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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION
FUNDS FOR VETERANS' ASSISTANCE

November 27, 2019

Edward A Dion
County Auditor, County of El Paso
800 East Overland Street, Rm 406
El Paso, Texas 79901-2407

Re: Office of the County Auditor Memorandum dtd 11/03/2019 reporting County Auditor's Internal Audit division's special review findings of Veterans Assistance Project for Heroes

Mr. Dion,

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) follows strict policies in the administration of grant funds. Our grant and compliance officers work closely with governing bodies and authorities to ensure grantee organizations comply with Texas Comptroller's Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS), and the Code of Federal Regulations Subpart A-E (2 CFR 200).

On behalf of the Texas Veterans Commissioners, our Executive Director, and all veterans living in the County of El Paso, thank you for the thorough review of the referenced grant program.

Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) has reviewed and concurs with the special review findings. The purpose of the FVA grant program is to improve the lives of veterans, their dependents, and surviving spouses. Because veterans still benefited from the 57 payments that were unauthorized per the grant contract, TVC hereby waives the financial impact of \$28,013.52.

Thank you for supporting the TVC Fund for Veterans' Assistance and veterans in your community. The FVA staff has already worked with the County of El Paso grant administrator to draft an amendment to the grant contract to allow for flexibility in providing these financial resources to veteran residents in your county. Therefore, the remedy is already in place to prevent future issues.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me or our Lead Compliance Officer, Julie Dillard.

Respectfully and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Bracken".

James Bracken
Director, Fund for Veterans' Assistance
Texas Veterans Commission