

July 17, 2025

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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Approval of a Grant Application for the Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program to provide non-clinical suicide prevention services to the Clackamas County veteran population. Grant Value is \$750,000 for 1 year. Funding is through the Department of Veterans Affairs. No County General Funds are involved.

Previous Board Action/Review	No Previous Board Action		
Performance Clackamas	1. Ensure safe, healthy, and secure communities. 2. Health outcome disparities identified in the Community Health Improvement Plan will be reduced.		
Counsel Review	NA	Procurement Review	NA
Contact Person	Kim LaCroix	Contact Phone	971-806-0004

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Clackamas County Public Health Division (CCPHD) of the Health, Housing, and Human Services Department requests the approval of a grant application for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP).

National data highlights that approximately seventeen Veterans die by suicide every day in the United States. Veterans in rural areas, as well as Veterans who are disconnected from VA services, are at increased risk for suicidality and death by suicide.

The proposed project, Operation Veteran Stronghold, will support Clackamas County's Veteran population, estimated at 22,646 as of 2023, through a multitiered approach to suicide prevention. In partnership with VA health systems, community organizations serving Veterans, and Clackamas County Veterans Services, Operation Veteran Stronghold will:

- Create a Veteran Coalition to guide programs that support Veteran mental health
- Implement a comprehensive suicide risk screening in partnership with Veteran Peer Support Specialists (PSS)
- Train and deploy integrated teams of paramedics and Veteran PSS to conduct in-home wellness checks and suicide prevention visits.
- Provide veteran resource navigation to secure firearm storage counseling and VA services.
- Create social connectivity hubs for Veterans to foster connection, reduce isolation, and serve as an entry point to care

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- Implement a Veteran Postvention Training series for community gatekeepers, including paramedics, firearm retailers, clergy, and healthcare staff.
- Create a Veteran Suicide Fatality Review Committee to identify risk factors for and protective factors against suicide deaths in the Veteran community.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve the grant application and authorize Chair Roberts or his designee to sign on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rumbaugh

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Director of Health, Housing & Human Services

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Financial Assistance Application Lifecycle Form

Use this form to track your potential award from conception to submission.

Sections of this form are designed to be completed in collaboration between department program and fiscal staff.

If renewal, complete sections 1, 2 & 4 only. If direct appropriation, complete page 1 and Dept/Finance signatures only.

If Disaster or Emergency Relief Funding, EOC will need to approve prior to being sent to the BCC

****CONCEPTION****

Section I: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Requester

Award type: ☐ Direct Appropriation (no application)
☐ Subrecipient Award ☒ Direct Award

Award Renewal? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lead Fund # and Department:	Fund 240 Fund Health, Housing, and Human Services
Name of Funding Opportunity:	Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program Funding Opportunity

Funding Source: ☒ Federal – Direct ☐ Federal – Pass through ☐ State ☐ Local

Requestor Information: (Name of staff initiating form)	Kamryn Brown, Donna-Marie Drucker, Galli Murray
Requestor Contact Information:	KBrown@Clackamas.us, DDrucker@Clackamas.us, GalliMur@Clackamas.us
Department Fiscal Representative:	Sherry Olson
Program Name & Prior Project #: (please specify)	Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Program

Brief Description of Project:

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP) blends community-based partnerships and prevention plans with evidence-based clinical strategies to meet the needs of Veterans and their families through outreach, suicide prevention services, and connection to VA and community resources. Our proposed project, Operation Veteran Lifeline, is built on a layered approach aligned with the VA's 2018 National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide. Key program aspects will include: creation of a Veteran Coalition to guide and implement programs and services that support Veteran mental health; comprehensive suicide risk screening and clinical assessment; training and deploying integrated teams of paramedics and Veteran peers to conduct in-home wellness checks; peer support and navigation; social connectivity hubs for Veterans; creation of a Veteran Suicide Fatality Review Committee, and; culturally competent training for individuals working with Veterans.

Name of Funding Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs

Notification of Funding Opportunity Web Address: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358983>

OR

Application Packet Attached: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Completed By: Kamryn Brown

Date: 6/17/25

**** NOW READY FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE ****

Section II: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Department Fiscal Rep

☒ Competitive Application ☐ Non-Competing Application ☐ Other

Assistance Listing Number (ALN), if applicable:	64.055 Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program	Funding Agency Award Notification Date:	TBD
Announcement Date:	5/15/25	Announcement/Opportunity #:	VA-FOX-SP-FY2026
Grant Category/Title	Discretionary	Funding Amount Requested:	\$750,000
Allows Indirect/Rate:	Yes	Match Requirement:	None
Application Deadline:	7/18/25 by 4:59pm ET	Total Project Cost:	\$750,000
Award Start Date:	9/30/25	Other Deadlines and Description:	N/A
Award End Date	9/30/26 with the option to renew for an additional year		
Completed By:	Sherry Olson	Program Income Requirements:	None
Pre-Application Meeting Schedule:	Lifecycle form meeting (6/17/25)		

Additional funding sources available to fund this program? Please describe:

This is a component of the Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Program in Clackamas County Public Health Division. This project will be specific to supporting Veterans at risk for suicide.

How much General Fund will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?

None

How much Fund Balance will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?

None

In the next section, limit answers to space available.

Section III: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed at Pre-Application Meeting by Dept Program and Fiscal Staff

Mission/Purpose:

1. How does the grant/funding opportunity support the Department and/or Division's Mission/Purpose/Goals?

National data highlights that approximately 17 Veterans die by suicide every day in the United States. Over 75% of Veteran suicides involve a firearm, underscoring the critical importance of targeted, respectful lethal means safety strategies. Veterans in rural areas and those disconnected from VA services are at increased risk. Our proposed project, Operation Veteran Lifeline, aims to support the unique mental health needs of Clackamas County's estimated 22,650 Veterans across the prevention spectrum, ranging from reducing isolation to identifying Veterans at risk for suicide and connecting them to culturally relevant care. This aligns with both CCPHD's mission to build partnerships and establish culturally responsive systems - as staff will expand partnerships with Veteran-serving organizations to provide trauma informed care - as well as H3S's mission to assist individuals and communities in being safe, healthy, and thriving.

2. Who, if any, are the community partners who might be better suited to perform this work?

CCPHD staff are well positioned to perform this work due to our ability to convene relevant stakeholders, analyze data, and strategize sustainable systems to identify Veterans in need and connect them to care. CCPHD also has established relationships Veteran-serving organizations, who we intend to include in this process, such as the Portland VA, Clackamas County Veterans Services, Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs, and more. These partner organizations, while well connected to the Veteran community, do not have CCPHD's capacity or resources to implement and oversee this proposed project.

3. What are the objectives of this funding opportunity? How will we meet these objectives?

The objective of the funding opportunity is to reduce Veteran suicide by coordinating non-clinical suicide prevention services, including outreach and linkage to VA and community resources, to eligible individuals and their families.

We will meet these objectives by: forming a Veteran's coalition to inform the work; conducting suicide risk screenings and peer-led home visits; hosting Veteran connection events; training community members in Veteran-specific suicide prevention and postvention practices; establishing a Veteran Suicide Fatality Review Committee, and; creating a system of coordinated care for Veterans in need of mental health, SUD, housing, or legal support.

4. Does the grant/financial assistance fund an existing program? If yes, which program? If no, what is the purpose of the program?

This grant does not currently fund existing programs in Clackamas County. As of now, there are no Veterans-focused suicide prevention programs in Clackamas County. The purpose of this program would be to reduce suicide deaths, increase access to care, and promote social connection among Veterans in Clackamas County.

Organizational Capacity:

1. Does the organization have adequate and qualified staff? If no, can staff be hired within the grant/financial assistance funding opportunity timeframe?

This funding opportunity permits funds be used for FTE. If awarded, a portion of funds would cover the cost of an existing CCPHD Program Planner who will dedicate .5 FTE to overseeing this project. A portion of awarded funds will also be used to contract with a Veteran Peer Support Specialists, which is doable within the award time period.

2. Are there partnership efforts required? If yes, who are we partnering with and what are their roles and responsibilities?

While no partnerships are required, we intend to partner with: OHSU-PSU School of Public Health (Evaluation & Learning); University of Oregon Suicide Prevention Lab (Research); Lines for Life Military Helpline (Referral Partner); OSU Extension AgriStress Helpline (Rural Identification); VA Portland & Roseburg Health Systems (Care coordination); Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs; Oregon Firearm Safety Coalition; Clackamas Fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies; Clackamas County Social Services (Veterans Services)

3. If this is a pilot project, what is the plan for sun setting the project and/or staff if it does not continue (e.g. making staff positions temporary or limited duration, etc.)?

Veteran Peer Support Specialists hired through this funding opportunity will be contracted through partner organizations. Before funds are exhausted, we will work with the partners noted in Q2 to identify opportunities to sustain this work beyond the grant period.

4. If funded, would this grant/financial assistance create a new program, does the department intend for the program to continue after initial funding is exhausted? If yes, how will the department ensure funding (e.g. request new funding during the budget process, supplanted by a different program, etc.)?

If awarded, the Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Program will apply to renew the award for up to one additional year. A renewal will be dependent on the availability of federal funds. Continuity of this program beyond this funding opportunity will be discussed with partner organizations as part of the pilot program.

Collaboration

1. List County departments that will collaborate on this award, if any.

Veterans Services (Social Services); Health Centers

Reporting Requirements

1. What are the program reporting requirements for this grant/funding opportunity?

VA will require that grantees use validated tools and assessments furnished by VA to determine the effectiveness of the suicide prevention services. These include any measures and metrics developed and provided by VA for the purposes of measuring the effectiveness of the programming in improving mental health status, well-being, financial stability, and social support, and in reducing suicide risk of eligible individuals. Grantees will be required to use the VA Data Collection Tool for this purpose. Grantees are also required to provide participants with a satisfaction survey, which the participant can submit directly to the VA, within 30 days of exiting the program. Periodic and annual financial and performance reports will be required in accordance with 2 CFR part 200 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200>).

2. How will performance be evaluated? Are we using existing data sources? If yes, what are they and where are they housed? If not, is it feasible to develop a data source within the grant timeframe?

Grantees must input data regularly in VA's web-based Data Collection Tool. VA will ensure grantees have access to the data needed to gather and summarize program impacts and lessons learned on the implementation of the program evaluation criteria; performance indicators used for grantee selection and communication; and the criteria associated with best outcomes for Veterans. Training and technical assistance for program evaluation will be provided by VA, which will coordinate with subject matter experts to provide various trainings, including the use of measures and metrics required for this program.

3. What are the fiscal reporting requirements for this funding?

Periodic and annual financial and performance reports will be required in accordance with 2 CFR part 200 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200>).

Fiscal

1. Are there other revenue sources required, available, or will be used to fund the program? Have they already been secured? Please list all funding sources and amounts.

N/A

2. For applications with a match requirement, how much is required (in dollars) and what type of funding will be used to meet it (CGF, In-kind, local grant, etc.)?

N/A

3. Does this grant/financial assistance cover indirect costs? If yes, is there a rate cap? If no, can additional funds be obtained to support indirect expenses and what are those sources?

Yes. If an organization has an approved Indirect Cost Rate, documentation of that approval must be on file with the SSG Fox SPGP. All other grantees are required to have a detailed breakout of these administrative costs along with any supporting documents for those expenses for auditing and oversight. Title 2 CFR 200.302 requires the financial management system of each non-Federal entity provide "records that identify adequately the source and application of funds for federally funded activities. These records must contain information pertaining to Federal awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income, and interest and be supported by source documentation."

Other information necessary to understand this award, if any.

Organizations can apply for grants worth up to \$750,000 and may apply to renew awards for up to one additional year, pending availability of funding and grantee performance. Minimum grant awards are \$100,000.

Program Approval:

Jamie Zentner

Name (Typed/Printed)

6/17/25

Date

Jamie Zentner

Signature

**** NOW READY FOR PROGRAM MANAGER SUBMISSION TO DIVISION DIRECTOR ****

****ATTACH ANY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY. COUNTY FINANCE OR ADMIN WILL SIGN****

Section IV: Approvals

DIVISION DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)

Kim La Croix

6/18/25

Kim LaCroix

Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)

Philip Mason -Joyner

06/18/2025

Phil Mason

Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

Ethel Gallares

06/18/2025

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Ethel Gallares (Jun 18, 2025 12:49 PDT)

Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

EOC COMMAND APPROVAL (WHEN NEEDED FOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELIEF APPLICATIONS ONLY)

Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

Section V: Board of County Commissioners/County Administration

(Required for all grant applications. If your grant is awarded, all grant awards must be approved by the Board on their weekly consent agenda regardless of amount per local budget law 294.338.)

For applications less than \$150,000:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied: <input type="checkbox"/>
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

For applications under \$150,000 email form to Christina Fadenrecht at CFadenrecht@clackamas.us for Gary Schmidt's approval.

For applications \$150,000 and above, email form with Staff Report to the Clerk to the Board at ClerktotheBoard@clackamas.us to be brought to the consent agenda.

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County Administration Attestation

County Administration: re-route to department at
and
Grants Manager at financegrants@clackamas.us
when fully approved.

Department: keep original with your grant file.










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