

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Continuum of Care Pre-Application

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) [VA-SSVF-123013] for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. SSVF provides assistance for Veterans and their families who are homeless or at-risk of homeless. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives. As part of the application response, an applicant for Priority 1 funding must provide a letter of support from each Continuum of Care (CoC) where they plan to deliver services that reflect the applicant's engagement in the CoC's efforts to coordinate services. Support letters should describe the applicant's participation in the CoC's coordinated assessment efforts. Letters of support are encouraged, but not required for Priority 2 (renewal) and Priority 3 (new) funding. CoC endorsement **is required** for targeted Priority 1 funding and each CoC identified as eligible for Priority 1 funding can endorse a maximum of two applicants. The intent of this requirement is to ensure applicant are actively participating in CoC planning and coordination efforts and proposing or implementing homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance for Veterans that is consistent with CoC goals and objectives.

The following template may be used as-is or adapted by CoCs for use as a pre-application review tool to assist CoCs when deciding whether to provide a letter of support for a prospective SSVF applicant. CoCs may also request a copy of the grant application for review or the executive summary. If a CoC requests the application or executive summary, then the CoC may choose to remove some of the questions in this template to reduce duplication. **There is no requirement to use this template or any other form to review SSVF applicants, nor will using this template have any direct impact on SSVF funding decisions.**

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Applicant Information	
Organization Name	
Contact Name	
Contact phone/email	

Estimated Budget				
	VA SSVF Request	Other	TOTAL	Other Source(s)
TOTAL PROJECT				

Total Available VA SSVF Priority 1 Funding for CoC: \$ _____

Percent Project Request of Total Available VA Priority 1 Funding: _____ %

Estimated Households	
Homelessness Prevention	
Rapid Re-Housing	
TOTAL	

Experience and Capacity

A. Applicants with SSVF Grant Experience: (2 pages maximum)

Describe your SSVF grant experience to date, including:

- SSVF grant period(s), grant award amount(s), and number of unduplicated households served each grant period for both homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing

Period	Award Amount	Unduplicated Veteran Households Served	
		HP	RRH

- Your program's target groups and eligibility criteria, key program services and housing partnerships. Highlight any changes being proposed to your current SSVF program.
- Is your project designated a "SSVF Mentor" by the VA? Yes No
- Has your organization received a multi-year SSVF funding award from the VA? Yes No
If yes, is your organization accredited by CARF or COA? Yes No
- Has your organization ever required an extension to fully expend SSVF grant funds? Yes No
If yes, explain.
- Is your organization currently compliant with VA data collection and reporting requirements, including monthly uploads to the VA Repository? Yes No If no, explain.
- Has your organization expended at least 60 percent of funding on rapid re-housing in the last grant year ending 9/30/2013? Yes No If no, explain.

What challenges have you faced with this requirement? How have you sought to overcome any challenges?

Describe how additional SSVF funding OR a renewal of current SSVF funding, as applicable, would help your program further meet outstanding needs of Veterans who are homeless and Veterans who are imminently at-risk of homelessness.

B. Applicants without SSVF Grant Experience: (1 page maximum)

Describe your organization's experience implementing homelessness prevention and/or rapid re-housing whether through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs, a local or state program, or other funding source, including:

- Summary of the target population, program design, program components, local partnerships established, targeting and outreach methods, number of households served by component, and key outcomes.
- A brief description of any guiding principles or paradigms that shaped your experience with this kind of program.
- Experience in working with veteran population and /or veteran service providers in the community.

Describe your proposed SSVF program, including:

- Proposed target group(s) and eligibility criteria, key program services, and key services and housing partnerships.
- Other strengths (e.g., complimentary services, programs, teams) within your organization that would enhance your organization's ability to implement a high impact SSVF program.

CoC Involvement

A. All Applicants: (1/2 page maximum)

- Describe your organization's involvement with the CoC, including:
 - Participation in CoC governance positions, committees and/or subcommittees
 - Participation in the CoC's centralized or coordinated assessment system