

COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE TO HELP END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

VA QUESTIONS:

1. For the VA section - must we serve veterans? If we are not proposing to serve veterans, and are not requesting funds from the VA, do we still need to partner with the local VA hospital and submit a MOA?

As the NOFA states, applicants must complete each section of the application. If the program does not anticipate serving veterans, you are to tell us why veterans are not in the service plan. If you are planning to serve veterans and not use VA services, you do need to describe how needed services be provided. If you do not anticipate serving veterans and do not anticipate using VA health care services, it seems unlikely that we would suggest you submit a memorandum from the local VA medical facility.

2. What GS level would be targeted for the VA data collector?

The data collector would generally be a GS 9 although that grade level may vary.

3. Our community has a federally funded Health Care for Homeless Veterans Outreach Clinician. Could this grant be used to fund an additional part-time or fulltime caseworker, specifically linked to this grant? Or, could the grant be used to supplement funding for the existing position?

VA will provide appropriate case management services (closely resembling the outreach clinician you describe) worker. That person would serve as the liaison assuming there are veterans in the proposed project. All of the funding for the VA component stays within the VA, it is not cash to applicants