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## TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION FUND FOR VETERANS' ASSISTANCE

March 28, 2016

Judge Tano Tijerina  
County of Webb  
1000 Houston St.  
Laredo, TX 78040

Dear Judge Tijerina,

On behalf of the Texas Veterans Commission, I would like to congratulate your organization again on receiving a General Assistance-16A grant and notify you of a special opportunity for an amendment to **extend your grant and gain additional funding.**

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) General Assistance grant program is transitioning to a single funding cycle per year beginning with the 2017-2018 grant cycle. In order to smooth the transition for our grantees the Texas Veterans Commission set aside an additional \$2,000,000 for General Assistance-16A grants only. Your organization has the opportunity to request up to a six month extension and up to 50% additional funds through the normal amendment process.

The Commissioners indicated that they will weigh grantee's performance heavily when assessing these amendment requests so I strongly encourage you to jump on your GA-16A grant project early to ensure you are meeting your performance and expenditure benchmarks on your quarterly reports. The Commission will consider all these special GA-16A amendment requests at their November 2016 meeting. If want to take advantage of this opportunity, you will need to work closely with your FVA Grant Officer to **ensure your amendment request is submitted by July 31, 2016.**

If you have any questions regarding this amendment opportunity, please contact your Grant Officer or call our office at (512) 463-1157. Be sure to keep an eye out for the 2017-2018 General Assistance Request for Applications expected to be available in late August 2016.

Thank you for all you do for Texas Veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Catoe".

**Charles Catoe**  
Director, Fund for Veterans' Assistance

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office.

Attest: My commission expires this 15th day of June, 1905.

Notary Public for the State of New York

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