



CLINICAL CRITERIA AND GRANT APPLICATION

Veterans Healing Initiative (www.vetshealing.org) is a 501c3 charitable organization dedicated to providing veterans of all eras access to treatment for dual-diagnosis substance abuse and post traumatic stress disorders (PTSD). With more than 21 million U.S. service veterans, including over 2 million who have served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, there is an overwhelming need for treatment programs to serve those veterans who suffer from addiction and co-occurring PTSD, chronic pain and/or TBI. Although treatment is available throughout the Veterans Administration's VISN system, there is a significant shortage of beds and programs for the number of veterans in need of treatment. For this reason, Veterans Healing Initiative is focused exclusively on creating access to treatment through funding of programs and treatment thereby working to fill the gap between what programs exist and what is needed to serve this population.

VHI raises funds to address four critical areas related to treatment of dual-diagnosis substance abuse and PTSD: funding for treatment for veterans without VA benefits, medical insurance or without access to the level of care needed; funding for development of new veteran treatment programs within clinically-qualified, dual-diagnosis treatment centers; funding to expand and/or replicate existing veteran treatment programs with a proven track record; and funding of peer-to-peer mentor programs which are a critical component of the recovery and reintegration process for our veterans.

Using clinical measurement tools and a proprietary questionnaire, VHI will monitor patient outcomes and evaluate treatment effectiveness to uncover promising treatment practices for this population and advocate for expansion of programs nationally.

VHI will accept applications from qualified programs that have a demonstrated expertise in substance abuse and trauma treatment and will make veteran treatment a priority. Requests for funding will be accepted for the following campaigns:

1. Dual-diagnosis treatment programs that currently treat veterans and are looking for treatment funding dollars.
2. Dual-diagnosis treatment programs that currently treat veterans and wish to expand or replicate its current program.
3. Dual-diagnosis treatment programs that wish to create a veterans treatment track and need funding for initial development of the track.

Please note that VHI does not accept requests for funding for bricks and mortar campaigns.



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Given the complex set of issues associated with the veteran population, it is critical that programs have the necessary clinical and medical treatment protocols to provide a full continuum of care for these men and women. As such, VHI's Clinical Advisory Board has established criteria that treatment centers must meet in order to qualify for consideration into our program.

If you meet the criteria as outlined below, please submit the attached application to:

Margaret Stone
Chairman
Veterans Healing Initiative
108 Veronese Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

You may also email the application to: treatmentprovider@vetshealing.org



CLINICAL CRITERIA FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

Eligible Clinical Programs Include:

- 1. Detox; Medical Stabilization**
- 2. Primary Residential**
- 3. Transitional Living**
- 4. Intensive Out Patient**
- 5. Sober Living**

Selection Criteria:

1. All programs must have a demonstrated track record as a dual-diagnosis treatment facility.
2. All programs must have a demonstrated record of experience with evidence-based treatment of substance abuse and PTSD concurrently.
3. Programs must utilize evidence-based approaches and modalities. For example, consult <http://nrepp.samhsa.gov/>, SAMHSA's national registry of evidence-based programs and practices or Society of Clinical Psychology, American Psychology Association, Division 12 (<http://www.psychology.sunysb.edu/eklonsky-/division12/index.html>).
4. Programs must have a proven efficacy with discharge and aftercare planning and clients must be monitored for at least 30 days post discharge to help with facilitating secure, appropriate connections in the transition to aftercare.
5. Programs must have expertise in addiction psychiatry and addiction medicine with specific expertise in pain management and medication management.
6. Programs must demonstrate a continuum of care and navigate clients through this continuum with clinical expertise starting at intake with a comprehensive written medical, mental status and addiction assessment treatment plan.
7. Programs must have a comprehensive understanding of recovery and encourage the use of 12-step programs.
8. All programs must track patient outcomes as per VHI's criteria. Outcomes will be tracked using VHI's on-line data forms and must also be tracked using psychometrically valid instruments. Programs need to demonstrate that they already have a 'track record' in routine outcome assessment and an infrastructure to support those efforts.
9. All programs must be licensed and have licensed staff necessary to deliver the proposed services including program expertise accreditation in the following:
 - a. Military experienced staff
 - b. Specialized capabilities for addressing trauma for female and male veterans
 - c. Specialized capabilities for addressing sexual trauma for female and male veterans
 - d. Capacity to treat substance abuse and trauma



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Selection Criteria:

10. Programs must have the organizational capacity to deliver the proposed veteran treatment services.
11. All programs must present a detailed plan on how to engage veterans in treatment and a detailed analysis of how they will accomplish this.
12. Pain management therapies including, but not exclusive to, massage therapy, acupuncture, PT and yoga should, if possible, be administered on-site.
13. Male and female veterans must have separate trauma treatment tracks.
14. Programs must have significant links to community resources including:
 - a. VA Hospitals and Vet Centers
 - b. Community-based veteran programs
 - c. Family courts
 - d. Veterans Drug Treatment Courts or Drug Treatment Courts
 - e. Faith-based groups
 - f. Social Services



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GENERAL INFORMATION

(Please attach additional pages if necessary)

Name of Treatment Center: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

For Profit or Non-Profit: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Email: _____

GENERAL CLINICAL INFORMATION

1. Provide a detailed description of your organization's treatment programs. Specifically, outline your organization's:
 - a. Dual-diagnosis treatment program.
 - b. Level of care available.
 - c. Treatment modalities (please refer to the EBP's as listed in the clinical criteria Item 3)
 - d. Integrated care (SUD, trauma, pain).
 - e. Capacity (number of beds; male versus female clients, number of staff and treatment consultants).

2. Indicate whether your organization has program accreditation in any of the following areas:
 - a. Co-occurring addiction and mental health disorders.
 - b. Co-occurring addiction and pain management disorders.

3. Describe your organization's understanding of recovery and whether you utilize 12-step programs.



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GENERAL CLINICAL INFORMATION (Continued)

4. Outline your organization's expertise in addiction psychiatry and addiction medicine. Please provide:
 - a. Staff biographies.
 - b. Indicate specific expertise in pain management and medication management.
 - c. Outline pain management therapies currently utilized.
5. How do you navigate clients through a continuum of care? Describe each phase of care from intake through all phases of treatment.
6. Describe your discharge and aftercare planning policies.
 - a. Specifically what are your procedures for assisting clients in facilitating their next level of care?
 - b. How do you manage the transition to aftercare?
7. What is the current status of your organization's licensure and accreditation?
8. How do you currently track patient outcomes?

VETERAN TREATMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

I. If you currently operate a dual-diagnosis substance abuse and trauma program exclusively for veterans, please answer questions 1 through 9.

1. Please provide a detailed overview of your organization's experience treating veterans. Specifically, outline your organization's expertise in providing treatment for:
 - a. Substance abuse.
 - b. Trauma disorders for male and female veterans.
 - c. Chronic pain in conjunction with substance abuse.
2. Indicate whether your organization has program accreditation in any of the following areas:
 - a. Specialized trauma treatment capabilities for female and/or male veterans.
 - b. Sexual trauma for female and/or male veterans.
 - c. Military-experienced staff.
3. Provide a detailed overview of your organization's trauma treatment program. Please provide:
 - a. A detailed description of the trauma treatment protocols utilized.
 - b. How often treatment is administered, by whom and their qualifications.
 - c. Indicate whether you have a consultant or professionals on staff with military experience that will provide trauma programs for men and/or women veterans.



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VETERAN TREATMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION (Continued)

4. Provide a detailed outline of therapeutic approaches and modalities of treatment that are used in your organization's veteran treatment program. Please refer to the EBPs as listed in the resources as indicated in item 3 of the clinical criteria.
5. Please outline your pain management therapies and modalities of treatment administered, how often and where therapies are administered.
6. Please indicate the number of beds in your organization's program.
7. Please indicate the number of veterans treated per annum. Please indicate the number of male versus female veterans served.
8. Do you currently have a relationship with the Veterans Administration or a Veteran Drug Court? If yes, please explain. If no, please explain why and what you are doing to develop a relationship with either or both of these agencies.
9. Outline your relationships with community resources including VA hospitals, Vet Centers, Veteran Drug Treatment Courts, Drug Treatment Courts, Family Courts, faith-based groups, community-based veteran programs and/or social services.

II. If you currently operate a dual-diagnosis treatment program with a dedicated veterans treatment track or would like to create a dedicated treatment track, please answer questions 1-12.

1. Provide a detailed description of your organization's experience treating veterans. Please specify your experience treating veterans for:
 - a. Substance abuse.
 - b. Trauma (combat, sexual).
 - c. Chronic pain.
2. Do you have the organizational capacity to operate a dedicated veterans' treatment track? If yes, explain. Please provide:
 - a. Biographies of professionals who would staff this track.
 - b. Number of available beds for men, women and/or women and children.
 - c. How long will it take you to get the program up and running?

If no, please explain how you will create the capacity and how long it will take?



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VETERAN TREATMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION (Continued)

If you currently operate a dual-diagnosis treatment program with a dedicated veteran treatment track or would like to create a dedicated treatment track, please answer questions 1-12 (continued).

3. How will this track be integrated with the general population of the treatment center?
4. Will you have the capacity to treat men and women? If yes, will their residences be on the same campus or separate?
5. Indicate whether your organization has program accreditation in any of the following areas:
 - a. Specialized trauma treatment capabilities for female and/or male veterans.
 - b. Sexual trauma for female and/or male veterans.
 - c. Military-experienced staff.
6. Provide a detailed overview of your organization's proposed trauma treatment track. Please provide a detailed description of:
 - a. The trauma treatment protocols to be utilized.
 - d. How often will treatment be administered, by whom and their qualifications.
 - e. Indicate whether you have a consultant or professionals on staff with military experience that will provide trauma programs for men and/or women veterans.
7. Provide a detailed outline of therapeutic approaches and modalities of treatment that are used in your organization's veteran treatment program. Please refer to the EBPs as listed in the resources as indicated in item 3 of the clinical criteria.
8. Please outline your pain management therapies and modalities of treatment administered, how often and where therapies are administered.
9. How many beds or ambulatory visits will be allotted to the veterans treatment track?
10. If you currently treat veterans, what is the number of veterans served per annum? (Indicate number of male vs female veterans served.)
11. Do you currently have a relationship with the Veterans Administration or a Veteran Drug Court? If yes, please explain. If no, please explain why and what you are doing to develop a relationship with either or both of these agencies.
12. Outline your relationships with community resources including VA hospitals, Vet Centers, Veteran Drug Treatment Courts, Drug Treatment Courts, Family Courts, faith-based groups, community-based veteran programs and/or social services.



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 1. For applicants who are submitting a request for treatment funding, please provide a detailed outline of the cost of treatment for your organization's veteran treatment track. Specifically:**
 - a. Cost per bed day.
 - b. Cost per phase of treatment.
 - c. Ancillary costs as a percentage of overall treatment costs.
 - d. Cost of transporting clients.

- 2. For applicants who are submitting a request for funding to expand or replicate their existing veteran treatment program or to establish a veteran treatment track, please provide a detailed outline of the proposed use of funds. Specifically:**
 - a. Expense budget for the project, indicating the specific uses of the grant.
 - b. Anticipated length of project.
 - c. Overview of therapists and staff for proposed track. Include function and biographies if available. Indicate whether these professionals will be on staff or consultants.
 - d. Describe how your program will be sustainable beyond funding by VHI.
 - e. Most recent financial statement, audited if available.
 - f. Operating expense budgets for the current and most recent fiscal year.
 - g. Please list the other sources that you are soliciting for funding and to the best of your knowledge, the status of your proposal with each.
 - h. A copy of your most recent IRS letter indicating your agency's tax exempt status, or, if not available, an explanation.

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