

Request for Proposals
From
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA)
For
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Summary:

OLHSA is announcing the availability of funds through a competitive subcontract process to provide Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) for Macomb and Lapeer counties in Michigan. The sub-grantee will provide supportive services to approved homeless and/or near homeless Veterans.

Awards made for supportive services grants will fund operations beginning February 1, 2020 and lasting until September 30, 2020, with opportunities for extension.

Purpose and Service Philosophy:

The SSVF Program purpose is to provide supportive services grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives, who will coordinate or provide supportive services to very low-income veteran families who: (i) Are residing in permanent housing and are at risk of becoming homeless; (ii) are homeless and scheduled to become residents of permanent housing within a specified time period; or (iii) after exiting permanent housing within a specified time period, are seeking other housing that is responsive to such very low-income veteran family's needs and preferences.

SSVF prioritizes the delivery of rapid re-housing services to homeless veteran households. The core components of a rapid re-housing program are housing identification, financial assistance with move-in and rental expenses, and rapid re-housing case management and services. Rapid re-housing as assistance offered "without preconditions". This is consistent with VA policy to support a "Housing First" model in addressing and ending homelessness.

Sub grantees will assist very low-income Veteran families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing by providing a range of supportive services to eligible Veteran families that are designed to promote housing stability. Grantees will be expected to leverage supportive services grant funds to enhance the housing stability of very low-income veteran families who are occupying permanent housing. In doing so, grantees are required to establish relationships with local community resources. Therefore, grantees must work through coordinated partnerships built either through formal agreements or the informal working relationships commonly found among successful social service providers.

The SSVF program is not intended to provide long term support, nor will it be able to address the financial and supportive service needs of participants that affect their housing stability. Therefore, it is critical that the sub grantee work through coordinated partnerships and leverage other grant funds to augment SSVF assistance.

For a full explanation, requirements, definitions, and service guidelines of the SSVF program, please see:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/12/19/2018-27465/notice-of-funding-availability-under-supportive-services-for-veteran-families-program>

Sub grantees will be expected to:

- Perform targeted outreach activities to recruit eligible participants
- Establish Housing Stability Plans with participants based on a thorough needs assessment, identification of resources and barriers, and client centered goals.
- Deliver ongoing case management and linkages to supplemental local, state, and federal resources. Case management should include tenant counseling, mediation with landlords, and outreach to landlords.
- Provide Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA), when needed, in the form of rapid rehousing or homeless prevention. Operation of the TFA component of the program must be conducted in a manner that is consistent with a rapid resolution or diversion response.
- Perform data entry into HMIS

Dates and Submission:

Applications for supportive services under the SSVF Program must be received by the OLHSA office by December 6, 2019 by 4:00 p.m. by e-mail at HeatherZ@olhsa.org. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and OLHSA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline.

Applicant Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria:

Applying organizations must be non-profit organizations, consumer cooperatives, or units of government. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate: Current SSVF grantees are not eligible.

- Previous experience with operation of the SSVF program
- Good standing with VA pertaining to SSVF program operations
- Existing ties to the Macomb County Homeless CoC and homeless and active working relationships with housing and supportive social service providers in Macomb County
- Adherence to housing first philosophy and rapid resolution approach
- Prior experience with HMIS database and applications
- Ability to immediately begin direct services February 1 with little to no start up period required and availability of existing staff

Narrative (Please limit narrative, including budget) to 3 pages, double spaced, 12 point font.

Please choose your organization type:

- Non-Profit (501) (c) (3)
- Consumer-cooperative

1. Applicant Organization

Name of Organization	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone	
Contact Email	
Website	

Please provide your organization's mission and vision.

2. Describe your organization's previous experience with operating the SSVF program, if applicable.
3. Describe the other supportive service and housing programs offered by your agency that enhance your capacity to promote housing stability to the Veterans you serve. What existing partnerships do you have in the community that will help participants?
4. Describe your outreach plan to make your services known to those Veterans most in need?
5. Discuss your current level of direct involvement with your local CoC to address Veteran homelessness. If none, how do you plan to engage and coordinate with your local CoC to reduce and ultimately end Veteran homelessness?
6. Please share an example of a program policy or client service that demonstrates your adherence to a "Housing First" or Rapid Resolution/Diversion philosophy.
7. Please state the number of participants you plan to serve from February 1-September 30, 2020:

8. Please briefly describe your staffing and service plan that will allow you to begin offering services February 1, 2020.

Budget

Total Amount Requested: \$ _____

Staff	
Fringe Benefits	
Program Materials/ Costs	
Travel	
Supplies	
Temporary Financial Assistance	