioral health services to Texas veterans and their families to augment the work of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Goals:

The goals of the TV+FA are to:

1. Expand availability of behavioral health services and treatments for veterans and their families;
2. Increase access to behavioral health services and treatments for veterans and their families; and
3. Enhance delivery of behavioral health services and treatments for veterans and their families.

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TV+FA projects work as Community Collaboratives (Collaboratives) that:

- Implement or enhance community-based systems to deliver behavioral health services and treatments to veterans and their families; and
- Coordinate behavioral health care services for veterans and their families with other transition support services.

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- Include the following Grant Project activities:
  1. Evidence-based treatments specific to Military-related Trauma(s) and its impact on veterans and their families, including veteran suicides;
  2. Evidence-based behavioral health service practices specific to Military-related Trauma(s) and its impact on veterans and their families, including veteran suicides; and
  3. Coordinating with, making referrals to, and ensuring follow-up for transition support services for veterans and their families.

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Applicants are not eligible if they are listed as a Partner Organization of or within any other Grant Application submitted in response to this RFA.

Applicants must:

- Be a nonprofit organization or a governmental entity that will lead a Collaborative.
- Coordinate with the Collaborative to reduce duplication of effort and maximize available resources for behavioral health services for veterans and their families;
- Meet the needs of veterans and their families they intend to serve and design an implementation plan, demonstrating mechanisms, methods, timelines, and parties responsible for all grant activities;

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Applicants must:

- Expand availability of, increase access to, and delivery of behavioral health services and treatments for veterans and their families;
- Ensure continuity of effort within the Collaborative to refer veterans and their families to Transition Support Services;
- Refer veterans and their families to Transition Support Services; and
- Provide a sustainability plan for the Collaborative beyond the Grant.

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TV+FA projects will provide behavioral health services and treatments to veterans and their families. Applicants must include evidence-based practices. Collaboratives must deliver all services and treatments described in the Application. Primary services are evidence-based therapies and treatments and may include:

1. Peer support services;
2. Counseling;
3. Medication services; and,
4. Suicide prevention.

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Secondary services will be directly related to a veteran or their family accessing the primary services listed above and may include:

1. Child care;
2. Transportation;
3. Navigation services;
4. Military informed care training;
5. Coordinated referrals;
6. Shared data systems; and,
7. Coordinated case management.

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PCS Closing Comments

- Respondents are responsible for meeting the RFA requirements, including any addendums.
- Respondents must check ESBD, and HHS Grants websites frequently for any addendums that may have been added to this solicitation.
- All Addendums must be signed and submitted with the original response.
- Respondent Questions/HHSC Responses will be posted to the ESBD and HHS Grants websites.

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Questions and Answers

All questions must be submitted in writing to the Sole Point of Contact using the formatting below from **Section 3.4.3, Questions** of the HHS0007424 RFA:

A. Identifying Solicitation number
B. Section number
C. Paragraph number
D. Page number
E. Text of passage being questioned
F. Question

Submit via email to: amy.pearson@hhs.texas.gov

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Questions Deadline

- **Reminder:** All questions, requests for clarification, etc., are due in writing no later than **2:00PM CST** on **September 14, 2020**.

- Questions received after this deadline cannot be responded too.

- An addendum will be posted to ESBD and HHS Grants Website with the answers to questions by September 21, 2020. *This date is estimated.*

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Thank you!

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