

Request for Grant Applications #5882

Identifying and Addressing Needs of Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) in Oregon

Question & Answer Document

OHA may periodically update this document to share responses to questions regarding this Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) #5882

Question 1: *Can I write 2 grants if I have different ideas for a for-profit entity and a non-profit entity?*

Answer: Yes, you can write 2 grant requests:

- Each entity must have their own Tax ID number.
- Each request must be treated as a separate request and cannot be for the same program/purposes.
- Each Application must be a separate request, without intermixing the entity's purposes.

Question 2: *How much funds are available and what is the maximum for an individual grant award?*

Answer:

- \$500,000.00 is the total amount allocated to support awards associated with this funding opportunity.
- There is a “not-to-exceed” amount of \$50,000.00 for each application. This amount includes allowable indirect or admin.

Question 3: *I would like a little more info on what your goal is for workforce development.*

Answer: As stated in the RFGA, the goal of “Workforce Development” is to increase the skill set of individuals who have served in the Military, by growing the pool of trained individuals in Oregon. This may be done by:

- Increasing knowledge of Peer Delivered Services and behavioral health risk factors through the delivery of an OHA approved Peer training;

- Providing additional training, tools and supports designed to support the behavioral health of Veterans who have completed an OHA approved Peer training;
- Increasing educational and competitive employment opportunities for individuals who identify as having lived experience serving in the military and living with a behavioral health diagnosis; and
- Providing military culture training to behavioral health providers.

Question 4: *Do I need to apply under my non-profit or can I apply under my LLC?*

Answer: Per “Attachment 1, Application Information Requested – Part One,” you must apply as one of the following:

- A Federally Recognized Tribe or Urban Indian Health Program
- A nonprofit organization registered in the State of Oregon
- Health care providers licensed by the state of Oregon, serving OHP members and SMVF who are receiving health care services in the state of Oregon.

Question 5: *Can grant funds be used to address barriers to service?*

Answer: Yes, grant funds can be used to reduce barriers to receiving military specific programming, addressing the equitable distribution of resources [per section 2.d.1. (page 3)] in order to achieve health equity.

Question 6: *Can grant funds be used to serve family members of an individual who is serving/has served in the military?*

Answer: The intent of this behavioral health grant opportunity is to support communities in their efforts identifying and addressing needs of Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) in Oregon.

Question 7: *Do interns qualify as behavioral health providers for work force development?*

Answer: Please contact the grant administrator, Susan.Davis@oha.oregon.gov, for individual support regarding this question.

Question 8: *Can grant funds be used to provide direct services to individuals serving/having served in the National Guard?*

Answer: Yes

- **Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF)** mean people who may or may not identify as Veterans but frequently contribute, or are impacted by,

the Behavioral Health of a Veteran in their household, and/or immediate, extended, or chosen family.

- **Veteran** means an individual who has served in the Armed Forces and/or the VA has determined to be a person qualified for VA benefits.
- **Armed Forces:** United States Armed Forces consisting of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard, including Reserve Components.

Question 9: *Can grant funds be used to pay for time spent participating in military culture training?*

Answer: Funds can be used to pay for military culture training to behavioral health providers [section 2.c. (page 3)]. Applicants may include budget line items to offset expenses associated with attending training including hourly wage.

Question 10: *Can grant funds be used to pay for supervision time for interns?*

Answer: Funds can be used in this manner if supervision pertains to services delivered to the SMVF population.

Question 11: *How do I learn more about Connect postvention training? Who do I contact learn about cost or training opportunities?*

Answer: Please contact Kris Bifulco, Postvention Coordinator, at the Association of Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP). You can reach Kris at Kbifulco@aocmhp.org or 203.231.3619 (cell)

Question 12: *Would a county government agency providing workforce services to veterans qualify for funding under the eligibility requirements?*

Answer: At this time, the eligibility requirements for this RFGA state that an applicant must be a nonprofit organization registered with the Oregon Secretary of State, one of the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes within Oregon, be the Urban Indian Health Program in Oregon, or be an Oregon licensed health care provider serving OHP members. Further notifications will be sent out and available on the OHA Veteran and Military Behavioral Health webpage (<https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/HSD/AMH/Pages/Veterans.aspx>) should these requirements change.

Question 13: *Our organization is a nonprofit that provides mental health services to the SMVF community and serves OHP clients. We do not currently provide SUD services specific to SMVF. Could we use funding to create a position for a CADC who will work specifically with SMVF?*

Answer: Behavioral health challenges include substance abuse/misuse [Section 2.b. (page 2)], therefore this funding can be used to expand these services to the SMVF community.

Question 14: *Our organization is a non-profit that works with the veteran community, but we don't provide mental health services. We want to hire a peer support specialist. Can we use this grant to fund that?*

Answer: A nonprofit organization registered in the State of Oregon [Section 4.a. (page 4)] may use funds to provide person directed Peer Delivered Services to SMVF by a Peer with current credentials and the designation of a Certified Recovery Mentor, Peer Support Specialist or Peer Wellness Specialist [Section 2.b.2. (page 2)] or to increase educational and competitive employment opportunities for individuals who identify as having lived experience serving in the military *and* living with a behavioral health diagnosis [Section 2.c.3. (page 3)].