

## Announcement

### Boston Continuum of Care Endorsement for SSVF Applications

#### Instructions for Providers

The Veterans Administration recently released a Notice of Funding Availability for Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) grants. There is \$600 million available nationally over a three year period including \$300 million in funding for 76 Continuum's of Care (CoC) in the Priority 1 category including Boston. Agencies in the Boston CoC are eligible to apply for \$3 million over the three year period. For more information on the SSVF Program including a copy of the NOFA published in the Federal Register please see the following link: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/ssfv.asp>.

In order to be considered for Priority 1 funding in Boston, applicants must include a letter of support from the Boston CoC and the CoC can endorse no more than **two** applications. Providers that wish to be considered for an endorsement for their Priority 1 S SSVF proposal must submit the following by 4:00 pm on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

Using the actual SSVF grant application provided by the VA (Form 10-1-0072) please submit the following sections:

Section B: Program Concept and Supportive Services Plan  
Section E: Area or Community Linkages and Relations  
Exhibit III: Applicant Budget Template (Microsoft Excel File)

Either in the program narrative or partnerships section, or in a separate response, please make sure to address the following issues and questions:

1. Describe your related experience with providing the types of services as proposed in your application.
2. Specifically describe the target population and the outreach plan to engage and serve this population.
3. Describe how your program will provide both rapid re-housing and prevention services. Be specific (describe your process for deciding who gets what type of services and why) and include the estimated number households served by either homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing.
4. Describe your process for identifying housing and connections to housing resources including private landlords and/or management companies
5. Describe your agency's involvement in the CoC including governance positions, committees and/or subcommittees and in the CoC's coordinated assessment system.

If your agency has ever received a SSVF grant from the VA please answer the following questions or respond to the information requested.

1. Has your agency ever required an extension to fully expend SSVF grants? If yes, explain.
2. Is your agency currently compliant with VA data collection requirement including monthly uploads to the VA Repository? If no, explain
3. Does your agency currently submit SSVF HMIS program data to the Boston CoC? If no, explain.
4. For your current SSVF program, provide client based outcome data including the original goals submitted in the funding application and the corresponding outcomes. Data should include the number served, the number of households prevented from becoming homeless and the number rapidly re-housed. Include housing retention data and rates and any data on recidivism.

Please submit these materials electronically to Elizabeth Doyle at [elizabeth.doyle@boston.gov](mailto:elizabeth.doyle@boston.gov)

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Doyle at the above email address or call 617.635.0247. The CoC will make decisions regarding the endorsement no later than March 7<sup>th</sup>.

NOTE: When submitting the Sections from the VA SSVF application, the CoC will accept a draft of these sections.