



# HVRP Quarterly Listening Session

March 8, 2023





# Today's Session

- **What?** National forum for information sharing between VETS and HVRP grantees
- **How to prepare?** Share your QUESTIONS and CONCERNS in ADVANCE of the session ([HVRP@dol.gov](mailto:HVRP@dol.gov)) and/or DURING the session in the chat
- **Follow-up?** Presentation slides, Q&A, and the recording from each session will be posted to [NVTAC.org](http://NVTAC.org)
- **When?** Second Wednesday of the last month of each quarter at 3:00 p.m. ET (exceptions during holiday periods)



# Today's Topics

- New Eligibility Guidance
- Program Year (PY) 2023 HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
- Submitting Quarterly Reports
- Open Discussion



# **New Eligibility Guidance**

# New Eligibility VPL



- [VPL 02-23](#) with Attachments [1](#) and [2](#)

**U.S. Department of Labor**

Veterans' Employment and Training Service  
Washington, D.C. 20210



**VETERANS' PROGRAM LETTER NO. 02-23**

**TO:** ALL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICE (VETS) STAFF  
ALL VETS COMPETITIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS

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**SUBJECT:** Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Participant Eligibility

- Rescinds: VPL 01-21 and GO Memos 01-21 Changes 1 and 2

# Updated Definition of Eligible Veteran



Updated to include certain criteria for National Guard and Reserve members:

The term “veteran” means a person who served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, or Reserve Component (National Guard and Reserve), who meet the following criteria:

- Received a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(18)); and
- At least one day of active duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(21)) to include time spent in basic training for active-duty members; or
- *Federal active duty for National Guard and Reserve members (not including inactive duty and active duty for training, see 38 U.S.C. § 101(22), (23)); or*
- *Any period of inactive duty or active duty for training during which National Guard and Reserve members received a service-connected disability resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(24)). (38 U.S.C. § 101)*



# Removed Limit on At-Risk Enrollments

- The number of enrollments that come from the “at risk of homelessness” category *can vary* depending on local circumstances.
- Grant Officer’s Technical Representatives (GOTRs) should regularly monitor the mix of homeless and “at risk of homelessness” participants to ensure enrollments reflect the needs of the grant recipient’s service delivery area.

# Eligibility Documentation



Required eligibility documentation within participant case files:

- To provide HVRP services, grant recipients must collect, in an individual's participant case file, source documentation of eligibility, to include a DD-214 that provides the character of discharge (any one of copies 2–8), as well as collect necessary information on veterans seeking services in order to correctly record the veteran's eligibility category.
- For individuals who are eligible for the HVRP program per the criteria outlined in Attachment 1 (specifically National Guard and Reserve members who received a service-connected disability resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty per 38 U.S.C. § 101(24)), and were not issued a DD-214, the grant recipient must obtain a copy of the VA Summary of Benefits letter to verify the service-connected disability rating.



# Eligibility Documentation



Eligible Veteran:	Documentation
<b>Active Duty</b> - served at least one day on active duty and received a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable (includes time spent in basic training)	DD-214
<b>National Guard/Reserve Members</b> - at least one day of active duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(21)) and received a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable (does not include active duty for training, e.g., Basic Training or Advanced Individual Training (AIT))	DD-214
<b>National Guard/Reserve Members</b> - received a service-connected disability resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty (active or inactive duty for training) (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(24))	If not issued a DD-214, obtain a VA Summary of Benefits letter to verify the service-connected disability



# Use of HINQ/SQUARES

- Hospital Inquiry (HINQ) or Status Query and Response Exchange System (SQUARES) documentation is acceptable as *provisional source documents to expedite enrollment*.
- *However*, a DD-214 (or the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] Summary of Benefits letter, only when appropriate) must be requested within three business days of enrollment and must be included in the participant case file prior to the participant exiting the program.
  - Failure to do so may result in disallowed costs for these participants, and grant recipients must immediately remove these participants from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) performance reporting forms.



# Use of Self-Attestation

- Clarified that grant recipients are required to document the participant's circumstances of homelessness *through the participant's self-attestation if no documentation exists or can be obtained.*
- For the "at risk of homelessness" category however, self-attestation should only be used in rare instances if no documentation exists or can be obtained. Documents justifying "at risk" are typically readily available.

# Clarified Eligibility to include HWVHVWC



- Specifically identified Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children (HWVHVWC) as a category of HVRP eligibility.



# What has not changed?

## Categories of HVRP Eligibility

- A. Homeless veterans (including veterans who were homeless but found housing during the 60-day period preceding the date on which the veteran begins to participate in a program under this section);
- 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 SSVF 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. Homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children;
- F. Veterans recently released from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness; and
- G. Veterans transitioning from incarceration.



Categories of HVRP Eligibility:	Veterans Experiencing Homelessness	"At Risk" of Homelessness
Homeless veterans (defined in subsection (a) or (b) of section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ( <a href="#">42 U.S.C. § 11302</a> ))	X	
Veterans who were homeless but found housing during the 60-day period preceding the date on which the veteran begins to participate in a program under this section	X	
Veterans who, at program entry, are at risk of homelessness within the next 60 days (Note: Veterans who are within 14 days of homelessness are considered at "imminent risk" and are defined as homeless)		X
Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH/Tribal HUD-VASH or SSVF programs	X	
Veterans who are receiving assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. § 4101 et seq.)	X	
Homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children	X	
Veterans recently released (within the last 12 months) from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness		X
Veterans transitioning from incarceration (scheduled to be released from incarceration within 12 months and meets the definition under <a href="#">38 U.S.C. § 2023</a> )	X	

# At Risk of Homelessness



- Veterans who, at program entry, are at risk of homelessness within the next 60 days and Veterans recently released from incarceration must meet the “at risk of homelessness” criteria:
  - Has income below 30 percent of median income for the geographic area; and
  - Has insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability; and
  - Meets one of the following conditions:
    - Has moved frequently because of economic reasons;
    - Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
    - Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated;
    - Lives in a hotel or motel;
    - Lives in severely overcrowded housing;
    - Is exiting an institution; or
    - Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

# Questions?

What questions do you have about the new eligibility guidance?





# **PY 2023 HVRP FOA**



# Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

- The Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Services (DOL-VETS) HVRP FOA is now available on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).
- The closing date for receipt of applications under this Announcement is 03/30/2023.
- The prospective applicant webinar was held on March 7, 2023, at 3 p.m. EST. A recording from the webinar will be available.
- Any questions regarding the FOA must be sent to [HVRPFOA@dol.gov](mailto:HVRPFOA@dol.gov).



# **Submitting Quarterly Reports**

# File Naming Methodology Reminder



File Type	File Name					Format
VETS-701 Technical Performance Report	<b>12345</b> Grant Award Number	<b>PY22</b> Program year covered by the report	<b>Q1</b> Report Quarter (1-8)	<b>TPR</b> Report Type	<b>.xlsb</b> Excel Format	MS Excel Macro Enabled Binary  The workbook containing the TPR should always be saved as an Excel binary file to enable the proper operation of macros and special formulas.
	<b>Finalized File Name: 12345-PY22-Q1-TPR.xlsb</b>					

# Reminder – Quarterly Reporting Schedule



Quarter	Quarter End Date	Grantee Submission Due Date	GOTR Review/Certification
1 <sup>st</sup>	September 30	October 30	November 15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	December 31	January 30	February 15
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>March 31</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>May 15</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	June 30	July 30	August 15



## Open Discussion

- Promising practices or lessons learned to share?
- Additional questions or concerns?



# Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – HVRP Quarterly Listening Session

How do I get on the mailing list for the HVRP Quarterly Listening Sessions?

- Please send your contact information, including your grant number to [contact@nvtac.org](mailto:contact@nvtac.org) requesting to be added to the HVRP email list.



# Thank you!

Please reach out to your GOTR with your questions and concerns on HVRP policy, operations, and reporting.