



National Veterans'
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Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Bidders' Conference

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NVTAC Role (1 of 2)



- Provide technical assistance designed to increase grantees' ability to establish and operate successful HVRP grants
- Support HVRP grantees throughout their period of performance to ensure that challenges are resolved quickly
- Provide effective training and peer-to-peer learning opportunities that result in increased knowledge and adoption of innovative practices among HVRP programs nationwide



NVTAC Role (2 of 2)

- Provide technical expertise to federal staff to assist with policy development in support of program oversight and strategic planning for the future of HVRP
- Quantify grantees' customer satisfaction and share promising practices and lessons learned

HVRP Overview and Program Description

HVRP Overview (1 of 3)

- Employment-focused, competitive grant through the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS)
- Veterans receive the job training and employment services required to re-enter and be successful in the labor force

HVRP Overview (2 of 3)

HVRP has two core objectives:

- Provide services to assist in reintegrating veterans experiencing homelessness into meaningful employment within the labor force; and
- Stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing veterans experiencing homelessness.

HVRP Overview (3 of 3)

- Obtain high-quality career outcomes for veterans experiencing homelessness
- DOL-VETS encourages applicants to propose strategies to achieve economic opportunity, address historical inequities, and provide equitable access and outcomes to marginalized groups
- DOL-VETS requires grant recipients to provide an array of client-centered services utilizing a case management approach that directly assists homeless veterans and provides critical linkages to a variety of support services available in their local communities

Applicant and Veteran Eligibility

Applicant Eligibility (1 of 2)

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses
- Faith-based organizations
- Other state and local government agencies
- U.S. territory or possession
- Native American tribally designated organization
- State and local workforce development boards (SWDBs/LWDBs) established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Applicant Eligibility (2 of 2)

Applications submitted in response to this FOA must consist of four separate and distinct parts:

1. SF-424, “Application for Federal Assistance,” including:
 - a) [Unique Entity Identifier](#) (UEI) generated from your System for Award Management (SAM) registration;
2. Project Budget (first year of funding only), composed of:
 - a) SF-424A and
 - b) Budget Narrative;
3. Project Narrative; and
4. Attachments to the Project Narrative.

Veteran Eligibility

- To be eligible for HVRP, an individual must meet the definitions for “veteran” and “homeless”



Categories of HVRP Eligibility

- (a) Veterans who were homeless, as defined by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, at any time during the 60 days prior to program entry;
- (b) Veterans who, at program entry, are “at risk” of homelessness within the next 60 days;
- (c) Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH/Tribal HUD-VASH or Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Supportive Services for Veteran Families programs;
- (d) Veterans who are receiving assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. § 4101 et seq.);
- (e) Veterans recently released from incarceration; and
- (f) Veterans transitioning from incarceration.



Veteran Definition

To determine status as an eligible “veteran,” VETS considers full-time active-duty service (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(21)) to include time spent in basic training, regardless of completion, consistent with program guidance from the Department of Veterans Affairs



Homeless Definition (1 of 3)

“Homeless” is defined by the HEARTH Act as follows:

- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing);
- An individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where they temporarily resided;

Homeless Definition (2 of 3)

- An individual or family who–
 - Will imminently lose their housing, including housing they own, rent, or live in without paying rent, are sharing with others, and rooms in hotels or motels not paid for by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, as evidenced by–
 - a court order resulting from an eviction action that notifies the individual or family that they must leave within 14 days;
 - the individual or family having a primary nighttime residence that is a room in a hotel or motel and where they lack the resources necessary to reside there for more than 14 days; or
 - credible evidence indicating that the owner or renter of the housing will not allow the individual or family to stay for more than 14 days, and any oral statement from an individual or family seeking homeless assistance that is found to be credible shall be considered credible evidence for purposes of this clause;
 - Has no subsequent residence identified; and
 - Lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing;

Homeless Definition (3 of 3)

- Unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless under other federal statutes who –
 - have experienced a long-term period without living independently in permanent housing;
 - have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period; and
 - can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or multiple barriers to employment; or
- Any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized, and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.



“At Risk” Definition (1 of 2)

- Veterans who are low-income individuals;
- Veterans who are at risk of losing their current housing due to significant changes in family dynamic (i.e., separation, loss of spousal support, or loss of employment);
- Veterans referred from a shelter, the VA, or local continuum of care provider;
- Welfare and/or public assistance recipients; and
- Veterans with an eviction notice from a landlord or an eviction/foreclosure judgement.



“At Risk” Definition (2 of 2)

- Written documentation of the participant’s status in the “at risk” categories is required, and self-attestation should only be used in rare instances to document the circumstance of “at risk” of homelessness
- Recently housed veterans and veterans at imminent risk (14 days or less) of homelessness are considered homeless, not “at risk” of homelessness for HVRP eligibility purposes
- The number of enrollments that can come from the “at risk” of homelessness category is limited to no more than 10 percent of planned enrollments unless approved by the Grant Officer Technical Representative



Core Services/Program Implementation

Core Services

- Outreach, recruitment, and engagement
- Intake and assessment
- Employment and job training
- Linkages and support services collaboration
- Employer engagement

Implementation (1 of 2)

HVRP serves three population categories:

- Homeless women veterans and veterans with children
- Incarcerated veterans and/or veterans recently released from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness
- All other veterans who meet the eligibility criteria for homeless or at risk as described in the FOA

Implementation (2 of 2)

- Reaching historically marginalized veterans
- Reaching underserved communities

HVRP applicants should address how they will promote equity through their proposed project to include outreach strategies that address historical inequities. Additionally, applicants should address how they will serve states and communities not currently being served by an HVRP grant



Allowable Costs

Allowable Costs (1 of 2)

Applicants must provide a one-year budget of up to \$500,000 that supports the targeted population and the service delivery area(s); additionally, proposed allocations must be proportional to the resources needed to implement the proposed project. Line items in the budget must crosswalk with the proposed project design.

Allowable Costs (2 of 2)

Allowable costs include:

- Personnel salary and fringe benefits
- HVRP staff travel not to exceed 10 percent of the one-year budget
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Participant wages: on-the-job training (OJT) and/or transitional jobs
- Other: participant support and costs not included elsewhere
- Indirect: Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or De Minimis



Training and Employment

Job Training

- A minimum of 80 percent of participants must receive one or more job training services, through referral or the grantee's direct services
- Life-skills and financial management do not count towards the 80 percent job-training requirement

Job Training Examples

- OJT
- Apprenticeships
- Customized job training
- Upgrading, retraining, or other work-based learning
- Occupational skills training provided by the applicant or a third-party training provider

Employment and Training Programs (1 of 2)



- Must target in-demand occupations indicated in the Labor Market Information provided in the Statement of Need
- Placement into an unsubsidized apprenticeship is considered placement into employment
- Job training received by participants may be provided directly through the grant or provided to participants through partnerships with:
 - American Job Center's (AJC)
 - GI Bill
 - Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)
 - State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) programs
 - Other training providers

Employment and Training Programs (2 of 2)

- Applicants must describe:
 - How they will develop a formal employment and job training plan based on the individual job training needs assessment for each veteran
 - Approaches to help the participant achieve self-sufficiency, including referrals to other services or programs
- Applicants must indicate how they will manage and document participant progress.
 - This evidence must reference research studies, government reports, or the applicant's experience demonstrating that the strategy yielded positive results in the past



Applying for Funding

Applying for Funding (1 of 2)

- Applicants may apply for a ceiling amount of up to \$500,000 each year, with a total of up to \$1,500,000 for the three-year period of performance
- When a registered applicant submits an application with Grants.gov, an electronic time stamp is generated within the system when the application is successfully received by Grants.gov
- VETS funds Stand Down (SD) activities through a separate VETS SD application



Applying for Funding (2 of 2)

- Apply through Grants.gov
- Read through the registration process carefully before registering
- These steps may take as long as four weeks to complete
- Time should be factored into plans for timely electronic submission in order to avoid unexpected delays that could result in the rejection of an application
- Grants.gov applicants can apply online using Workspace
- Paper applications and late submissions will not be accepted
- For all questions, please reach out to contact@nvtac.org



Questions?

Thank you!

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