



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Recipient Information

1. Recipient Name and Address

AMVETS HAWAII SERVICE FOUNDATION CORP

2. Employer Identification Number (EIN)

830550908

3. Unique Entity ID Number (UEI)

LEJDJYEFDF93

Financial Award Summary

4. Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Action

\$683905.0

5. Amount of Federal Funds Previously Obligated

\$0

6. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated (4+5=6)

\$683905.0

7. Indirect Cost Rate:

15%

8. Total Approved Cost Sharing

\$0

9. Total Federal Award + Approved Cost Sharing (6+8=9)

\$683905.0

Federal Agency

10. VA Contact Information

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Office of Suicide Prevention

VASSGFoxGrants@va.gov

Grant Agreement

Federal Award Information

11. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)

OSPI-000276-27

12. Grant ID

HI-SSG-4100-27

13. Award Action

New

14. Award Date

9-30-2026

15. Period of Performance

09/30/2026 - 09/30/2027

16. Budget Period

09/30/2026 - 09/30/2027

17. Budget Approved by the Federal Agency

9-30-2026

18. Statutory Authority

38 U.S.C. § 1720F (Note)

19. Project Title

Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program
Initial - FY27

20. Assistance Listing Number / Name

64.055- VA Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide
Prevention Grant Program

21. Is this a Research & Development Award?

No

22. Method of Payment

Automated Clearing House

23. Supplement Number

0

24. Award Description

VA's Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program approves the budget and awards funding to the organization identified above to provide activities in accordance with the grant application and applicable requirements.

25. Federal Agency Approval

Name, title, signature of VA awarding official

26. Grantee Acceptance

By signing, I certify that I am authorized to make legal commitments on behalf of this organization, have reviewed all pages, and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Donovan Andrew Lazarus, President & CEO

Name, title, signature of authorized grantee official



Administrative and National Policy Requirements

In accepting a VA award and by signing this agreement, Grantee (or Recipient) assumes legal, financial, administrative, and programmatic responsibility for administering the award. The following terms and conditions are hereby incorporated into this award by reference: All applicable appropriations, laws, statutes, rules, regulations (e.g., 38 C.F.R. Part 78; Applicable portions of 2 C.F.R. Parts 1, 25, 170, 175, 180, 182, 183, 184, 200, 801, and 802; Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) requirements; and Executive Orders governing assistance awards, statutory and national policy requirements under 41 U.S.C. § 4712 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.300. All general terms and conditions of this award are incorporated into this award by reference or located on the program website: <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ssgfox-grants/>. While VA may provide Grantee with reminders regarding award requirements, not receiving a reminder does not relieve Grantee of the responsibility to meet all applicable requirements. Grantee may access a non-inclusive list of some of the statutes, regulations, and policies also on the website noted above. Grantee agrees to provide what is outlined in this award, the application, and any modifications approved in writing by the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP).

By submitting an application with a signed SF-424 and by accepting this agreement, Grantee, and Grantee's executives, as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 170.300, certify that Grantee's policies comply with all applicable requirements, including all general terms and conditions. Grantee's signature on the SF-424, including electronic signature, constitutes a binding offer and agreement to these terms and conditions. Furthermore, by drawing or otherwise obtaining funds for the award from the payment system or other payment process, Grantee accepts these terms and conditions and agrees to perform them in accordance with the requirements. Grantees who do not obtain funds for the award within 180 calendar days, or as approved in writing by VA, are subject to the grant being withdrawn for failing to establish the project. See 38 C.F.R. § 78.160.

1. Terms and Conditions Related to Funding

- a) **Mandatory Disclosures:** "An applicant, recipient, or subrecipient of a Federal award must promptly disclose whenever, in connection with the Federal award (including any activities or subawards thereunder), it has credible evidence of the commission of a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code or a violation of the civil False Claims Act ([31 U.S.C. § 3729-3733](#)). The disclosure must be made in writing to the Federal agency, the agency's Office of Inspector General, and pass-through entity (if applicable). Recipients and subrecipients are also required to report matters related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with [Appendix XII of this part](#). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in [§ 200.339](#). (See also [2 CFR part 180](#), [31 U.S.C. § 3321](#), and [41 U.S.C. § 2313](#).)" 2 C.F.R. § 200.113.



- b) Grantee agrees to comply with government-wide certifications by maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) and completing the Federal financial assistance representation and certification section.
- i. Grantee must ensure that all people, subrecipients, and contractors involved in the project are eligible to participate in a Federal award and that a process is in place to regularly ensure no involved people or organizations are excluded per 2 C.F.R. § 200.206(d). Exclusions are posted at [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov).
 - ii. Grantee must ensure any subrecipients or contractors comply with SAM requirements. The details of grant obligations are posted at [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). Support is available at [FSD.gov](https://fsd.gov). SAM and UEI requirements are hereby incorporated by reference into this agreement. For details, see [2 C.F.R. Part 25 Appendix A](#).
- c) The key personnel role for this award is: SSG Fox SPGP Grant Operations Manager.
- d) Selected requirements from the NOFO published on March 13, 2026, are referenced here:
- All Grantees must provide mental health screening to the eligible individuals they serve. The screening determines an eligible individual's needs which allows the suicide prevention services plan to be customized accordingly. Screening consists of four tools provided electronically by VA. These tools are the Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9), Interpersonal Support Evaluation List (ISEL-12), Socio Economic Status (SES), and the Warwick Edinburgh Mental Well Being Scale (WEMWBS). Screening is done once an eligible individual has agreed to enroll in Grantee services and again when services are ending. Pre- and post-screening is a necessary part of evaluating the effectiveness of services provided.
 - Apart from Clinical Services for Emergency Treatment under 38 C.F.R. § 78.60(a), funds provided under this grant program may not be used to provide any clinical services (e.g., psychotherapy, psychiatry, medical care).
 - VA expects that Grantees coordinate with local VA facilities on a regular basis to provide linkage to health care and other services for eligible individuals.
 - Program evaluation is necessary to evaluate the impact that participation in the SSG Fox SPGP has on eligible individuals' suicide risk, mental health status, well-being, financial stability, and social support, as required by the Hannon Act. As part of the national program evaluation, Grantees must input data regularly in VA's web-based Data Collection Tool.
- e) Grantee agrees to use VA funds properly. In accordance with 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.339-343 and Executive Order 14332, VA may terminate this award for convenience or take other action if Grantee no longer advances VA's priorities or program goals, or the national interest, or if



Grantee fails to comply with any one of the terms and conditions of the award whether stated in a Federal statute, regulation, the Financial Assistance General Certifications and Representation report submitted to SAM, or elsewhere.

- f) The Grantee shall not engage in conduct that: (a) constitutes a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; or (b) brings, or is likely to bring, VA into public disrepute or materially conflicts with its mission. Upon reasonable determination of a violation, VA may, after providing written notice, terminate this Agreement, require repayment of funds, or remove the grant recipient's name from associated materials. The grant recipient has ten (10) business days to cure the violation, if curable. This clause applies throughout the entirety of the agreement's period of performance and while the grant recipient's association with VA remains public.
- g) Grantee further agrees to comply with all applicable Executive Orders.
 - i. Grantees may not operate any programs promoting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws and must certify that Grantee does not operate such programs, as stated in Executive Order 14173 "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity."
 - ii. Grantees may not utilize grant funds to promote "gender ideology" as defined in Executive Order 14168 "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government."
 - iii. Grantees may not utilize grant funds to promote or facilitate violations of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) and section 301 of title 3, as required by Executive Order 14159 "Protecting the American People Against Invasion."
 - iv. Grantees may not utilize grant funds to promote, encourage, subsidize, or facilitate racial preferences, denial of the sex binary, illegal immigration, or other initiatives that compromise public safety or promote anti-American values, per Executive Order 14332 "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking."
- h) Consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.206, VA may monitor Grantee for a satisfactory record of executing programs or activities under any VA or non-VA Federal grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement award. VA will monitor Grantee for integrity and business ethics. VA may make or continue a grant if it is determined that any non-satisfactory information identified is not relevant to the current VA award under consideration or if there are specific conditions that can appropriately mitigate the effects of Grantee entity's risk in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208. VA may impose specific conditions of award ([2 C.F.R. § 200.208](#)) and/or remedies for noncompliance ([2 C.F.R. § 200.339](#)), including termination of the grant to a Grantee who does not fully meet these standards. In general, there is no single triggering event that mandates VA take a particular enforcement action. Usually, enforcement actions (singly or in combination) will escalate in severity based on the demonstrated unwillingness or inability of Grantee to take corrective action. However, there may be instances in which



termination is the most appropriate first course of action and is necessary to protect the interests of the Government and the public.

- i) Grantee agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of [2 C.F.R. § 200.500, Subpart F Audit Requirements](#) and further, understands and agrees that funds may be withheld, or other related requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues from Subpart F (or any other audits or fiscal reviews of VA grant funds) are not satisfactorily and promptly addressed. When Grantee does not undergo an audit, Grantee is required to notify VA if total expenditures exceed \$300,000 in Federal awards, in accordance with [31 U.S. Code § 7504\(a\)\(4\)](#).
- j) Grant funds may be used only to defray the costs of the purposes in Grantee's approved application and when allocated as directed in the NOFO and in [2 C.F.R. § 200.400, Subpart E, Cost Principles](#). Grantee shall not undertake any work or activities that are not described in the approved application, or that use staff, equipment, or other goods or services paid for with VA grant funds, without written prior approval from VA.
- k) Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance: If the total value of Grantee's currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the project period of this Federal award, then Grantee as the recipient during that period of time must ensure the information available in the SAM records about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings is current and complete. This is a statutory requirement under P.L. 110-417 § 872, as amended (41 U.S.C. § 2313). See [Appendix XII of 2 C.F.R. § 200](#) for full details.
- l) Grantees must take reasonable cybersecurity and other measures to safeguard information including protected personally identifiable information (PII) and other types of information. This also includes information VA or the pass-through entity designates as sensitive or other information Grantee or Subrecipient considers sensitive and is consistent with applicable Federal, state, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and responsibility over confidentiality. Grantee must not include PII in communications with VA unless it is necessary to do so and unless measures are taken to encrypt or to otherwise protect the communication. No PII regarding program participants may be submitted to VA through the program's electronic grants management system. For definitions and requirements, see 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (e.g., § 200.1 Definitions; § 200.303 Internal controls).
- m) Pursuant to [2 C.F.R. § 200.322](#), Grantee must certify to use VA grant funds for projects that meet domestic content procurement preferences specified in the Build America, Buy America Act (P.L. 117-58). Domestic content procurement preference means all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States. Manufactured products must be manufactured in the United States and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States must be greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the



manufactured product. For construction materials, all manufacturing processes for the construction materials must occur in the United States. SSG Fox SPGP grants are not infrastructure projects. Therefore, generally, infrastructure costs are not allowed, including but not limited to costs for acquisition, renovation, construction, or other changes to buildings or real property. However, consistent with Federal-wide initiatives (e.g., Executive Order 14005, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memos M-21-26 & M-24-02 and P.L. 117-58), if written prior approval is received from the OSP for infrastructure costs, then SSG Fox SPGP Grantees must ensure domestic preference for those infrastructure activities if applicable to Grantee's project (consistent with P.L. 117-58 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.322). Information about Made in America policies is available at the [Made in America website](#).

- n) Federally appropriated funds must not be used to disseminate information that is deliberately false or misleading. Any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject Grantee to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties, including termination, for fraud, false statements, false claims, or otherwise (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729–3733 and §§ 3801–3812).
- o) An applicant, recipient, or subrecipient of a Federal award must promptly disclose whenever, in connection with the Federal award (including any activities or subawards thereunder), it has credible evidence of the commission of a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code or a violation of the civil False Claims Act ([31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733](#)). The disclosure must be made in writing to the Federal agency, the agency's Office of Inspector General, and pass-through entity (if applicable). Recipients and subrecipients are also required to report matters related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with [Appendix XII of this part](#). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in [§ 200.339](#). (See also [2 C.F.R. part 180](#), [31 U.S.C. § 3321](#), and [41 U.S.C. § 2313](#).)

2. Standard Requirements

- a) Standards for financial management require that a Grantee's financial system control and account for Federal funds and cost sharing under the award and produce financial reports.
 - i. States must expend and account for funds under the award in accordance with state laws and procedures that apply to the expenditure of and the accounting for the state's own funds.
 - ii. In addition, the state's and other recipient's financial management systems, including records documenting compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award, must be sufficient to permit:
 - Preparation of required reports; and
 - Tracing funds to a level adequate to establish that funds are used according to the Federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the award.



- iii. State or local government Grantees must comply with the cash management standards in 31 C.F.R. Part 205, which implement the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (as amended by P.L. 101-453 § 5; codified at 31 U.S.C. § 6503; see also 2 C.F.R. § 200.305).
 - iv. VA must make prompt payments to Grantee for allowable costs. Grantee must promptly refund any balances of unobligated cash that VA has paid and that is not authorized to be retained. Unreturned funds become delinquent debts according to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (e.g., § 200.305, §§ 200.344-346).
 - v. Grantee is prohibited from directly drawing down general grant funds for specific projects without the affirmative authorization from VA. Grantee is required to provide a written explanation or specific documentation for all drawdown requests.
- b) Grantee's financial management system must enable compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (e.g., 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.300-346; §§ 400-476; and §§ 500-512).
- i. Financial Reporting. Grantees must provide accurate, current, and complete financial information about the Federally assisted activities. See 38 C.F.R. § 78.145(b). If subawards are executed under the award, Grantee must have reasonable procedures for ensuring financial reports are submitted from each Subrecipient in time to allow Grantee to prepare reports.
 - ii. Accounting Records. Grantees must maintain records that adequately identify the sources of funds for Federally assisted activities and the purposes of funds. See 38 C.F.R. § 78.140. The records must contain information about the award and any subaward, including authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, liabilities, outlays, expenditures, and any program income. The accounting records must be supported by source documentation, such as cancelled checks, paid bills, payrolls, and time and attendance records.
 - iii. Program Income. Program income must be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income must be used to reduce the Federal costs rather than to increase the funds available to the project. See 2 C.F.R. § 200.307.
 - iv. Internal Control. Grantees must maintain effective control over and accountability for all cash, real and personal property, and other assets under the award. Grantees must adequately safeguard all assets and ensure they are used only for authorized purposes.
 - v. Budget Control. Grantees must compare actual expenditures or outlays with the approved budget.
 - vi. Allowable Costs. Grantees must have established procedures for determining reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of costs in accordance with the applicable Federal cost principles, program regulations, program NOFO, and other Federal requirements, including [2 C.F.R. part 200 subpart E Cost Principles](#). As stated in the



NOFO, indirect costs, as defined in §§ 200.412-415, are allowable if supported by a Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or if supported by a certification of de minimis indirect cost rate declaring a rate of up to 15% of modified total direct costs as described in § 200.414. Otherwise, all requested costs must be direct costs. See 38 C.F.R. § 78.140.

- vii. Cash Management. Consistent with [2 C.F.R. § 200.305](#), Grantee must have procedures for minimizing time elapsing between any payments of funds and disbursement of the funds for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. Grantees must ensure the timing and amount of any payments to subrecipients under the award conform to this standard.
- viii. Requirement for Performance Data. In comparing actual expenditures or outlays with budget amounts, as required, Grantee must relate financial information to performance data. For this purpose, VA will accept estimates based on available documentation. See 38 C.F.R. § 78.145(b).
- ix. Review of Financial Management System. VA may review Grantee's financial management system at any time to determine whether it complies with the requirements.

3. Period of Availability of Funds

- a) The project and budget periods for this award are indicated on Page 1 of this grant agreement. Grantee may charge to the award only allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the budget period.
- b) VA does not allow pre-award costs unless otherwise stated in the NOFO. If pre-award costs are allowed by the NOFO and if they are requested in the application, then this grant agreement constitutes VA's written prior approval to allow pre-award costs. All requirements related to pre-award costs apply (e.g., 2 C.F.R. § 200.458).
- c) Costs that require written prior approval in accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Subpart E, Cost Principles, including those incurred as pre-award costs, are not approved by this grant agreement. Such costs require specific written prior approval from VA (2 C.F.R. § 200.308(f)(4)).

4. Publications

Any publications or articles resulting from the award must acknowledge the support of the VA and will include a disclaimer of official endorsement as follows: "This [article] was funded [in part] by a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The opinions, findings, and conclusions stated herein are those of the author[s] and do not necessarily reflect those of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs." Grantee must ensure that this disclaimer is included on all brochures, flyers, posters, billboards, or other graphic artwork produced under the terms of the award.



Grantee will not use VA's name or any of its components, except in factual publicity and with the written prior approval of VA, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Such factual publicity shall not imply that the involvement of VA serves as an endorsement of the general policies, activities, or products of Grantee. Where the publicity references VA, publicity will be accompanied by a disclaimer to the effect that no VA endorsement is intended. Any publicity (meaning any efforts to communicate broadly to a general population for any purpose) released by Grantee concerning this agreement or the program shall be subject to written prior approval by VA. Grantee shall not publish any data regarding the program without written prior approval from VA, regardless of whether such data has been publicly disclosed by any other person, unless otherwise required by law, provided that notice of such disclosure will be made to VA if permitted by law.

5. Use of VA's Logo, Seals, Flags, and Other Materials

Grantee may not use VA's logo, seals, flags, and other symbols without written prior approval from VA that the proposed use advances the aims, purposes, and mission of VA. VA approval is not guaranteed but will not be unreasonably withheld.

6. Protected Information

- a) Except for certain types of information that may be considered proprietary or private information that cannot be released, most grant-related information submitted to VA by applicants or Grantees in the application, award phase, or post-award phase is considered public information and is subject to possible release to individuals or organizations outside VA. The statutes and policies that require this information to be made public are intended to foster an open system of government and accountability for governmental programs and expenditures and to provide information about Federally funded activities (Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a) as amended).
- b) The OSP's normal established practice is to not release an applicant's or Grantee's merit review information to anyone outside of VA.

7. Post-award Requirements for Closeout

- a) VA will provide Grantee with information regarding final report due dates and where to send the final reports. VA will notify Grantee in writing of any changes to the reporting requirements before the project period end date. Copies of required forms and instructions are included with the award and are provided to each Grantee by VA.
- b) Grantee must submit, within 120 calendar days after the project period end date of the award, all final financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the award. Written prior approval from VA is needed for extensions. Requirements include:
 - i. Unless VA authorizes an extension, Grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred during the award period no later than 120 calendar days after the project period end date.



- ii. Administrative closeout costs may be incurred up to 120 calendar days after the end date or prior to submitting the final report, whichever is first. Administrative closeout activities are limited to activities such as the preparation of final reports. No other costs are allowed for administrative closeout activities.
- iii. VA will make any upward or downward adjustments to the Federal share of costs after closeout reports are received, not to exceed the amount of the award unless otherwise prohibited by statute or regulation.
- iv. The Grantee must account for any property acquired with Federal funds or received from the Federal Government in accordance with applicable rules, regulations, and laws. If applicable, Grantee will be required to submit the SF-429 Real Property Status Report to report on real property after the end of the grant.
- v. In the event a final audit or fiscal review has not been performed before the closeout of the award, VA retains the right to recover an appropriate amount after fully considering the recommendations on disallowed costs resulting from the final audit or fiscal review.
- vi. Grantee agrees to submit financial status reports to VA using the SF-425 Federal Financial Report form. Annual SF-425 reports are due no later than 90 calendar days after the end of each grant year. The final report shall be submitted no later than 120 calendar days following the end date. Failure to provide this report in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.344 and with the terms and conditions of the award, will result in VA proceeding to closeout with the information available usually within one year of the project period end date and will result in VA reporting Grantee's material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the award to the OMB-designated system (currently SAM).

8. Retention and Access Requirements for Records

- a) Grantee must maintain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to an award for three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report. See 38 C.F.R. § 78.150. For awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, these same records must be maintained from the date of submission of the quarterly or annual financial report as authorized by VA.
- b) The only exceptions are the following:
 - i. If any litigation, claim, audit, or fiscal review is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.
 - ii. Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for three years after final disposition.
 - iii. When records are transferred to or maintained by VA, the three-year retention requirement is not applicable to the Grantee.



9. Timely and Unrestricted Access and Protection from Retaliation

- a) VA, the Inspector General, Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives have the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, or other records of Grantee and Subrecipients that are pertinent to the award to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to Grantee's and Subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. The rights of access are not limited to the required retention period but must last as long as records are retained. See also 2 C.F.R. §200.337.
- b) Employees of Grantee are protected from discharge, demotion, or retaliatory discrimination for making disclosure, to any of the entities set forth in 41 U.S.C. §4712(a)(2), regarding certain types of wrongdoing involving Federal contracts or grants (41 U.S.C. §4712(a)(1)-(2); (2 C.F.R. §200.217). Grantee and Subrecipient must inform their employees in writing of employee whistleblower rights and protections. 2 C.F.R. § 200.217. Among other entities, the VA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is authorized to receive such disclosures. The OIG maintains a toll-free number (1-800-488-8244) for receiving disclosures, including those concerning gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, fraud, waste of Federal funds, abuse of authority under grants and cooperative agreements, substantial and specific danger to public health and safety, or violations of any law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract or grant. Information also may be submitted by web form at the [OIG Hotline website](#) or by mail to VA Inspector General Hotline (53H), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420. Such reports are treated as sensitive material and submitters may decline to give their names if they choose to remain anonymous.

10. Federal Debt Status

Grantee may not be delinquent in repaying any Federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll or other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefits that were overpaid (See 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.344-346; and OMB Circular A-123 Appendix D). Grantee must notify VA immediately if they become delinquent during the project period. VA may release award funds after Grantee provides a repayment plan accepted by the Internal Revenue Service and after payments are made.

11. Nondiscrimination Policies

Federal laws prohibit discrimination in federal funding and implemented programs. These obligations extend to recipients of Federal financial assistance, including subrecipients. Grantee agrees to these obligations, for example, when completing the Federal financial assistance representation and certification section in SAM. Per [Executive Order 14173](#), by signing this grant award, Grantee agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the Government's payment decisions for purposes of 31 U.S.C. § 3729(b)(4). By signing this grant award, Grantee also certifies that it does not operate any programs promoting DEI that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws. Grantee must stay informed and compliant with applicable laws. For



example, Grantee must execute the project (e.g., productions, workshops, programs) in accordance with the following laws as applicable (2 C.F.R. § 200.300). Grantees who are unsure how a specific law applies to them should seek advice from their legal counsel. Legal authorities that grantees must follow include:

- a) **The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990**, as amended, prohibits discrimination based on disability in employment (Title I), state and local government services (Title II), places of public accommodation, and commercial facilities (Title III) (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213).
- b) **Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations and Activities**
 - i. Grantee must comply with the requirements of [38 C.F.R. Part 78](#) and [38 C.F.R. Part 50](#).
 - ii. A Grantee that is faith-based organization retains its independence from the Government and may continue to carry out its mission consistent with religious freedom and conscience protections of the law.
 - iii. A faith-based organization may not use direct Federal financial assistance from VA to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities except when consistent with the Establishment Clause and any other applicable requirements.
 - iv. An organization receiving Federal financial assistance may not, in providing services funded by VA, or in their outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary based on religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.
 - v. Grantee must give written notice of certain protections to all Veterans and prospective Veterans (or other eligible beneficiaries) consistent with the requirements of [38 C.F.R. 50.3](#) and [appendix C of 38 C.F.R. Part 50](#) regarding equal treatment for faith-based organizations.

12. Debarment and Suspension

- a) Grantee must comply with requirements regarding debarment and suspension in 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 801. Grantee also must include a similar term or condition, as appropriate, in any subawards or contracts under this grant.
- b) Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. §180.335 before signing this grant agreement, and at any point during which Grantee has an active grant or an application under review, Grantee must notify the OSP immediately if Grantee knows (e.g., from a review of SAM) that anyone potentially participating in the grant-funded project:
 - i. Is presently excluded or disqualified (2 C.F.R. §§ 180.935-940);
 - ii. Has been convicted within the preceding three years of any of the offenses listed in 2 C.F.R. §180.800(a) or had a civil judgment rendered against them for one of those offenses within that time period;



- iii. Is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in 2 C.F.R. §180.800(a); or
 - iv. Has had one or more public transactions, such as a grant (Federal, State, or Local), terminated within the preceding three years for material failure to comply, cause, or default.
- c) There are circumstances under which VA may receive information concerning Grantee's organization's fitness to carry out a project and administer Federal funds, for instance:
- i. Conviction of, or a civil judgment for fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, or making false statements;
 - ii. Any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects Grantee's present responsibility; or
 - iii. Any other cause of so serious or compelling in nature that it affects an organization's present responsibility.
- d) In these circumstances, VA may need to act quickly to protect the interest of the Government by suspending payments while undertaking an investigation of the specific facts. VA may coordinate suspension actions with other Federal agencies that have an interest in the findings. A suspension may result in debarment from receiving Federal funding for up to three years.

13. Lobbying

Grantee may not conduct lobbying, as defined in the statutes and regulations listed here, within Grantee's Federally supported project. In addition, Grantee may not use Federal funds for lobbying specifically to obtain awards. For definitions and other information on these restrictions, refer to 2 C.F.R. (e.g., § 200.450, 38 C.F.R. part 78), available at the [eCFR website](#).

14. Site Visits

VA, through authorized representatives, has the right, at all reasonable times, to conduct site visits (in-person or virtual) to review project accomplishments and to provide technical assistance. If VA makes any site visit on the premises of Grantee, a Subrecipient, or a contractor, Grantee shall provide, and shall require its subrecipients and contractors to provide, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the VA representatives in the performance of their duties. All site visits and evaluations shall be performed in a manner that will not unduly interfere with or delay the work.

15. Prompt Payment Act

Federal funds may not be used by Grantee for the payment of interest penalties to contractors when bills are paid late nor may interest penalties be used to satisfy cost sharing requirements. Obligations to pay interest penalties will not be obligations of the United States.



16. Definitions

Definitions of terms used in the SSG Fox SPGP program and in Federal grant programs that are applicable to award are available in 38 C.F.R. § 78.5 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.1. The definition of eligible individual, used for purposes of this award, are highlighted here:

- Eligible individual: Per the NOFO, Grantee identifies eligible individuals for services in accordance with [38 C.F.R. § 78.10](#). Based on the suicide risk and eligibility screening conducted by Grantee with VA provided tools, eligible individuals that should be considered at highest risk of suicide are those with a past suicide attempt or preparatory behavior for suicide, a recent hospitalization for suicidality, and recent or current suicidal thoughts. VA will provide access to the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) to determine the level of suicide risk.

17. Payments

- a) Per 2 C.F.R. § 200.305(b)(3), reimbursement payments for services rendered will be the method of payment. Grantee must disclose any other sources of income that may defray the cost of grant activities. Payments will be paid in accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and 38 C.F.R. part 78.
- b) Grantees will submit requests for payment through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System. VA will tell Grantees how to enroll.
- c) Grantees are required to submit properly prepared and fully documented payment requests within 30 calendar days of the end of each month, unless an alternate payment request cadence is specified by the OSP. Grantees who are unsure if their submission is properly prepared and fully documented should submit early to allow time for review and resubmission before the deadline. With written prior approval from the OSP, Grantees may submit requests more frequently if needed.
- d) If applicable, unobligated balances must be returned or written prior approval must be received from the OSP to carry forward an unobligated balance to a future funding period. At VA's discretion, unobligated balances or carryover amounts may be used to offset future funding amounts as appropriate (2 C.F.R. § 200.308(g)(3) and § 200.403(h)).
- e) Consistent with 2 C.F.R. §200.211(c)(1)(iv) and 38 C.F.R. part 78, subsequent budget periods, if applicable, are not guaranteed. Subsequent budget periods are subject to program priorities, the availability of funds, program authority, satisfactory performance, and compliance with these terms and conditions of the award.

18. Performance Metrics and/or Monitoring Requirements

- a) Grantees will be assessed based on their ability to meet critical performance measures and required minimum performance targets set for this award. VA may, at its discretion, update these measures or targets at any point prior to or during the project period. As applicable, each



Grantee's performance will be measured against the commitment provided in the application regarding the performance measures identified in the NOFO.

- b) Grantee must meet program requirements defined by the regulations and the applicable NOFO. Performance goals, indicators, and targets are incorporated by reference. Performance goals also are detailed in the regulations, NOFO, the application, or guidance materials provided by the program office.
- c) At least once per year, Grantee must submit to VA a report that describes the projects carried out with such grant during the year covered by the report; and information relating to operational effectiveness, fiscal responsibility, suicide prevention services grant agreement compliance, and legal and regulatory compliance, including a description of the use of suicide prevention grant funds, the number of participants assisted, the types of suicide prevention services provided, and any other information that VA may request. Additionally, all pages of the report must cite the assigned suicide prevention services grant number and be submitted in a timely manner as set forth by VA.
- d) Grantee is required to provide VA with consent to post information from reports on the internet and use such information in other ways deemed appropriate by VA. Grantee shall clearly mark information that is confidential to individual participants.
- e) Failure to notify Grantees of the reporting requirement in this award agreement will not excuse Grantees from complying, and failure to complete the report may make the entity ineligible to receive the grant the subsequent year.

19. Electronic Signature

While still allowing for accommodations as needed per the American Disabilities Act, if the OSP identifies discrepancies or concerns with any electronic or scanned signature provided, VA reserves the right to request that the agreement be resubmitted with a true ink signature subject to applicable federal statutes, regulations, and public policy.