

Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program



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Webinar FAQs

The following questions and answers are compiled from the questions received during the VA Suicide Prevention Grant Program Application Webinar held for prospective applicants to the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP) on April 29, 2022.

General

1. How can I access the webinar slides and recording?

The slides and recording can be found [here](#).

2. When is the application deadline?

The deadline to apply is Friday, June 10, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Eligibility

3. Can state government agencies apply for this grant?

Yes. State and local governments are eligible entities. See more details within the [Interim Final Rule](#) (IFR).

4. May we subcontract for services?

Yes. [§ 78.95\(j\) of the IFR](#) explains grantees may enter into contracts for goods or services.

5. Is statewide programming eligible, or is the focus only on hyperlocal (city-/regional-focused) programming?

Since state and local governments are eligible to apply, statewide programming will be considered. See [§ 78.25\(a\)\(5\) of the IFR](#).

6. Are LLCs, grassroots organizations, or other agencies that are not nonprofits eligible to apply for funding?

Yes. If the entity can demonstrate a presence in the community, effectively serve that community, and network with local civic organizations, regional health systems, and other entities eligible individuals and their families are likely to have contact with, this meets the definition of a community-based organization and is, therefore, an eligible entity. Evidence of linkages should be uploaded to the application as Exhibits IV and V.

SSG Fox SPGP Services

7. Is there a requirement to have an emergency 24/7/365 suicide prevention call line?

No. Grantees will be encouraged to refer participants and family members to the Veterans Crisis Line and/or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

8. Which communities are being prioritized for this grant?

VA may prioritize grants to certain geographic areas, such as rural communities, tribal lands, territories of the United States, medically underserved areas, areas with a high number or percentage of minority Veterans or women Veterans, and areas with a high number or percentage of calls to the Veterans Crisis Line.

9. What services will family members be eligible for?

Family members as designated by the eligible individual are eligible to receive all of the suicide prevention services except legal services and peer support services (unless they are also an eligible individual).

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Data Resources

10. How do we access Veterans Crisis Line data for our area?

Email VASSGFoxGrants@va.gov to request Veterans Crisis Line data for your state.

11. How do you apply for access to National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)?

Information to obtain the restricted-access data is here: [NVDRS Data Access](#) | [Violence Prevention](#) | [Injury Center](#) | [CDC](#).

12. What if I can't find my state's data on NVDRS?

Contact your state NVDRS: [NVDRS State Profiles](#) | [Violence Prevention](#) | [Injury Center](#) | [CDC](#).

Renewals

13. What does the future of this program look like if we are successful? After three years, will funding be continued?

The SSG Fox SPGP is a three-year pilot program. Awardees will have the opportunity to reapply for renewal funding from year to year. Renewal applications are described in [§ 78.35 of the IFR](#).

14. Can requests be for multiple years or just one year at a time?

[The Fiscal Year 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) is for one year of funding. Awardees will have the opportunity to reapply for renewal funding from year to year.

Mental Health Screening

15. What is a baseline mental health screening? Is it required of all grantees?

Grantees must administer baseline mental health screening using validated screening tools to all prospective SSG Fox SPGP participants, regardless of other services provided. Refer to the [NOFO](#) for more information.

16. May we utilize our own screening tool instead of VA's?

Grantees are welcome to use their screening tools in addition to, but not instead of, those VA requires and provides. Training and technical assistance on these measures, processes, and referral pathways will be provided by VA.

17. Do we need any specific credentials to administer the required mental health screenings?

VA selected tools that are either self-administered or do not require a clinical license to administer.

Budget

18. Is there a limit on indirect cost (IDC) rates?

Yes. An applicant can use an approved IDC rate (must provide approval letter from cognizant agency).

19. What are considered allowable costs?

Costs are allowable as outlined in [the FY22 NOFO](#), [the IFR](#), and in [Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 200](#). Refer to these source documents for more detailed descriptions.

20. Is there a minimum amount of requested funding to be considered for award?

No. There is no minimum request amount for an application to be funded.

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21. If an application is going to serve multiple states, is a separate budget needed for each state/location?

No. One budget is required per application. An applicant may submit more than one application, but total award amounts will be limited to \$750,000 per entity.

Reporting

22. What will the reporting and metrics submission look like? What will be monitored and/or measured?

Training and technical assistance for program evaluation will be provided by VA, in coordination with subject matter experts.

23. Will an applicant need to use their own electronic record, or will there be a platform required by VA to use?

Grantees will need to have their own tracking system to ensure appropriate and timely follow-up for individual care, among other things, but VA will also provide access to dashboards to support data collection.

Application Submission

24. How do we show proof of Application Section F?

Application Section F requires certification by an authorized representative of the applicant requesting the suicide prevention services grant. The questions may be answered with “yes” or “no” responses, and proof is not required. If additional documentation is necessary based on the applicant’s response, it will be clearly indicated in the question.

25. Exhibit IV of the application asks for verification the applicant is an eligible entity. What documentation would a state or local government or state health department need to upload for verification?

Any letter or documentation on state seal or official local government letterhead will validate the entity as eligible.

26. Is there a limit to the number of documents that can be uploaded to the application (i.e., staff resumes, MOUs, letters of coordination, etc.)?

No. There is not a limit to the number of documents that may be uploaded to the application.