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JANUARY SPOTLIGHTS



All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Just in time for the holiday season, the Biden-Harris Administration announced a plan to reduce homelessness by 25 percent by 2025 titled "All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness."

The plan focuses on strategies that are proven to work, like concentrating on housing first, a model of care that treats housing as the immediate solution to homelessness, but not the only solution. Once housed, many people need support to stay housed, such as health care, job training, and legal and education assistance. This model works because it treats people with dignity, personalizes their care, and recognizes that without housing, every other aspect of a person's life suffers.

[Read the Full Plan](#)



Federal Employment for Veterans

In 2009, Executive Order 13518, Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government, was established to help develop a governmentwide veterans recruitment and employment strategic plan. The Veterans Services Office helps veterans find employment in the federal government by aligning their talents with key positions. The Veterans Services Office works across the federal government to increase the number of veterans, transitioning military service members, and their families employed and retained in the civil service. Currently, veterans represent approximately 31 percent of the federal workforce, compared to 25.8 percent before the Executive Order was established.

[Federal Jobs for Veterans](#)



Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Released the 2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report

The report found 582,462 people were experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2022. COVID-19 and its economic impacts could have led to significant

increases in homelessness. However, investments, partnerships, and government agency outreach resulted in only a 0.3 percent increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness from 2020 to 2022.

Homelessness among certain sub-populations decreased, including families with children, people under 25, and veterans. In 2022, 33,129 veterans experienced homelessness, a number which is down by 11 percent since 2020 and has decreased by 55 percent since 2010.

[2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#)



Arizona Governor Dedicates More Than \$26 Million in Funding For Veterans and First Responders Programs

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey announced more than \$26 million in funding for critical programs that support the mental health and well-being of veterans and first responders. The investments are geared towards three programs:

- \$20 million to support the Heal the Hero Foundation, which offers technology-based mental health support along with community education, research, and training for veterans, first responders, and abuse survivors.
- \$4.7 million went to Unite Us, which supports vulnerable veterans, including reducing recidivism among incarcerated veterans.
- \$1.8 million to support the Boulder Crest Foundation, which serves Arizona combat veterans, their family members, and first responders who are struggling with a range of mental health challenges. The funding will support the expansion of the “Struggle Well” training program and the nonprofit’s posttraumatic growth academy.



Ending Veteran Homelessness Podcast: 2022 Year in Review with Executive Director Monica Diaz

The latest episode of the Ending Veteran Homelessness podcast features special guest Monica Diaz, Executive Director of the Homeless Programs Office with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), to reflect on how 2022 impacted veterans experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Diaz talks about the major initiatives VA implemented over the course of the year.

[Listen to the Full Episode](#)

RESOURCES



Challenge America Thanks Veterans by Connecting Them to Resources and Solutions

[Challenge America](#) connects service members, veterans, and their families to resources and solutions that build community and give purpose to their lives. To achieve this mission, they leverage innovation, the creative arts, and community-building strategies through two communities: the Challenge America Veteran Arts Community (CAVARTS), a national hub that brings together veterans of various backgrounds who support one another as they connect, learn, and grow through the arts, and the Military

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Sisterhood Initiative (MSI), a national peer support community for women of the military. Membership is free for veterans and service members.



Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Customizable Forms

Mike As a reminder, the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) offers HVRP grantees a variety of customizable forms that can be used to document HVRP practices, including eligibility, intake, assessment, case management, standard operating procedures, and continuity of operations plan guides and templates. These documents are intended to help program planners develop forms and tools that will serve the needs of their program and can be modified at will.

[HVRP Customizable Forms](#)

EVENTS



Stand Down Events

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) supports local Stand Down events that assist veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness by providing a wide range of employment, social, and health

services. The critical services provided at these events are often the catalyst that enables those individuals to reenter the workforce.

VETS awards these noncompetitive grants on a first-come, first-served basis to support one-day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively. They are collaborative events coordinated between VA; DOL; other federal, state, and local government agencies; and community-based organizations providing services and supplies to veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. In the event of a federal disaster declaration, VETS will accept applications up to \$50,000 to conduct Stand Down events in the impacted areas.

VETS has updated the grant opportunity on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for the Stand Down Grant Announcement. Eligible applicants should follow [this link](#) and review Veterans' Program Letter 01-23 Announcement of Stand Down Grants and its two attachments.



The National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) Has Updated January, February, and March Classes

NVTI has updated its class schedule to include January, February, and March classes! Below is a list of just a few of the classes offered that may be of interest to you.

- 9615: Logic Modeling to Strengthen Veterans' Programs (1/17-1/19)
- 9630: Veterans Benefits Online (1/23-2/10)
- 9616: Critical Thinking for Business Writing (2/14-2/16)
- 9639: DVOP Specialist Skills Refresher and Cross-Training (2/14)
- 9650: Unconscious Bias: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility in Veteran Services (2/22)

To see the full schedule, visit the [Class Schedule page](#) on [NVTI.org](https://www.nvti.org). To register for any of these classes, follow [NVTI's registration instructions](#). Classes are offered in a variety of formats, including virtual, online cohort, and classroom. Please be mindful of the registration deadlines below so that you can secure your spot!

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- Registration deadline for virtual and online cohort classes: 2 weeks in advance of class start date.
- Registration deadline for classroom classes: 4 weeks in advance of class start date.

Still have questions? Contact NVTI Student Services at studentservices@nvti.org.

