

North Texas Regional Veterans Court
Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Grant
2025-2026

Project Narrative

Geographic Service Area (s):

Region 8 – North Texas

Grayson

Collin

Fannin

Kaufman

Rockwall

Beneficiaries:

Who will the organization provide direct services to under the proposed project?

Veterans

If Veterans are selected above, provide a definition for veterans that will be eligible to receive services.

The program accepts active duty, current National Guard and Reserve members, and those discharged as honorable, general under honorable conditions, and other than honorable conditions, as well as bad conduct on a case-by-case basis. The court team members through a review of criminal and military records determine eligibility for program participation.

Choose the discharge status (es) (Character of Service) that the organization will serve under the proposed project.

Honorable

General Under Honorable Conditions

Other Than Honorable Conditions

Bad Conduct

Describe any other restrictions on eligibility, if applicable (example: income level, disabilities, or referral from VA or other such organization).

Restrictions include the following unallable offense: Murder, Manslaughter, Involuntary Manslaughter, Sexual Assault, Rape, Sex Offenses against children. Additionally, all restrictions outlined in Government Code 124 apply.

Enter the number of unduplicated Veterans, Dependents, and Surviving Spouses to be served by the Proposed Project.

Number of Veterans	125
Number of Dependents	0
Number of Surviving Spouses	0
Total Number of Clients to be Served	125
Number of Home Modifications to be Completed	0

How will your organization consolidate the collected data to ensure that beneficiaries that are reported to the FVA are unduplicated?

The Veterans Treatment Court team maintains detailed records of each beneficiary in an Excel spreadsheet, organized by county and plea-in date. The data is consistently tracked and updated on a weekly and monthly basis. At the end of each month, the treatment court staff audit the data for accuracy to ensure quality before submission. All compiled information is then submitted to the Collin County Auditor's Office for reporting.

Will your organization collect and verify authorized beneficiary eligibility documents as prescribed by the RFA?

Yes

Describe how the eligibility verification documents are securely maintained (example: In locked filing cabinet or electronically on your organization's server).

Documents will be maintained in digital (secure organization server). Grant records will be maintained for a minimum of three years from the date of the final grant report.

Describe the services that your project will provide with this funding, and the specific veteran beneficiaries who will receive the services.

The Coordinator is responsible for developing and maintaining program requirements. The program includes evaluations, counseling, consulting, and clinical therapy sessions led by experienced therapists to address underlying issues and help participants develop coping strategies. It also provides abstinence monitoring and support for unexpected needs, such as utilities, housing, and transportation. Case management is available to address the evolving needs of each participant.

Describe any other restrictions on eligibility, if applicable (example: income level, VA disability rating, etc.).

Candidates whose criminal cases have been filed in Collin, Fannin, Grayson, Kaufman, Rockwall, Counties. Veterans cannot be charged with crimes in TX Code Criminal Procedure 42.12 (3) (g). Veterans should have a mental health diagnosis. If no diagnosis, will be evaluated.

Project Eligibility:

The forms listed below are the only forms acceptable by TVC to determine Veteran, Dependent, and Surviving Spouse eligibility. Select the forms the organization will use to verify eligibility for each beneficiary that will be served under the proposed project.

- ☒ DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- ☒ NGB-22, National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service
- ☒ NA Form 13038, Certification of Military Service
- ☒ Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) official letter or disability letter with character of service listed
- ☒ E-Benefits summary letter with character of service listed
- ☒ Honorable discharge certificate
- ☒ Uniform Services Identification Card
- ☒ State of Texas Issued Driver License with Veteran designation

Describe how the eligibility verification documents will be retained 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 within a locked container in a limited or exclusion area or be under the physical control of an authorized individual 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 within 10 days of Judge Roach signing the Order. Grant records will be maintained for a minimum of three years from the date of the final grant report.

Need Identified:**What is the community need(s) or existing service gap(s) that the Proposed Project will address?**

The North Texas Veterans Court addresses Veteran needs by offering judicially supervised, multi-agency, team-based approach to Veterans in service areas where resources are not readily available. We are the only Court in the Nation that travels to the Veteran to offer services as well as educating community stakeholders on Veteran needs. Our Court strives to provide the highest level of care to justice involved Veterans in rural communities with resources provided by the Texas Veterans Commission. The North Texas Veterans Treatment Court not only promotes recovery, reduce recidivism and help veterans reintegrate successfully into their communities but also strengthens the veterans ability to thrive at home and in their communities.

How were community need(s) or gap(s) in service identified? Describe the methods used to identify the need in the service area.

One example we currently utilize is the use of automated weekly mental health assessments, which provides our clinical staff and case managers the ability to identify Veterans who are struggling with life stressors, sobriety or mental health challenges. With the use of the data, our team is able to reach out to the Veteran directly to see if there is a need for additional community resources or adjustments to their treatment plan. This innovative approach provides allows our team to stay ahead of Veteran needs.

Gaps in services were identified by Judge John R. Roach, Jr. as he identified the need to create our Regional Court. The North Texas Veterans Court maintains great working relationships with community stakeholders in four other counties providing resources where local jurisdictions do not have the capacity to sustain Veteran Treatment Courts. By extending support to other counties, it also extends our support to all neighboring counties, effectively expanding our service area and reach more Veterans in need.

How does the Proposed Project address the identified need(s) or gap(s) in the service area?

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 participate 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. Similar to other treatment courts, the North Texas Regional Veterans Court utilizes a judicially-supervised, multi-agency team-based 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 traditional 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.

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

The North Texas Veterans Court is the only regional court in the country, serving the most veterans in Texas , serving five counties and covering nearly 4,285 square miles, our team is unique in the nation. Our program is dedicated to supporting veterans in Rockwall, Kaufman, Collin, Fannin, and Grayson counties through a comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation process and through the agreement of all five counties Commissioners Courts, District Attorneys Offices, Community Supervision Correction Departments, all sitting Judges and in conjunction with the 1st Administrative Judicial Region Judge. Our program's success is rooted in our ability to deliver integrated, innovative, and efficient services that make a real difference in the lives of North Texas veterans. By combining expertise, collaboration, and groundbreaking methods, we are dedicated to helping our veterans successfully reintegrate into civilian life. By not requiring four other counties to provide full staffs, we maximize our resources and ensure that funding is used efficiently and effectively. We travel to the veteran, breaking barriers and providing services to rural communities comparable to those available in larger cities which makes us unique amongst all other Veteran Treatment Courts in the Nation.

Goals and Outcomes

Title	Sub Title	Question	Target Outcomes
Veterans Treatment Court	Project Specific Performance	How many clients will participate in the VTC program?	125
Veterans Treatment Court	Project Specific Goals	How many clients completed the program?	40

Project Principal Participants

List the principal participants in the organization as defined in the **RFA**. **Principal Participants must include** Project Coordinator, Financial Coordinator, Executive Director and any other key stakeholders in the organization totaling 5. Indicate which principal(s), if any, are Veterans. Résumés are to be included for each Principal Participant and should describe applicable experience by position. These résumés are to be attached in the main application.

Title	Name of Principal Participant	Veteran (Y/N)	Years in position	Roles, Responsibilities, and Qualifications
Collin County Auditor	Linda Riggs	N	4	Mrs. Riggs ensures that all federal, state, local, and funding agency fiscal policies are followed and maintains all grant financial documentation.
Collin County Judge	Chris Hill	N	4	Mr. Hill serves as the executive officer and signing authority for Collin County.

Judge, 296 th District Court	John Roach, Jr	Y	16	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.
North Texas Veterans Court Program Manager	Amanda Garcia	Y	2	Ms. Garcia coordinates all administrative activities across all five counties. She is the liaison between the County teams and the Judge. She is responsible for oversight of paying invoices, maintaining participant information, and sets the Court schedule. She is also responsible for the administrative intake and interview of each interested or referred veteran and works with the veteran to determine program eligibility.

Partnerships

List agencies and/or organizations that the organization partners with to assist in serving Beneficiaries as part of the Proposed Project. (Maximum number of partnerships = 10)

Name of Partner Organization	Address	Telephone	Website
US Department of Veterans Affairs – Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center	1201 E. 9 th Street Bonham, TX 75418	(903) 583-6226	VA.gov
US Department of Veterans Affairs – Dallas VA Medical Center	4500 S. Lancaster Road Dallas, TX 75216	(214) 857-2252	VA.gov
US Department of Veterans Affairs – Plano Comm. Based Outpatient Clinic	3804 W. 15 th Street Plano, TX 75075	(972) 801-4200	VA.gov
Dallas Vet Center	8610 Greenville Suite 125 Dallas, TX 75243	(214) 361-5896	VetCenter.va.gov
Green Path Financial Wellness	1575 Heritage Drive McKinney, TX 75069	(469) 215-5880	GreenPath.com/greenpath-financial-wellness
Military Veteran Peer Network	1380 River Bend Drive Dallas, TX 75247	(214) 743-1200	Milvetpeer.net
Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Metrocare	16160 Midway Road Suite 218 Addison, TX 75001	(469) 680-3500	CohenVeteransNetwork.org
Texas Department of Public Safety	4600 State Highway 121 Carrollton, TX 75010	(972) 394-4530	www.dps.texas.gov
Combined Arms	401 W Sanford St. Ste 2600	Arlington, Texas 76011	<u>Texas Veterans Network</u> <u>(combinedarms.us)</u>

Marketing and Outreach

Will your organization conduct outreach events/interactions to promote grant-funded services?

Yes

Describe the organizations outreach plan.

Plan for outreach but not limited to: New flashes, blogs, websites, fliers, business cards, posters, and oral presentations, video within County, District Courts and State of Texas.

Will your organization conduct marketing to mass audiences promoting grant-funded services?

Yes

What marketing technique will your organization be using to promote grant funded services?

Social media, Flyers and Brochures, Broadcast Media.

Will beneficiary satisfaction of grant-funded services be measured?

Yes

Will this include a satisfaction survey after all services have been provided?

Yes

Financial Information

Does your organization have a maximum allowable amount per client?

No

Does your organization have the ability to sustain this project without FVA Funding?

No

Does your organization use software to record accounting transactions and manage financial book keeping?

Yes

What software does your organization used to record accounting transactions?

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