



TO: Mental Health Non-Profit Providers
FROM: Colleen A. Stuart, C.E.O., Venango Training & Development Center, Inc.
CC: Danielle Olah, Housing Specialist, Program Development and Policy, OMHSAS
SUBJECT: Veterans Fairweather Lodge Request for Proposals (RFP)
DATE: May 31, 2022

In 2016, the Office of Mental Health provided funding and partnered together with three Providers to provide homeless veterans the opportunity to live, gain employment and work on their recovery through this evidence-based model. The initial grant funded the start up of four new lodges. This year, through “**Money Follows the Person**” grant funding, there is an opportunity to fund an additional **4 new Veterans Fairweather Lodges**. As the contracted Administrative Agency, the Venango Training & Development Center, Inc. is coordinating the RFP process and working with the Office of Mental Health to expand this project.

This memo serves as notice to Pennsylvania mental health non-profit providers that proposals are being accepted for *start up grant funding* for a **new Veterans Fairweather Lodge (VFWL)**. Attached is a “**Start Up Guide and Application Tool**”, which includes the following information that will assist in your application:

- History and Background Information
- Provider Eligibility/Background Requirements
- Guidelines for application
- State/County/Community Partnerships
- Grant Resources

Data research has identified that there is a population of homeless veterans in need of these services. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs reported higher populations of homeless in the Philadelphia and Coatesville areas. Therefore, providers in these areas are encouraged to apply. Please review the attached information and consider this wonderful opportunity to provide support to veterans in need. Upon review, if you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to the identified contacts listed. ***Based upon Provider response, a global Technical Assistance webinar may be scheduled.***

We look forward to receiving your application and working with you on this new endeavor.

P.O. Box 289, 239 Quaker Drive
Seneca, PA 16346
Phone; 814-676-5755
www.vtdc.org