

APPENDIX I - THE APPLICATION
Organization Name: Collin County
Amount Requested: \$150,000
2017-2018 Veterans Treatment Court Grant
Grant Funding Period: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

# Applicant Information (Complete all lines)

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\* Required Information



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#### **True and Correct Statement:**

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND COMPLETED PER THE DIRECTIONS OUTLINED IN THE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS.

THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS ALL REQUIRE-MENTS AND PROVISIONS NOTED IN THE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS, AND WILL COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS AND PROVISIONS NOTED IN THE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD EFFECTIVE UPON SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION AND THROUGHOUT THE LIFETIME OF THE GRANT IF AN AWARD IS MADE.

THE SUBMISSION OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT.

*Authorized Signature: (must be original)	
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*Date:	

\* Required Information

All information must be in sufficient detail to ensure the application can be weighed with other application. Do not leave any item blank. <u>Refer to Section V. Grant Application of the accompanying 2017-18 Veterans Treatment Court RFA document for further instructions.</u>

The grant funding period is based on a 12-month calendar from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The required expenditure and program performance benchmarks (below) should be used as guidelines when completing the Application.

Date	Grant Period Elapsed	Amount Expended	Performance Met
October 1	25%	15%	15%
January 1	50%	40%	40%
April 1	75%	70%	70%

# Part I – Proposed Project Information

#### **Proposed Project Name**

1. Provide a name for the Proposed Project. North Texas Veterans Court

## **Amount Requested**

Check the <u>one</u> box for the amount being requested. Applicants must refer to **RFA Section IV. Program Guidelines**, **H. Funding Amounts and Financial Documentation** to ensure they are able to support request amount with correct financial documentation and other requirements.

\$5,000	$\boxtimes$	\$150,000
\$15,000		\$200,000
\$20,000		\$250,000
\$30,000		\$300,000
\$50,000		\$400,000
\$75,000		\$500,000
\$100,000		

## This Application is <u>not</u> for Veterans Mental Health programs, Housing 4 Texas Heroes programs, or General Assistance programs.

Check the one box that best describes the nature of the Proposed Project.

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New Veterans Treatment Court program

Expansion of services of currently-established Veterans Treatment Court program

Maintaining services provided by currently-established Veterans Treatment Court program

#### **Geographic Service Area(s)**

Check the <u>one</u> box that best describes the nature of the service area for the Proposed Project: Single County or Regional.

	Single County
2	Regional

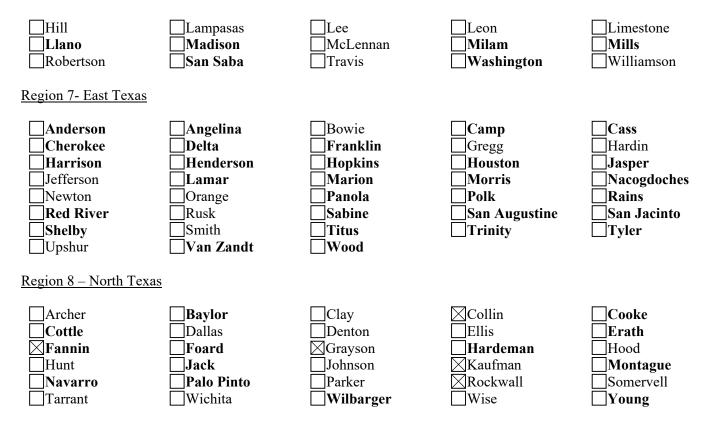
Rural Counties, per the Office of Rural Health Policy, are designated below in bold. Rural counties with an asterisk are designated as being part of a Metropolitan Area but are considered Rural based on their census tracks as determined by the Office of Rural Health Policy.

1. Check the county (or counties, if Regional) regardless of region, that the Proposed Project will serve.

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#### Region 1 – Panhandle





#### **Proposed Project Services**

1. Briefly describe the Proposed Project. Be specific in your answer and include the <u>Who</u>, <u>What</u>, <u>Where</u>, and <u>When</u> of the Project.

The North Texas Regional Veterans Court is a specialized program for justice-involved veterans (JIV) with combat-related mental impairments directly correlated to the crime with which they are charged. The program provides a second chance through a judicially-supervised, team-based approach to ensure participants receive treatment for underlying risk factors that contributed to their crime(s), including substance abuse, medical, and/or behavioral conditions. PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, and substance abuse all change the way the brain functions and impacts the ability of individuals to make responsible choices. Research has demonstrated that establishing a supportive, non-adversarial judicial relationship, employing progressive sanctions and incentives, and providing regular, meaningful involvement with a judge are significant factors leading to positive behavioral changes among offenders.

The goal of the North Texas Regional Veterans Court is to move justice-involved veterans out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate, individualized rehabilitative alternatives that improve mental health and successfully lead to community reintegration and criminal case resolution. Once veterans have been screened, assessed, and approved for participation in this voluntary program, they promptly begin a treatment program that is specific to their needs. In addition to program team meetings, the program may involve drug and/or alcohol treatment, random drug testing, support group meetings, vocational or job counseling, educational classes, and community supervision. Many services are provided by outside agencies, and participants are referred as needed. While actual length varies based on participant program Team during the initial phase, which become less frequent during the second and final phases of the program. Upon successful completion of the program, the case(s) are normally dismissed or never filed.

The Veterans Court program was started in 2013 by the 296<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge in Collin County. Unfortunately, many smaller counties in the area do not possess the resources to manage a veterans' court program, resulting in justice-involved veterans in those counties not receiving the treatment and support needed for recovery and restoration to their pre-combat lives. In an effort to meet the need, the program was expanded over the past year into four neighboring counties - Fannin, Grayson, Kaufman, and Rockwall – resulting in the North Texas Regional Veterans Court. Each county has a local interdisciplinary team, composed of a supervision/probation officer, veterans service officer, defense attorney, prosecuting attorney, and law enforcement officer, which are led by the 296<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge. The team reviews and discusses participants' progress and uses a coordinated strategy to help veterans recover.

Grant funds will be utilized to provide Veterans Court program candidates with financial assistance for program evaluations, treatment, counseling, and abstinence monitoring. Furthermore, as program success can be affected by daily life circumstances, grant funding will also be used to assist participants with other needs that are critical to the veterans' overall wellbeing such as emergency utility, housing, medical, transportation, education, and/or employment assistance. The program currently consists of 38 participants – 12 from Collin, 9 from Rockwall, 9 from Grayson, 6 from Kaufman, and 2 from Fannin County. Additional participants are expected to be added throughout the grant period.

The proposed project also includes a request for a contractual Program Manager to oversee all the participants, coordinate between the counties, and collect and maintain program data. Travel monies will be utilized by the Judge for travel between the counties and for attendance to the annual Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals Drug Court Training Conference. Additionally, funds to compensate the reserve bailiffs needed for court sessions in Grayson and Rockwall counties are being requested.

2. Briefly describe how Beneficiaries will access and/or be provided with Project services by your organization. Be specific in your answer and include the <u>How</u> of the Project. The North Texas Regional Veterans Court will operate as most treatment courts do with a court team overseeing an intensive supervision program with strong judicial interaction. Judge John Roach, Jr., will preside over the Veterans Court for all five counties, while the grant-funded Program Manager will travel between counties and coordinate and schedule services between the counties. With the exception of the VA Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Officer and the Licensed Therapist/Evaluator, who will also serve on all counties' teams, all other members will only serve their respective county's participants.

For each county, the court team will meet monthly to review and discuss each participant's program progress. Reports can cover a range of topics including employment, rule violations, drug/alcohol screening results, and treatment among others. Any failure to comply with program requirements is addressed and progressive sanctions, based on a written matrix, may be imposed. While the program length varies (12 to 24 months) for each individual participant and their needs, it consists of three phases requiring less frequent monitoring and supervision with each subsequent phase.

Prior to program admission, North Texas Regional Veterans Court candidates are evaluated by the licensed therapist/evaluator program team member. However, some candidates cannot afford the expense, and thus, choose not participate in the program. In these cases, TVC grant funds will be used for evaluation costs. If the candidate is accepted into the program, evaluation findings are then used to design individualized treatment plans in coordination with the veteran. The VA Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Officer and the Program Manager will coordinate to formulate goals, assign the veteran to treatment programs, consult with clinical staff for co-morbidity treatment, and coordinate with partner agencies for any additional needs.

Treatment is usually provided at no charge through the VA. However, some veterans have needs beyond the scope of VA counseling programs or are unable to obtain transportation to the nearest VA clinic. Additional counseling, such as equine therapy, family counseling, etc., will be performed by partner agencies and private practitioners. If the veteran is unable to meet the expense of these needed treatments, grant funds will be used. Mid-point evaluations will be conducted to assess treatment progress and make adjustments as needed.

Additionally, during the initial program phase (approximately 3-4 months), participants may need to be equipped with a SCRAM (secure, continuous remote alcohol monitoring) device to monitor abstinence and promote substance-free living while they progress with counseling and treatment. Grant funds will be used to defray abstinence monitoring costs for veterans who are unable to afford the monthly service costs. As program success can be affected by daily life circumstances, the Veterans Court program also provides or assists with provision of other needs and services to help participants succeed on a case-by-case basis. The program works to meet a veteran's emergency situation needs on an individualized basis while developing a long-term plan for the veteran to succeed on his/her own. Services are specific to the individual and can include, but are not limited to, transportation, utility, or housing assistance and interview appropriate clothing. Monies are paid directly to the service provider, as opposed to the veteran themselves.

The Program Manager serves as the primary point of contact for the program and is responsible for intake and interview of each interested or referred veteran and assists with program eligibility determinations. This position monitors probation and program compliance, including treatment attendance and substance abuse screening. The Program Manager also provides community linkages and referrals to appropriate agencies/organizations for support services and assists with any emergency needs, such as housing and transportation, which may arise for program participants. The Program Manager works closely with each veteran and manages funds to quickly arrange services paid with grant monies.

## **Need Identified**

1. What is the community need(s) or existing service gap(s) that the Proposed Project will address? Be specific in your answer and sufficiently describe the need that your service area faces to include the <u>Why</u> of the Project. More than 20 million men and women living in the US have served in the US military. Many of these veterans were deployed to engage in combat operations, spending long periods being hyper-vigilant in high stress situations. Combat zone duty can result in injuries both to the body and psyche including post -traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injuries (TBI), orthopedic injury and/or amputations, which are all conditions that can derail emotional control and lead to interpersonal conflicts and/or other erratic behaviors resulting in job loss, divorce, and strained relationships. Unfortunately, decades of research has shown that veterans can have a difficult time of readjusting to civilian life and have been shown to have higher than normal prevalence of mental health and substance abuse issues, which frequently result in illegal, violent, and/or risky behaviors; increased contact with the criminal justice system; and incarceration.

According to the US Census Bureau 2015 Quick Facts, over 68,000 veterans reside in the five counties that make up the North Texas Regional Veterans Court. In Collin County, over the past 7 years, the number of inmates with military experience has increased almost 300% from fiscal year 2010 to 2016. Data is expected to be similar from other counties participating in the North Texas Regional Veterans Court based on anecdotal evidence.

Collin County Jail	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016*
# Unduplicated Veterans Detained	90	97	162	241	239	227	358
<b># Veterans Detained Multiple Times</b>	20	20	37	79	74	57	86
						*incom	plete data

2. How did you identify the community need(s) or problem(s)? Be specific in your answer and sufficiently describe any methods used to identify that the need described above in Need Identified #1 is present in your service area. Include references to data that may substantiate and support that this need exists in your service area. With the ongoing Middle East conflicts, Judge Roach, in his 296<sup>th</sup> District Court, noticed an increase in veterans being charged with crimes that were directly related to their military service, evidencing a need for a veteran-specific treatment court. The benefits of program expansion were initially recognized by the Veterans Service Officer through networking avenues. Many of the smaller counties in North Texas are unable to support a veterans' court program, leaving the justice-involved veterans in those counties without the support and treatment needed to recover. Understanding that a regional court would be able to reach more veterans by having smaller counties coordinate with larger counties to maximize resources in North Texas, Judge Roach offered to create and preside over a regional veterans' court. Establishing a regional court brings this valuable program and its potential benefits to veterans outside of Collin County.

3. How will the Proposed Project address the identified need(s) or problem(s)? Be specific in your answer and sufficiently describe how the components of the Proposed Project as described above in Proposed Project Services #1 will assist in attempting to resolve the need described above in Need Identified #1. Similar to other drug or treatment courts, the Veterans' Court utilizes a judicially-supervised, multi-agency teambased approach to serve veterans struggling with addiction, mental illness, and other underlying risk factors that contributed to their crime(s). The voluntary program requires participants to undergo intensive treatment and counseling, submit to frequent supervision and random alcohol and/or drug testing, make frequent appearances in court, and to be closely monitored for program compliance. Promotion of sobriety, recovery, and stability through individualized substance abuse and mental health treatment and counseling, coupled with connections for housing, medical, vocational, and other support issues, diverts military offenders away from the tradition criminal justice system and attempts to reduce recidivism through provision of services while holding offenders accountable for their actions and addressing the underlying issues related to their criminal behavior.

The North Texas Regional Veterans Court taps into the unique aspects of military and veteran culture and uses it to the benefit of the veteran. Through the program, former military personnel are allowed to participate in the treatment court process with their fellow veterans, re-instilling a sense of camaraderie that they felt while in the military, and providing them with the treatment and tools for coping with their underlying problems. As the North Texas Regional Veterans Court comprises five counties, more justice-involved veterans are able to participate in this successful treatment model, which otherwise would be unavailable to them based solely on the county lines within which they live. This project proposes funds for a full-time Program Manager who oversees the program and participants, schedules and coordinates for the Judicial Officer, monitors the grant budget, submits payment for client services, and completes and submits reports as required by TVC.

4. How is the Proposed Project unique from other similar services that may be available in your proposed service area? <u>Be specific with details about what sets your Proposed Project apart.</u>

The North Texas Regional Veterans Court, judicially supervised by the 296<sup>th</sup> District Court, is the first regional veterans' court in Texas and the only veterans' treatment court in these five counties. The purpose of the program is to provide veterans with individualized rehabilitative alternatives that successfully lead to community reintegration and criminal case resolution. While there are other drug/treatment courts in the counties, there aren't any that specifically target veterans and their specialized needs. The Veterans Court team is composed of persons who can coordinate veteran-specific treatment and benefits and whom, as mostly veterans themselves, are better equipped to mentor justice-involved veterans. The regional program is able to reach veterans in multiple counties that otherwise, based on county lines, would not receive the support and treatment needed for recovery and restoration to their pre-combat lives.

#### Beneficiaries

- 1. As noted in Section IV. Program Guidelines, C. Eligibility of Beneficiaries, there are specific eligibility requirements for this grant program. Related to the information provided in **Need Identified** above, Applicants <u>may</u> elect to restrict Proposed Project services to particular groups to address needs by narrowing the eligibility of who can receive services through the Proposed Project. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - Veterans of a particular era (such as Vietnam or OEF/OIF era Veterans);
  - Veterans with a specific character of discharge (such as Honorable, other than Dishonorable, etc.);
  - Veterans' duty status (such as National Guard, Reservist, or Active Duty); or
  - Particular Veteran dependents (such as dependents of newly separated veterans, or surviving spouses of reservists or Guards Members).

Provide a definition below for each applicable category that will be eligible to receive services, listing any service restrictions of the Proposed Project. <u>Be specific</u>. Do not include the number of clients you anticipate serving.

Veterans: Project beneficiaries will be Veterans Court candidates and participants whose criminal case(s) have been filed in Collin, Fannin, Grayson, Kaufman, or Rockwall counties. To participate in the program, veterans cannot be charged with crimes outlined in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures 42.12 (3) (g). Veterans must have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), or substance abuse/addiction related to combat/hazardous duty zone exposure which directly correlates to the criminal offense.

Prior to a veteran being accepted into the program, court team members review VA records for existing diagnoses. If no diagnosis for PTSD, TBI, or substance abuse exists, the program requests the veteran be evaluated by a licensed professional. The program accepts active duty, current National Guard and Reserve members, and those discharged as honorable or general under honorable conditions. Eligibility for program participation is determined by the court team members through a review of criminal and military records. Veteran Dependents: NA Surviving Spouses: NA

- Describe any other restrictions on eligibility, if applicable (examples: the Court serves only misdemeanor offenses, beneficiaries must live in a specific service area like a county or region). N/A
- 3. If your organization receives grant funds, it will be responsible for tracking <u>each individual</u> Veteran, their dependents, and survivors that receive grant-funded service(s). The number of <u>unduplicated</u> Veterans, dependents and survivors, as well as cumulative totals, will be reported to the FVA quarterly.
  - a. Estimated Number of Clients to be Served
    - Enter the estimated <u>number</u> of unduplicated Veterans, Dependents, and Surviving Spouses to be served by the Proposed Project. The information to be entered is a <u>number</u>. Do not enter a percentage and do not enter a range.

Performance Measure	Estimated Number of Clients to be Served	
Number of Veterans served.	50 Veterans	
(Required performance measure for all applicants.)	50 veteralis	
Number of Dependents served.	0 Domon donta	
(Required performance measure if served.)	0 Dependents	
Number of Veterans' Surviving Spouses served.	0 Sumining Summer	
(Required performance measure if served.)	0 Surviving Spouses	
Total Estimated Number of Clients to be Served	50 Total Unduplicated Beneficiaries	

- b. Additional Performance Measures and Estimated Volume of Services Provided to Clients
  - 1. First enter additional performance measures that align with and are related to the Proposed Project in the Performance Measure column. For example, if the Proposed Project includes providing substance abuse counseling, an additional performance measure may be "number of substance abuse counseling sessions provided to beneficiaries."

Then, provide the estimated volume over the grant funding period for the additional performance measure listed. For example, "120 sessions."

Additional lines may be added.

Performance Measure	Estimated Volume of Services Provided to Clients
<i>Example:</i> <i>Number of substance abuse counseling sessions to</i> <i>beneficiaries.</i>	Example: 120 sessions
Number of veterans assessed for program eligibility annually	25 veterans
Number of new participants accepted to program each year	10 veterans
Number of veterans provided with drug & alcohol monitoring assistance	30 participants
Number of veterans provided with emergency living assistance	8 participants

- c. Goals and Anticipated Outcomes
  - 1. First enter goals that align with and are related to the Proposed Project in the Goals column. For example, if the goal is to "clients completing the Veterans Court program will have their criminal charges dropped."

Then provide the anticipated outcome for the goal listed in the "Anticipated Outcomes" column. For example, "85% of clients will complete the Veterans Court program."

Goals **Anticipated Outcomes** Example: Example: Clients completing the Veterans Court program will 85% of clients will complete the Veterans Court program. have their criminal charges dropped. Participants graduate / successfully complete the pro-80% of participants successfully complete the program gram 90% of program graduates do not reoffend within the first 3 Participants successfully reintegrate into society vears Participants provided with emergency living assistance demonstrate improved quality of life through 50% of participants demonstrate housing stability reduction of high risk living situations Unemployed participants are able to gain employment 50% participants successfully employed

Additional lines may be added.

2. Next, describe how you will determine if anticipated outcomes are met. Examples may include using a client satisfaction survey, following up with clients 30-90 days after receiving services to determine status, tracking pertinent client data.

Successful completion of the program will be determined by maintaining and analyzing the number of participants who complete the program against the number who begin the program. Additionally, the proposed Project Manager will search county arrest/jailing software and conduct a personal follow up with program graduates at one year post-completion to determine if the veteran has reoffended. Post-program data will also be collected, maintained, and measured by the Mentor Coordinator through direct contact with program graduates, whose goal is to maintain contact for at least three years post-program completion. Communication with the participants during the program will give data to support improvement in health and independence, as well as employment status; data will be compiled into a spreadsheet and maintained for reporting purposes. All data will be maintained by Veterans' Court staff using spreadsheets and/or participant tracking software.

# **Project Eligibility**

- Eligibility of beneficiaries to receive services must be verified and documented. List the <u>specific and/or gov-ernment forms</u> your organization staff will use to verify eligibility of clients who can receive as you have defined it above in **Beneficiaries #1** and **#2**. If dependents and surviving spouses are listed as eligible beneficiaries, include how their eligibility will be verified. Types of forms can include, but are not limited to:
  - DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
  - NGB-22, National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service
  - Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) official letter or disability letter
  - State of Texas Issued Driver License with Veteran designation
  - E-Benefits summary
  - Honorable discharge certificate
  - Uniform Services Identification Card
  - VA Health Card
  - Tricare Healthcare Insurance card

Eligibility will be established through documentation including the program application, DD214, NGB-22, charging instruments of the courts, psychological evaluations, and VA confirmation. Active duty and current National Guard and Reserve members must show a current military ID and assignment orders to establish eligibility.

2. Describe how the eligibility verification documents will be retained (example: as listed in your organization's retention policy) and maintained (example: in locked filing cabinet or electronically on your organization's server). Note: Retention period must meet minimum requirements as defined in 2 CFR 200.333 of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Documents will be maintained in digital (secure organization server) and/or hardcopy in a secured manner and per UGMS and OMB guidelines for state and local governments. Program participant documentation is retained per Collin County's retention policy unless an Order of Expunction is signed which requires the destruction of most documentation.

# **Project Principal Participants**

List the principal participants in the organization. Indicate which principal(s), if any, are Veterans. **Refer to the RFA Section III. Definitions of Key Terms for who is considered a Principal Participant.** Résumés are to be included for each Principal Participant and should describe applicable experience by position

Name of Principal Participant	Title	Veteran (Y/N)	# of years of experience in position	Résumé Attached (Y/N)
1. John Roach, Jr.	Judge, 296 <sup>th</sup> District Court	Y	10	Y
2. Jennifer Smith	North Texas Veterans Court Program Manager	Y	3	Y
3. Evelyn Gibbs	Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist	Ν	8	Y
4. Charles Overstreet	Licensed Therapist / Evaluator		26	Y
5. Keith Self	Collin County Judge	Y	10	Y
6. Jeff May	Collin County Auditor	Ν	7	Y
7. Armando Jimenez	Community Supervision Officer, Col- lin	Y	8	Y
8. Gary Jackson	Veterans Service Officer, Collin	Y	4	Y
9. James Angelino	Defense Attorney, Collin	Y	20	Y
10. Terry McCraw	Captain, Sheriff's Office, Collin	Y	21	Y
11. Wes Wynne	Assistant District Attorney, Collin	N	9	Y
12. David Ahl	Probation Officer, Rockwall	Y	16	Y
13. Linda Flannery	Veterans Service Officer, Rockwall	Y	4	Y
14. Tim Hartley	Defense Attorney, Rockwall	N	13	Y
15. Alexander Gray	Captain, Sheriff's Office, Rockwall	Y	12	Y
16. Felicia Oliphant	Assistant District Attorney, Rockwall	N	17	Y
17. Joshua Rogers	Probation Officer, Grayson	Y	5	Y
18. James Petty	Veterans Service Officer, Grayson	Y	6	Y
19. Tom Redwine	Defense Attorney, Grayson	Y	45	Y
20. John Holloway	Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office, Grayson	N	8	Y
21. Donald Carter	Assistant District Attorney, Grayson	N	8	Y
22. Damieyon Titus	Probation Officer, Kaufman	Y	1	Y
23. Clayton Kelley	Veterans Service Officer, Kaufman	Y	3	Y
24. Richard Brand	Defense Attorney, Kaufman	N	2	Y
25. Teri Owen	Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office, Kaufman	N	10	Y
26. Phillip Williams	Assistant District Attorney, Kaufman	Y	14	Y
27. Derrell Hall	Probation Officer, Fannin	N	12	Y
28. Anthony Anderson	Veterans Service Officer, Fannin	Y	1	Y
29. Lacinda Brese-	Defense Attorney, Fannin	N	11	Y
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1. What are the roles, responsibilities, and qualifications of the Principal Participants listed in the table above as related to the Proposed Project? For example, if a CFO is listed as a principal participant, the description should reference his/her role, responsibilities, and qualifications to the Proposed Project.

Principal Participant #1: Judge Roach leads the interdisciplinary program team, presides over the court proceedings, interacts directly and develops a rapport with participants, administers graduated sanctions and rewards to increase each veteran's accountability and enhance the likelihood of recovery.

Principal Participant #2: Mrs. Smith coordinates all administrative activities of the Court. She processes each application received in each County. She is the liaison between the County teams and the Judge. She is responsible for paying invoices, maintaining participant information, and sets the Court schedule. Mrs. Smith is also responsible for intake and interview of each interested or referred veteran. She works with the veteran to determine program eligibility.

Principal Participant #3: Mrs. Gibbs is an employee of the VA and is a direct link between the VA and the program participants and verifies veterans' military status for program eligibility. She coordinates veterans' health care and counseling services through the VA. She also maintains a large network of service providers and refers veterans as needed.

Principal Participant #4: Dr. Overstreet is tasked with conducting evaluations and making the final determination of the veteran's mental condition, including whether the service-related mental condition is causally linked with the alleged criminal activity as required by the Veterans' Court statute. He also makes treatment recommendations, and assists with identification of a continuum of care for the participants.

Principal Participant #5: Mr. Self serves as the executive officer and signing authority for the county.

Principal Participant #6: Mr. May ensures that all federal, state, local, and funding agency fiscal policies are followed and maintains all financial documentation.

Principal Participant #7: Mr. Jimenez serves as the supervising Probation Officer for Collin County veterans placed on community supervision to ensure compliance of probation conditions. He maintains direct supervision of the veteran's compliance with the program, including treatment attendance and substance abuse screening. Principal Participant #8: Mr. Jackson provides veterans with a direct link to community services throughout his community organizations network. He also assists veterans with filing benefits and disability claims.

Principal Participant #9: Mr. Angelino advocates for the veteran, assists with the negotiation of plea agreements, and ensures the legal and constitutional rights of the defendant.

Principal Participant #10: Captain McCraw helps identify veterans that have been arrested or jailed. He provides insight into the veteran's progress in detention, assists in monitoring the veteran if confined as a result of a sanction, and provides access for team members while in the veteran is in custody.

Principal Participant #11: Mr. Wynne represents the elected District Attorney on the Court Team. He reviews new cases and helps determine if the defendant will be approved for the program, monitors participant progress, and makes recommendations regarding sanctions. If the veteran is re-arrested, Mr. Wynne investigates the new case and assesses the appropriateness of continued participation.

Principal Participant #12: Mr. Ahl serves as the supervising Probation Officer for Rockwall County veterans placed on community supervision to ensure compliance of probation conditions. He maintains direct supervision of the veteran's compliance with the program, including treatment attendance and substance abuse screening. Principal Participant #13: Mrs. Flannery provides veterans with a direct link to community services throughout her community organizations network. She also assists veterans with filing benefits and disability claims. Principal Participant #14: Mr. Hartley advocates for the veteran, assists with the negotiation of plea agreements, and ensures the legal and constitutional rights of the defendant.

Principal Participant #15: Captain Gray helps identify veterans that have been arrested or jailed. He provides insight into the veteran's progress in detention, assists in monitoring the veteran if confined as a result of a sanction, and provides access for team members while in the veteran is in custody.

Principal Participant #16: Mrs. Oliphant represents the elected District Attorney on the Court Team. She reviews new cases and helps determine if the defendant will be approved for the program, monitors participant progress, and makes recommendations regarding sanctions. If the veteran is re-arrested, Mrs. Oliphant investigates the new case and assesses the appropriateness of continued participation.

Principal Participant #17: Mr. Rogers serves as the supervising Probation Officer for Grayson County veterans placed on community supervision to ensure compliance of probation conditions. He maintains direct supervision of the veteran's compliance with the program, including treatment attendance and substance abuse screening. Principal Participant #18: Mr. Petty provides veterans with a direct link to community services throughout his community organizations network. He also assists veterans with filing benefits and disability claims. Principal Participant #19: Mr. Redwine advocates for the veteran, assists with the negotiation of plea agreements, and ensures the legal and constitutional rights of the defendant.

Principal Participant #20: Lieutenant Holloway helps identify veterans that have been arrested or jailed. He provides insight into the veteran's progress in detention, assists in monitoring the veteran if confined as a result of a sanction, and provides access for team members while in the veteran is in custody.

Principal Participant #21: Mr. Carter represents the elected District Attorney on the Court Team. He reviews new cases and helps determine if the defendant will be approved for the program, monitors participant progress, and makes recommendations regarding sanctions. If the veteran is re-arrested, Mr. Carter investigates the new case and assesses the appropriateness of continued participation.

Principal Participant #22: Mr. Titus serves as the supervising Probation Officer for Kaufman County veterans placed on community supervision to ensure compliance of probation conditions. He maintains direct supervision of the veteran's compliance with the program, including treatment attendance and substance abuse screening. Principal Participant #23: Mr. Kelley provides veterans with a direct link to community services throughout his community organizations network. He also assists veterans with filing benefits and disability claims.

Principal Participant #24: Mr. Brand advocates for the veteran, assists with the negotiation of plea agreements, and ensures the legal and constitutional rights of the defendant.

Principal Participant #25: Lieutenant Owen helps identify veterans that have been arrested or jailed. She provides insight into the veteran's progress in detention, assists in monitoring the veteran if confined as a result of a sanction, and provides access for team members while in the veteran is in custody.

Principal Participant #26: Mr. Williams represents the elected District Attorney on the Court Team. He reviews new cases and helps determine if the defendant will be approved for the program, monitors participant progress, and makes recommendations regarding sanctions. If the veteran is re-arrested, Mr. Williams investigates the new case and assesses the appropriateness of continued participation.

Principal Participant #27: Mr. Hall serves as the supervising Probation Officer for Fannin County veterans placed on community supervision to ensure compliance of probation conditions. He maintains direct supervision of the veteran's compliance with the program, including treatment attendance and substance abuse screening.

Principal Participant #28: Mr. Anderson provides veterans with a direct link to community services throughout his community organizations network. He also assists veterans with filing benefits and disability claims.

Principal Participant #29: Mrs. LeBron advocates for the veteran, assists with the negotiation of plea agreements, and ensures the legal and constitutional rights of the defendant.

Principal Participant #30: Mr. Hoover represents the elected District Attorney on the Court Team. He reviews new cases and helps determine if the defendant will be approved for the program, monitors participant progress, and makes recommendations regarding sanctions. If the veteran is re-arrested, Mr. Hoover investigates the new case and assesses the appropriateness of continued participation.

# Partnerships

List agencies and/or organizations that your organization partners with to assist in serving Beneficiaries as part of the Proposed Project. Use additional page(s) if needed. Note: Partnerships may be subject to verification.

Name of Partner Organization	Address	Telephone	Website
US Department of Veterans Affairs –	1201 E. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	(903) 583-6226	VA.gov
Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center	Bonham, TX 75418		
US Department of Veterans Affairs -	2223 Colorado Blvd	(903) 891-6350	VA.gov
Denton Comm. Based Outpatient Clinic	Denton, TX 76205		-
US Department of Veterans Affairs –	4500 S. Lancaster Road	(214) 857-2252	VA.gov
Dallas VA Medical Center	Dallas, TX 75216		_
Dallas Vet Center	8610 Greenville, Ste 125	(214) 361-5896	VetCenter.va.gov
	Dallas, TX 75243		-

Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship	3800 Troy Road Wylie, TX 75098	(972) 412-1099	Equest.org
Military Veteran Peer Network	1380 River Bend Drive Dallas, TX 75247	(214) 743-1200	Milvetpeer.net
Red Bird Education Services	105 W. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street Rockwall, TX 75087	(214) 287-3501	redbirdeducation.com
Recovery Healthcare Corporation	2520 Electronic Ln, Ste 810 Dallas, TX 75220	(214) 566-3388	recovery- healthcare.com
Smart Start	500 E Dallas Road, Ste 100 Grapevine, TX 76051	(972) 621-0252	SmartStartInc.com
Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic	16160 Midway Rd, Ste 218	(469) 680-3500	CohenVeteransNet-
at Metrocare	Addison, TX 75001		work.org
Veterans Service Office – Collin County	900 E. Park Blvd, Ste 150 Plano, TX 75074	(972) 881-3062	CollinCountyTX.gov/ veterans
Veterans Service Office – Fannin County	101 E. Sam Rayburn Dr Bonham, TX 75418	(903) 583-2111	co.fannin.tx.us
Veterans Service Office –	100 W. Houston	(903) 813-4254	co.grayson.tx.us/defaul
Grayson County	Sherman, TX 75090		t.aspx?name=va.home
Veterans Service Office –	100 W. Mulberry	(972) 932-4331	Kaufman-
Kaufman County	Kaufman, TX 75142		County.net/va.html
Veterans Service Office –	1215 E. Yellow Jacket Ln	(972) 204-7280	RockwallCountytex-
Rockwall County	Rockwall, TX 75087		as.com/652/veterans- service-office

1. Describe the role and how each partner listed in the table above is necessary to accomplish the Proposed Project. The VA provides participants with healthcare services, which are necessary for medication management and treatment to enable recovery.

The Dallas Vet Center, Red Bird Education Services, and the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic provide individual and group counseling, intensive outpatient treatment, and integrated, client-centered outpatient mental health care for participants, as needed for recovery. In many cases, services are provided at no cost.

Equest provides equine assisted therapy, which can be important for some veterans' recovery, generally at no cost.

Military Veteran Peer Network provides mentors for each participant, which has proven beneficial to participant success.

Recovery Healthcare Corporation and Smart Start provide alcohol and/or drug monitoring for participants to reduce substance abuse and ensure program compliance.

The county Veterans Service Offices provide benefit information and disability claims assistance for participants, helping them understand their benefits and obtain a disability rating.

# Marketing and Outreach

- Does your organization have an outreach and/or marketing plan to ensure your organization is able to reach and provide services to the Estimated Number of Clients to be Served as listed in the table for Beneficiaries #3?
   ∑ Yes □ No
- 2. If yes, describe the outreach and/or marketing plan and how it will ensure that your organization is able to reach and provide services to the Estimated Number of Clients to be Served as listed in the table for **Beneficiaries #3**. Clients are referred to the Veterans' Court from various sources including defense attorneys, prosecutors, supervision officers, detention facilities, or even family and friends of the accused. Outreach activities include continued information dissemination ("news flashes", blogs, posters, and oral presentations) in participating counties to veteran-specific organizations, community service organizations, and legal defense representatives/bars. Additionally, staff persons in each county's District Attorney and Sheriff's Offices serve as Veterans Court team members and screen for justice-involved veterans coming through their offices.

# Sustainability after the Grant

- If your organization were to receive a one-year FVA grant, will the Proposed Project continue after the one-year grant period if you did not receive additional FVA funding?
   Yes
   No
- 2. If yes, please describe how the Proposed Project will continue. <u>Be specific</u>. Include in your answer what other funding will be available to your organization and what other organizations with whom you may be partnering or working to carry on the work of the Proposed Project after June 30, 2018:

FVA funding will allow veterans to obtain services, such as evaluation, treatment/counseling, alcohol monitoring, and emergency support, which may otherwise be unable to be funded by the participant preventing some veterans from participating in the program. Without FVA funding, emergency support and needed treatments outside of the VA system will be limited. However, the North Texas Veterans Court will continue to operate through staff salaries, participant fees, and retained fees collected in accordance with Chapter 102.0178, Code of Criminal Procedure, for offenses found in Chapter 49, Penal Code (DWI) and Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (controlled substances). Additionally, the program will continue to coordinate with all existing partners.

Without grant funding, the Program Manager position will either be terminated or Collin County will consider adding an employee position, depending on the successful implementation of the program. Termination of the position will likely result in a reduction of the number of participants the program can handle.

3. If your organization has received FVA funding in the past for the Proposed Project, describe why you are applying for a grant again.

The North Texas Veterans Court has expanded into three additional counties over the past year and additional funding is needed for the corresponding increase in program participants. Participating counties, all of who have populations under 125,000 persons, do not have the financial resources to provide these services for veterans in the program.

# Part II - Organization Background

# **Previous FVA Grant Awards**

List any previous grants your organization was awarded from the FVA.

Amount Awarded	Grant/Contract #	Begin Date	End Date	Final Exp %	Final Perf %	Was previous funding for the same Proposed Project under this applica- tion? (Y/N)
\$20,000	FVA_14A_0152	01/01/2014	12/31/2014	36%	140%	Y
\$20,000	FVA_15A_0219	01/01/2015	12/31/2015	60%	150%	Y
\$150,000	FVA_16A_0294	01/01/2016	06/30/2016	NA	NA	Y

\$190,000 Total FVA Grant Awards

# **Other Grants and TVC Contracts**

1. List all grants and TVC contracts your organization received within the last two (2) years. <u>Do not</u> include FVA grants listed above. Do not list in-kind donations. Use additional pages if needed.

Amount Awarded	Grantor	Grant/Contract #	Begin Date	End Date	Audit Performed (Yes or No)
\$1,704,932	Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	2015-047298	10.01.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$166,805	Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)	14-SR 48085-03	09.01.2014	01.31.2016	Y

\$49,979	TDEM	NA	10.01.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$2,500	TDEM	14-SR 48085-01	09.01.2014	01.31.2016	Y
\$77,591	TDEM	14-SR 48085-02	09.01.2014	01.31.2016	Y
\$41,504	Army Corps of Engineers	NA	05.15.2015	09.08.2015	Ŷ
\$17,374	US Department of Justice (US DOJ)	SW-TXE-279H	10.01.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$20,800	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	2-15-75-2239	10.01.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$12,719	CoServ Charitable Foundation	NA	12.05.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$24,249	B.B. Owen Trust	NA	11.06.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$19,984	Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation	NA	10.06.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$458,104	DSHS	2015-001267-00	09.01.2014	06.30.2015	Y
\$105,191	DSHS	2015-001265-00	09.01.2014	06.30.2015	Y
\$34,320	DSHS	2015-047207-001	10.01.2014	06.30.2015	Y
\$354,062	DSHS	2015-001266-00	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$78,475	DSHS	2015-046581-001	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$21,639	DSHS	2015-001289-00	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$160,194	DSHS	2015-001394-00	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$159,496	DSHS	2015-001388-00	09.01.2014	12.31.2015	Y
\$122,633	Texas Indigent Defense Commis- sion (TIDC)	212-35-D05	10.01.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$14,729	Office of the Governor (OOG) Criminal Justice Division (CJD)	JB-13-S80-25681- 04	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$38,800	OOG CJD	SF-15-S80-26572- 02	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$36,083	Texas Department of Family Pro- tective Services (DFPS)	23939924	10.01.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$8,092	DFPS	23939923	10.01.2014	09.30.2015	
\$55,380	Texas Department of Transporta- tion (TxDOT)	2015-CollinDA-G- 1YG-0132	10.01.2014	09.30.2015	Y
\$217,988	Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	043-900	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$669,214	TDCJ	NA	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$951,205	TDCJ	043-003	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$376,070	TDCJ	043-024	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$54,971	TDCJ	043-008	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$97,029	TDCJ	043-007	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$36,552	TDCJ	043-021	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$40,126	TDCJ	043-010	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$1,791,127	Texas Juvenile Justice Depart- ment (TJJD)	A-2014-043	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$208,445	TJJD	N-2014-043	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$48,336	TJJD	P-2014-043	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$48,962	North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)	NA	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$38,169	Shoap Foundation	NA	10.01.2014	03.31.2015	Y
\$27,715	Office of the Attorney General (OAG)	1554534	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$18,000	US DOJ	NA	06.30.2014	06.30.2015	Y
\$342,517	Texas Commission on Environ- mental Quality (TCEQ)	582-12-20275	09.01.2014	08.31.2015	Y
\$1,090,654	DSHS	2016-001267-02	07.01.2015	06.30.2017	N
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\$185,648	DSHS	2015-003650-01	05.15.2015	06.30.2017	Ν
\$1,770,310	DSHS	2016-001266-02	09.01.2015	08.31.2017	Ν
\$157,253	DSHS	2016-003785-01	09.01.2015	08.31.2017	Ν
\$43,278	DSHS	2016-001289-00	09.01.2015	08.31.2017	Ν
\$3,500	US Department of Health and Human Services (US DHHS)	MRC 15-0417	01.07.2015	07.31.2015	Y
\$85,800	DSHS	2016-004015-00	11.05.2015	06.30.2016	Ν
\$305,656	DSHS	2016-001394-01	09.01.2015	08.31.2017	Ν
\$114,386	DSHS	2016-001388-00	01.01.2016	12.31.2016	Ν
\$137,331	DSHS	2016-003819-00	09.01.2015	08.31.2017	Ν
\$1,613,170	DSHS	2016-048746-01	10.01.2015	09.30.2016	Ν
\$221,391.50	Office of the Governor (OOG) Homeland Security Grant Divi- sion (HSGD)	2979401	09.01.2015	08.31.2017	N
\$51,387.50	TDEM	16TX-EMPG-0082	10.01.2015	03.31.2017	Ν
\$30,000	OOG HSGD	2942601	09.01.2015	11.30.2016	Ν
\$17,548	US DOJ	NA	09.30.2015	09.29.2016	Ν
\$49,250.50	TCEQ	16-04-04	07.14.2016	05.31.2017	Ν
\$44,350	IRS	2-16-75-2239	08.12.2014	08.11.2016	Ν
\$66,033	TIDC	212-36-D05	10.01.2015	09.30.2016	Ν
\$22,900	OOG CJD	2657203	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$68,250	OOG CJD	2877101	09.01.2015	09.30.2016	Ν
\$69,977.92	OOG CJD	2896601	09.01.2015	09.30.2016	Ν
\$42,258.08	DFPS	23939924	10.01.2015	09.30.2016	Ν
\$7,981.68	DFPS	23939923	10.01.2015	09.30.2016	Ν
\$50,040	TxDOT	2016-CollinDA-G- 1YG-0070	10.01.2015	09.30.2016	Ν
\$217,988	TDCJ	043-900	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$1,293,345	TDCJ	NA	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$957,299	TDCJ	043-003	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$376,070	TDCJ	043-024	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$49,473	TDCJ	043-008	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$96,064	TDCJ	043-007	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$36,552	TDCJ	043-021	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$40,126	TDCJ	043-010	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$884,552	TJJD	NA	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$479,219	TJJD	NA	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$52,113	TJJD	NA	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	N
\$188,562	TJJD	NA	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$299,369	TJJD	NA	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$48,336	TJJD	NA	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	N
\$41,765	Shoap Foundation	NA	04.01.2015	09.30.2015	Ν
\$199,418	Secretary of State	NA	06.19.2015	12.31.2015	Ν
\$27,715.32	OAG	1659515	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν
\$2,661,606	TCEQ	582-12-20275	09.01.2015	08.31.2016	Ν

# \$23,207,288 Total Other Grant Awards

2. Provide a brief narrative for each TVC (non-FVA) contract that is listed in the above table. NA

#### **Fiscal Management**

Answer each question below and do not leave any item unanswered.

- 1. What software does your organization used to record accounting transactions? QuickBooks Sage MIP Fundware Other (If other, list software) HTE/AS400
- 2. Does your organization have written accounting policies and procedures for the following? Please be aware that you may be asked to provide copies of the below policies and procedures to FVA staff should you be awarded a grant. Do not list N/A.

	YES	NO
A. Procurement	$\square$	
B. Vendor Payments	$\square$	
C. Payroll	$\square$	
<b>D.</b> Grants Administration	$\square$	
E. Cash Management	$\square$	
F. Travel	$\square$	
G. Capitalization and Equipment	$\square$	

3. Indicate if each statement is true or false for your organization. Do not list N/A.

	TRUE	FALSE
A. There has been no staff turnover or reorganization in the past 6 months.		$\boxtimes$
<b>B.</b> The organization uses a Chart of Accounts.	$\square$	
C. Time sheets are approved and signed by supervisory personnel.	$\square$	
<b>D.</b> An A-133 Single Audit has been performed in the past 2 years.	$\square$	
E. Travel receipts are submitted for travel reimbursement requests.	$\square$	
<b>F.</b> At what amount does your organization capitalize equipment?	\$5,000	

#### **Performance Reporting**

- 1. What type(s) of data collection tools will your organization use to document Beneficiaries receiving services (required performance measure) and any additional performance measures noted in **Beneficiaries #3 a., b.,** and **c.**? Data collection will occur in the form of case files, computer files, participation summaries, evaluations, abstinence monitoring/drug test results, invoices, sign-in sheets, travel expenditures/receipts, and logged emails.
- 2. How will your organization consolidate the collected data to ensure that beneficiaries that are reported to the FVA are unduplicated?

Participant data will be consolidated into reporting spreadsheets (Excel) maintained by the Veterans Court program. Payments using grant funds will only be made when supported by appropriate documentation (such as itemized invoice detailing date of service) per County policies, which is maintained in both hard and electronic format per federal, state, and local retention policies by the County Auditor's Office. FVA reports will be verified by the County Auditor's Office prior to submission by the Veterans Court program.

# Part III – Budget Tables and Budget Narratives

The budget is broken up into Direct and Indirect Costs. Within Direct Costs there are seven allowable sections. Indirect Costs has one section. Each section represents a Budget Category that will make up your Total Grant Amount Request. The total grant amount request must equal the Amount Requested checked in **Part I – Proposed Project**.

Complete each Table as applicable to your Proposed Project. Costs must be broken out in Tables to a degree that is sufficient to determine if costs are reasonable, allowable, and necessary for the successful performance of the grant project. Costs will be reviewed for compliance with UGMS and federal grant guidance found in 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

Following each table, a narrative description supporting and discussing each budget item must be entered, as well as a calculation demonstrating how the cost was arrived at. For example, if there is travel in the budget, the narrative must discuss travel and the appropriateness of travel to the project, and the narrative must include calculations to support how the cost was determined.

Costs claimed as direct costs that appear indirect in nature or budgets claiming no indirect costs will be scrutinized for accuracy. Any such costs claimed as direct need to be fully explained, supported, be reasonable and treated in a consistent manner across your organization. The FVA may ask the applicant to re-classify costs as indirect if the support provided does not meet the above criterion.

# DIRECT COSTS

#### A. Salaries and Wages

1. Enter **each** employee that will be <u>directly</u> associated with the Proposed Project. Enter their position title, employee name, percent of time to be allotted to the Project, and employee's annual salary rate.

#### Table A

Position Title	Employee Name	Annual Salary	% of Time Allocated to the Grant	Total Cost
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
			<b>Total Table A</b>	NA

 Describe the roles, responsibilities, and qualifications including any required license or certification of each of the positions listed under Salaries and Wages <u>and</u> how each of those roles are necessary to accomplishing the Proposed Project. Positions allocated 10% or less must be justified as directly working on the grant. <u>Narrative</u> <u>must also include a calculation to demonstrate how the cost was determined.</u> NA

#### **B.** Fringe Benefits

1. For each Position listed in Table A, include the annual fringe benefits for that position.

#### Table B

Position Title	Employee Name	Annual Fringe Benefits	% of Time Allocated to the Grant	Total Cost
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
			<b>Total Table B</b>	NA

 Describe the benefits- including health insurance, annual leave, social security and any other applicable fringe benefits - for each position listed in Table B <u>and</u> how each of those benefits are necessary to accomplishing the Proposed Project. <u>Narrative must also include a calculation to demonstrate how the cost was determined.</u> NA

# C. Travel

1. Enter <u>employee</u> travel in the table below. This can include travel to and from conferences, training, outreach, and travel to provide services to Beneficiaries. As noted in the RFA Section XI. Grantee Training, funds do not need to be budgeted for travel to Austin, TX for grantee training. This training will be done remotely via webinar or conference call, or in some instances, FVA staff may conduct onsite training visits at the Awarded Applicant's facility.

# Table C

Travel Expense	Reason for Travel	No. of Staff	No. of Days	Total Cost
Staff Mileage @ \$0.54 per mile	Attend Veterans Court ses- sions; supervise participants' program compliance	1	1-2 day/wk	\$3,300
Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals (TADCP) Conference	Attend annual TADCP Drug Court Training Conference, location TBD	1	3 days	\$1,250
	\$4,550			

 Provide a description for each travel item included in the Table above. The description <u>should include, but is not</u> <u>limited to</u>, what the travel is for, who is traveling, costs to be used for mileage rates, meal rates per day, conference registration fees, <u>and</u> why the travel is necessary to accomplishing the Proposed Project. <u>Narrative must al-</u> <u>so include a calculation to demonstrate how the cost was determined.</u>

The Judge, who is based in Collin County, will be required to attend Veterans Court sessions in participant counties in the North Texas Regional Veterans Court. Weekly travel will be reimbursed at the IRS reimbursement rate and will average 66 miles each week for 50 weeks (66 miles x 50 weeks x \$0.54 per mile = \$3,300).

The Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals (TADCP) holds an annual drug court training conference. This three-day event provides resources and training and creates a forum for dialogue on current issues facing treatment courts in Texas. Registration \$240, lodging, \$180/night for 2 nights including parking, airfare/transfers or mileage reimbursement (location dependent) \$500, and meals \$150 = \$1,250.

# D. Capital Equipment

This line is not applicable to this FVA grant application and should be left blank. Capital equipment is defined as an article of tangible personal property that has a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the organization's level of capitalization or \$5,000. Per Section J. Prohibited Costs, capital expenditures are not allowed for this grant.

# E. Supplies

1. Enter a description, unit cost and quantity for each item of supplies to be purchased for the Proposed Project. This category includes normally consumable and general use items that do not reach the threshold for capital equipment. This can include, but is not limited to, general office supplies, furniture, laptops, printers, and toner.

#### Table E

Description of Supplies	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
General Office Supplies	\$25	12	\$300
Calendars	\$13	50	\$650

2. Provide a description for each item of supply listed in the Table above <u>and</u> explain why each supply item is necessary to accomplish the Proposed Project. <u>Narrative must also include a calculation to demonstrate how the cost</u> was determined.

Basic consumable office supplies will be necessary to perform basic administrative duties including pens, pencils, pens, pencils, highlighters, markers, note pads, folders, staples, tape, desktop organizers, rubber bands, post-it notes, paper clips/binders, adhesive tabs, labels, etc. The estimated cost of \$300 was based on previous annual expenditures for program administrative supplies.

Calendars will be provided to each participant upon program entry to help them keep track of the many medical, probation, counseling, and other treatment or support appointments. Calendars allow the participants to schedule and remember upcoming appointments, as well as refer to previously attended appointments during court sessions. Participants are required to bring their calendars to court, and missed appointments can lead to program termination. Calendars will be purchased for 50 veterans at \$13 each (50 participants x \$13/calendar = \$650)

3. If this is a continuation request and your organization was previously awarded funding for the Proposed Project, note each item of supply listed in the Table above that was also requested as part of a previously funded application <u>and</u> explain why it is being requested again. Examples of such items of supply may include laptops, projectors, printers, phones.

Basic office supplies were previously requested and funded. Funding is being requested for consumable administrative and office supplies that are needed annually.

# F. Client Services

 List each client service and the cost of each service. Client Services may include, but is not limited to, participant support costs such as emergency financial assistance, transportation assistance, stipends for beneficiaries to attend trainings, mileage for staff to transport a client, and any **contract personnel** that will be providing services to Beneficiaries. An itemized break-out of each client service is required, and extra lines may be inserted into this table.

Client Service	Average Cost per Client	No. of Clients to be Served	Total Cost
Evaluations	\$400	25	\$10,000
Counseling / Treatment	\$1,000	4	\$4,000
Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring	\$1,010	30	\$30,300
Transportation Assistance	\$200	7	\$1,400
Emergency Living Assistance	\$3,000	8	\$24,000
Program Manager (Contractual)	\$1,460	50	\$73,000
Reserve Bailiff	\$100	18	\$1,800
Total Table F			\$144,500

# Table F

Provide a description for each Client Service listed in the Table above <u>and</u> explain why each cost is necessary to accomplish the Proposed Project. Include, if applicable, the maximum amount of assistance to be provided to clients. <u>Narrative must also include a calculation to demonstrate how the cost was determined.</u>

Evaluations must be conducted by a licensed therapist prior to program acceptance; however, some veterans are unable to afford the expense which prevents them from entering this beneficial program. Mid-point evaluations may also be conducted to assess treatment progress and make adjustments as needed. Evaluations each cost \$400. We anticipate providing 25 evaluations for a total cost of \$10,000 (\$400 x 25).

Counseling is typically provided at no cost from the VA and other program partners; however, transportation barriers may exist and/or the counseling program(s) needed may not available at the VA. Counseling and treatment provides veterans with the guidance and support of experienced therapists to address underlying issues, develop coping strategies, and/or improve behavioral/mental health. Outside counseling and treatment can range from \$250 per person to approximately \$1,500, with the average being \$1,000 per participant. We anticipate providing counseling for 4 persons for a total cost of \$4,000 (\$1,000 x 4).

Abstinence monitoring helps prevent substance abuse allowing the veteran to focus on counseling/treatment and recovery. Additionally, monitoring can help identify areas of concern and more quickly implement and/or modify treatment plans, as needed. Monitoring costs approximately \$10 per day, and most participants need monitoring services for approximately 100 days (\$10 per day x 101 days = \$1,010 per participant) for 30 participants for a total cost of \$30,300 (\$1,010 x 30).

Furthermore, program success can be affected by daily life circumstances. Veterans who have housing, employment, and transportation issues may be unable to fully participate in the program and focus on recovery and reintegration into society while worrying about daily, life expenses. The average participant needs approximately \$200 annually in transportation assistance. We anticipate providing transportation to 7 participants for a cost of \$1,400 (\$200 x 7). The program works to meet a veteran's emergency situation needs on an individualized basis while developing a long-term plan for the veteran to succeed on his/her own. Emergency living assistance (e.g., rent/mortgage, security deposit, utilities, phone, interview appropriate clothing), based on prior payments made by the program, is estimated to be approximately \$3,000 per veteran. We anticipate providing emergency assistance to 8 participants for a cost of \$24,000 (\$3,000 x 8).

The Program Manager will have a home office, be available by phone and e-mail on a consistent basis, and be available to travel to the different counties during the week should the need arise. This position will be responsible for intake and interview of each interested or referred veteran and will assist with program eligibility determinations. This position will monitor probation and program compliance, including treatment attendance and substance abuse screening. The Program Manager will also provide community linkages and referrals to appropriate agencies/organizations for support services and assists with any emergency needs, such as housing and transportation, which may arise for program participants. This person will work closely with each participant, serve as the primary point of contact for each veteran, and be responsible for maintaining a database for participants and their progress in the program. The Program Manager will coordinate with county stakeholders and Veterans Court team members in all participating counties, travelling with the Judge to all court sessions. The position will work with participating counties to schedule court, maintain a schedule of appearances, and complete reports and reporting requirements. The value (\$73,000) was determined based on the county's practice of grading positions based on duties and responsibilities, including travel and business expenses, and conducting comparable salary surveys for market pricing.

In Rockwall and Grayson counties, the Veterans Court sessions are held in auxiliary courtrooms, and bailiffs are not provided. County reserve bailiffs are utilized to provide services at a cost of \$75 per half day. Veterans Court sessions are held in each of these counties once per month (\$75 bailiff fee x 2 counties x 12 months = \$1,800).

# G. Construction

The FVA grant does not cover the cost of construction. This line is blank.

# H. Other Direct Costs

1. List any direct costs not included in the above tables. Direct costs that appear indirect in nature need to be fully explained, supported, be reasonable and treated in a consistent manner across your organization. The FVA may ask the applicant to re-classify costs as indirect if the support provided does not meet the above criterion.

#### Table H

Other Direct Costs	Annual Cost	Allocation % (if applicable)	Total Cost
NA	NA	NA	NA

Provide a description for each item of other direct costs listed in the Table above <u>and</u> explain why each cost is necessary to accomplish the Proposed Project. If costs are allocated an approximate percentage to be charged to this grant is to be included. <u>Narrative must also include a calculation to demonstrate how the cost was determined.</u>

NA

# I. Total Direct Charges

All Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Client Services and Other Direct Charges and should sum to Total Direct Charges on Line I of Table K below.

## **INDIRECT COSTS**

#### J. Indirect Costs

Allowable Indirect Cost Recovery for FVA grants is limited to 10% of total direct costs for all applicants. Indirect charges are those items that are often considered "overhead," and can be classified as those costs associated with accounting, human resources, and other administrative and facility-related costs.

Typical examples of indirect cost for many nonprofit organizations may include depreciation on buildings and equipment, the costs of operating and maintaining facilities, and general administration, such as the salaries and expenses of executive officers, personnel administration, and accounting.

If your organization has a federally negotiated indirect cost agreement, that document must be submitted as part of the Application Package with enough detail so that staff is able to determine that direct and indirect costs are similarly treated.

If your organization does not have a federally negotiated indirect cost agreement, the flat 10% rate of total direct costs is allowable. Please keep in mind that direct and indirect costs must be treated in a similar manner as they are across your organization and may be reviewed for accuracy during compliance visits.

Costs claimed as direct costs that appear indirect in nature or budgets claiming no indirect costs will be scrutinized for accuracy. Any such costs claimed as direct need to be fully explained, supported, be reasonable and treated in a consistent manner across your organization. The FVA may ask the applicant to re-classify costs as indirect if the support provided does not meet the above criterion.

For more information regarding direct and indirect costs, please see 2 CFR §200.412-414.

1. Enter the total Direct Costs in Table J. to calculate the total allowable Indirect Recovery. Then enter the total Indirect Recover to be charged to the grant – this amount may not be more than the total allowable Indirect Recovery.

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Total Direct Costs (Total of Table A through Table H)	Maximum Indirect Costs (as percentage of Direct Costs)	Total Allowable Indirect Recovery	Total Indirect Recovery to be Charged to Grant
NA	10%	NA	NA
Total Table J			NA

2. If your organization is not submitting a federally negotiated indirect cost agreement, provide a basic line item description for each indirect cost (ex. Executive Director, IT, Facilities). No further explanation is required. Again, direct and indirect costs are to be treated consistently and similarly either as a direct or an indirect cost in order to avoid double-charging the grant.

NA

## K. Budget Table

Enter the all Total lines from Tables A-H and J on the corresponding line below. <u>The total of Table K must match the grant amount being requested</u> in **Part I: Proposed Project Information Amount Requested**.

## Table K

Table	Budget Category	Total Cost
DIRECT	COSTS	
Α	Salaries and Wages	\$0
В	Fringe Benefits	\$0
С	Travel	\$4,550
D	Capital Equipment	
Ε	Supplies	\$950
F	Client Services	\$144,500
G	Construction	
Η	Other Direct Costs	\$0
Ι	Total Direct Costs	\$150,000
INDIREC	CT COSTS	
J	Indirect Costs	\$0
	Total Indirect Costs	\$0
	Total Grant Amount Requested	\$150,000

# L. Matching Funds

Describe what other funding sources and/or matching funds your organization will be using to support and accomplish the goals of the Proposed Project. This information helps to provide a complete picture of what resources will be used to accomplish the Proposed Project. Be specific in your answer by including, for example, any other grants that may fund portions of the Proposed Project, in-kind donations, or volunteer time that assists in the delivery of Proposed Project services.

Participants are responsible for paying for their own evaluations, counseling/treatment, and monitoring, if possible. Additionally, participants are charged a sliding-scale fee, up to \$750, to participate in the program, and the county retains a portion of the fees collected in accordance with Chapter 102.0178, Code of Criminal Procedure, for offenses found in Chapter 49, Penal Code (DWI) and Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (controlled substances). These funds are placed in the Collin County drug court fund, which is divided among all 5 (2 misdemeanor, 1 felony, 1 juvenile, and Veterans) treatment courts, and are used to pay for program needs that participants cannot afford. Staff salaries are paid for either by the county or by the employee's respective employers for non-county employees. Substance abuse testing supplies and lab services, as well as SCRAM devices for non-pretrial diversion participants, are paid for by the Collin County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. These items will continue to be budgeted by Collin County in the future.