

# Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Prospective Applicant Webinar February 8 and 13, 2024 Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Disclaimer: These questions and answers are based on the 2024 HVRP FOA.

#### Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the FOA Prospective Applicant Webinar held on February 8 and 13, 2024. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

#### **Questions and Answers**

Saturation Map and Saturation Levels

- 1. Q: Where can we find existing HVRP programs, to ensure we are not applying for an area already being served?
  - A: The Saturation Map represents every Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) served by HVRP grant recipients. You can also utilize the Find a Grantee Map at <a href="nvtac.org">nvtac.org</a> to see all current HVRP grantees who are providing services through June 30, 2024. You can search for a grantee near you by state, territory, county, city, and ZIP code.
- 2. Q: Does the Saturation Map indicate when a current grantee's award is up for renewal in this competition?
  - A: The FOA version of the Saturation Map only includes those HVRP grant recipients providing services in program year (PY) 2024 (July 1, 2024 June 30, 2025), regardless of award end date. However, if you scroll to the bottom of the Saturation Map web page, you will find the PY23 version of the Saturation Map. This version includes "Period of Performance Ending" filters that will adjust the CoC saturation levels for HVRP grants operating through June 30, 2024, 2025, and 2026.
- 3. Q: If a program serves individuals in multiple states, how does that impact the Saturation Map data?
  - A: The Saturation Map is based on CoC boundaries, not states. The saturation calculation is based on the annual planned enrollments by the CoC. Those counts are distributed amongst all the CoCs in the saturation map, and with few exceptions, the CoCs align with state borders.



### 4. Q: If the Saturation Map shows that an area is under 10 percent saturation level, would that indicate that the grant has a good chance of being awarded?

A: The U.S. Department of Labor – Veterans' Employment and Training Service's (DOL/VETS) is committed to awarding grants to high-quality applicants serving geographic areas with excess homeless/unhoused populations. In making awards, DOL/VETS will consider the existing landscape of the homeless/unhoused population in the geographic area being targeted for service by an applicant. In addition to the Service Delivery Area (SDA), a technical merit review panel will carefully evaluate applications against the selection criteria to determine the merit of each application.

#### 5. Q: If an area has a 100 percent saturation rate, should we avoid applying?

A: DOL/VETS commitment is to ensure the most effective distribution of HVRP funds to maximize the number of homeless veterans served through the program, and, consequently, will consider the saturation levels of grant recipients versus the homeless veteran population in each geographical area. CoCs with saturation levels of 100 percent or more indicate that current HVRP grant recipients are already planning to enroll more participants than the estimated number of veterans experiencing homelessness for the CoC. DOL/VETS recognizes that the Point-in-Time (PIT) count data may be outdated and/or may not fully account for the seasonality of homelessness. Applicants proposing to serve areas that have a high level of saturation must explain why there is unmet demand in their Statement of Need.

Additionally, a new grant will not be awarded in an area where the estimated homeless veteran population is currently served by active grant recipients. Applicants proposing to serve areas that have a high level of saturation must explain why there is unmet demand in their Statement of Need.

### 6. Q: The Saturation Map includes historical data, but New Mexico has seen a 95 percent increase in need. Does that change anything?

A: The HVRP FOA 2024 SDA Saturation Map uses the total number of HVRP planned enrollments in the CoC divided by the 2023 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) PIT count for the number of veterans experiencing homelessness. It is used to ensure the most effective distribution of HVRP funds to maximize the number of homeless veterans served through the program and avoid duplication of services.

DOL/VETS recognizes that the PIT count data may be outdated and/or may not fully account for the seasonality of homelessness. If there is a great need for HVRP services in your area, this should be expressed in the Project Narrative of your grant application. In this section, applicants must demonstrate a comprehensive understanding and provide current evidence (within two years from the date the FOA is released) to support the need for the proposed project, including any supporting evidence that identifies the nature and extent of the need and the reasons the proposed SDA(s) will benefit from HVRP services. You can find more information in Section IV.B of the FOA.

- 7. Q: If a current HVRP grant is ending in 2024 in our intended CoC, would we still need to submit a statement regarding duplication of services? Is there a formula used to determine duplication of services?
  - A: The FOA 2024 Saturation Map only includes grant recipients providing services in PY24 (July 1, 2024 June 30, 2025). Any grant ending on June 30, 2024, is not included in the Saturation Map data. Section III.C.2 of the FOA states "Duplication occurs when two or more agencies or programs are engaged in or implementing the same activities or provide the same services to the same eligible beneficiaries within a geographic location or county, which arises often because of inadequate coordination of projects, resulting in inefficiency. Any duplication of services will be assessed prior to award disbursement and program implementation." Applicants can locate the counties that will be served by HVRP grant recipients in PY24 by going to the FOA 2024 Saturation Map and clicking on the link to the SDA by County Map. If your proposed SDA includes a county/counties currently served by an active HVRP grant, you must upload a duplication of services report in Grants.gov under "Other Attachment Forms." The document should be labeled "Report on Duplication of Services."

#### About the HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) 2024 SDA Saturation Map

Scope: Current HVRP grant recipients providing services in program year 2024 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).

Saturation Map

Service Gap Map

Service Gap Table

HVRP FOA 2024 Service Delivery Area (SDA) Saturation Map

Blue CoCs are unsaturated. Red CoCs are oversaturated. Gray CoCs do not have an HVRP grant - see Service Gap Map for details. Click here to view the SDA coverage by county.

#### **Budget Narrative**

- 8. Q: Are budget details and narrative included in the 25-page limit?
  - A: Per Section IV.B.3 of the FOA, the Project Narrative is limited to 25 double-spaced, single-sided, 8.5 x 11-inch pages with Times New Roman 12-point text font and 1-inch margins.
    - The Budget Narrative is separate from the Project Narrative and not counted toward the 25-page Project Narrative limit. The Budget Narrative is part of the Project Budget whose requirements are laid out in Section IV.B.2 of the FOA.
- 9. Q: Where can you find the budget form, the budget narrative template, and the VETS-704 forms?
  - **A:** The FOA and all supporting documents can be found on <u>Grants.gov</u> on the "Related Documents" tab.

#### 10. Q: Are we required to use the Budget Narrative Template?

A: No, the applicant is not required to use the template included in Attachment B. The Budget Narrative Template is a sample format of the Budget Narrative as a form-fillable template. The HVRP Budget Narrative Template is a user-friendly, fillable, Microsoft Excel-based document designed to calculate totals by program year. It provides fields for the applicant to input details for each object class category in accordance with the development of the Budget Narrative. While the use of the Budget Narrative template is optional, applicants are required to submit a Budget Narrative with a one-year budget that cannot exceed \$600,000 in total costs (direct and indirect) and supports the targeted population and the SDA(s). Use of the template is encouraged to assist applicants to ensure all required elements of the Budget Narrative are included. See section IV.B.2.a. of the FOA for details.

#### Past Performance

#### 11.Q: What happens if an applicant does not have any past performance samples?

**A:** To receive the maximum 20 points in application scoring per Section IV.B.3.f. of the FOA, applicants must fully complete and submit the information requested in Attachment C, *Chart of Past Performance*. Omission of past performance within the *Chart of Past Performance* form (Attachment C) will result in disqualification of your application. If the applicant has no past performance samples, they will receive zero points.

#### 12. Q: Can the past performance be previous HVRP grants?

**A:** Yes, past performance is an important indicator of how successful an applicant will be when providing HVRP services. Organizations will receive points based on past performance data. Applicants must fully complete Attachment C, *Chart of Past Performance*, with performance from one previously completed grant (completion of one PY is sufficient) that was similar in size, scope, and relevance to the requested grant. The grant can be a federally or non-federally funded grant or cooperative agreement but not a contract. Past performance will be scored based on the Past Performance criteria described in Section V.A.5. of the FOA.

### 13.Q: What if an applicant has past performance with a county grant but not a federal grant?

**A:** The grant used to fulfill the Past Performance requirement can be a federally or non-federally funded grant or cooperative agreement but not a contract that was similar in size, scope, and relevance to the requested grant (Section IV.B.3.e and V.A.5 of the FOA).

## 14. Q: Would our past training and high job placement performance for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funded individuals count as past performance?

**A:** Applicants should use performance indicators most similar to the following:

- Participants served/enrolled
- Placement into employment/training
- Employment/training retention
- Average or median earnings of participants four to six months after exiting the program

Applicants may substitute a different indicator if it is applicable to the outcomes required in this FOA. DOL/VETS reserves the right to disqualify indicators that are not sufficiently similar to the indicators above and award zero points for missing and/or non-qualifying indicators.

See Attachment C, Chart of Past Performance for details.

### 15. Q: Does past performance have to include information about a completed grant or can we include a grant that is still operating?

**A:** Applicants must fully complete Attachment C, Chart of Past Performance, with performance from one previously completed grant (completion of one PY is sufficient) that was similar in size, scope, and relevance to the requested grant. The grant can be a federally or non-federally funded grant or cooperative agreement but not a contract.

#### Eligible Applicants

#### 16. Q: Can an individual apply as an independent vendor?

A: No, per Section III.A of the FOA, the following organizations are eligible to apply:

- 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)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (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
- For profit organizations (other than small businesses)

- Small businesses
- U.S Territories or Possessions Native American Tribally Designated Organizations
- State and Local Workforce Development Boards established under the WIOA
- Faith-based organizations
- Other state and local government agencies

### 17. Q: Are businesses that would employ veterans experiencing homelessness be eligible for HVRP grants to use for salaries and wages, and training programs?

A: HVRP grant funds may be used for participant wages. Examples of wage subsidies include on-the-job training (OJT), subsidized state- or federally approved registered apprenticeships, and/or transitional jobs (TJ) strategies. The participant must be engaged in job training, with the employer expected to hire the participant at the end of the job training. Funds may be used to pay job training wages for up to 90 days, based on HUD housing figures (see Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Living Wage Calculator), for up to 50 percent of the apprentice's wages. To use HVRP funds for OJT, subsidized registered apprenticeships, and/or TJ wages, grant recipients must demonstrate the participant's need for subsidizing job training wages and develop an agreement with the employer that stipulates the terms of the subsidy and duration of the job training and must lead to employment. The agreement must stipulate that HVRP funds will reimburse the employer for the agreed-upon earnings to be subsidized, not more than 50 percent. Subsidized job training is not a job placement. Awardees will be required to have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in place to ensure this process is implemented and executed consistently and equitably.

#### 18. Q: Can an organization apply with a partner organization?

A: One organization must apply for the HVRP grant. This organization's name, employer identification number (EIN), and unique entity identifier (UEI) must appear on the Standard Form-424. If selected for an award, the applicant is responsible for complying with all federal award requirements, per 2 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) 200.300(b). The applicant/recipient may partner with other organizations, which may include for-profit entities, to support the successful reintegration of veterans experiencing homelessness into the labor force.

#### 19. Q: Are small businesses eligible to apply?

**A:** Small businesses are considered eligible applicants for HVRP. For the full list of eligible applicants, see Section III.A of the FOA.

#### Allowable Costs and Incentives

## 20. Q: What are the reporting requirements for incentives? Will we need to provide receipts of what the client used the gift cards for as we do for participant support costs?

- A: Awarded grant recipients using HVRP funds for incentives must have an SOP in place that outlines a disbursement policy and tracking system to ensure supportive services are implemented and executed consistently and equitably before incentives are dispersed. Gift cards are allowable incentives and VETS considers the gift card itself the asset. DOL/VETS does not require collection of receipts from participants showing expenditures with the asset. The awarded grant recipient's SOP on incentives must describe the following:
  - Identification of the amount(s) and type(s) of incentives
  - Criteria for participant issuance
  - Authorization process for a transaction
  - Receipt and custody of the asset
  - Recording and reporting activity related to that asset
  - Taking periodic inventory and reconciling balances
  - Segregation of duties, such as:
    - o Requiring limited access to cards and who can handle, etc.
    - Having managers or staff from the program offices perform specific cash-related functions
    - o Requiring two authorizing signatures on checks issued
    - o Requiring supervisory approval for each use of vouchers
    - Verifying usage and balances of logs through management information system reports

You can find more information on incentives in Section IV.B.2 of the FOA.

### 21.Q: Are living stipends to support veterans while they complete training an allowable cost?

A: HVRP funds may be used for housing, but only for eligible participants who meet the definition of a veteran at risk of homelessness who is transitioning from certain institutions, in accordance with 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 2023. This definition includes a veteran who is a resident of a penal institution or an institution that provides long-term care for mental illness and is at risk of homelessness, absent referral and counseling services provided under the program. DOL/VETS considers an "at risk" determination to involve factors deemed appropriate by the grant recipient; however, DOL/VETS does not permit grant recipients to determine that a veteran is "at risk" if the veteran is not scheduled to be released from jail or prison within 12 months. HVRP recipients should promote equity in the pursuit for housing solutions for these eligible participants (see IV.B.3.c.IV).

Participant support costs that may not be allocated to HVRP for participant support are:

- Expenses related to titled or deeded items or when recovery of such expense is anticipated (e.g., rent or housing deposits, mortgage payments, homeowner's insurance, property taxes, car payments, purchase, rental, or lease of vehicles)
- Expenses for household items or supplies not directly related to the participant's employment plan

All participant support costs must be reasonable and necessary for the participant to overcome barriers to employment and to be successful in the program to find and maintain employment.

## 22. Q: I see we cannot purchase motor vehicles, buildings, or land. Can a grant recipient obtain a lease so veterans who do not have access to computers can attend on-site?

A: Leasing or renting real property is allowable provided it meets the criteria of 2 C.F.R. 200.465 in that the rates are reasonable in light of such factors as: rental costs of comparable property, if any; market conditions in the area; alternatives available; and the type, life expectancy, condition, and value of the property leased. The allowability of leases and costs incurred must still meet the criteria of 2 C.F.R. 200.403(a) in that they be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the HVRP.

#### 23. Q: Can we use the funds for training costs?

A: Yes. Participant support costs under HVRP may include, but are not limited to:

- Uniforms or other appropriate work attire and work-related tools or other related items necessary for training or employment
- Assistance with books, fees, supplies, and other necessary items for JDT
- Payments and fees for employment and training-related applications, tests, and certifications
- Participant workplace accommodations that enable a participant to participate in employment, training, or education
- Please see Section IV.B.2 for more details on participant support costs

All participant support costs must be reasonable and necessary for the participant to overcome barriers to employment and to be successful in the program to find and maintain employment.

#### Awarded Grants

- 24. Q: Once an applicant is selected to receive the award, how is funding distributed to the applicant? Is it on a reimbursement basis? Or is funding distributed to the applicant in advance for program start-up and implementation purposes?
  - A: The period of performance (PoP) is 36 months with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2024, and end date of June 30, 2027. All necessary implementation, start-up activities, and follow-up activities are included in the performance period. To comply with the Uniform Administrative Guidance at 2 C.F.R. 2900.14, DOL/VETS requires all grant recipients to report on an accrual basis of accounting. In this method, expenditures are recorded when the goods or services are received, or once an order can no longer be refunded. Applicants, whether successful or not, will not be entitled to reimbursement of pre-award costs expended prior to the start of the PoP. DOL/VETS uses Health and Human Services (HHS) Payment Management System (PMS) to release funds to award recipients.

For more information about the system, please visit <u>PMS – Home | Payment Management Services</u>. Please click on the Grant Recipient Tab to learn more about PMS.

- 25. Q: If an applicant is awarded funding for Year 1 of the project period, do they have to reapply for funding for Year 2 and 3? Is the funding available for the July 2025 July 2026 period exclusively available for recipients applying for Year 2 funding, or will that funding pool also be used to fund brand new applicants trying to set up new projects?
  - **A:** The HVRP grant has a 36-month PoP, which is incrementally funded on an annual basis at the beginning of each PY. The first year of funding is received at the time of award, and funding for years two and three are received through the Incremental Funding amendment application process in our electronic system. The funding request for years two and three must not exceed the amount referenced in the VETS-704 Abstract of the initial grant application submitted under the applicable FOA.

The funding available for HVRP each year funds existing grant recipients continuing in their second and third year of their PoP, as well as new grant recipients awarded under the annual FOA.

26. Q: Will there be any cooperative agreement or grant staff assigned to assist with the grant?

A: Awarded grant recipients will be responsible for hiring appropriate staff.

#### 27. Q: Is there a certain time commitment that is required daily for HVRP staff?

A: There is not a specified time commitment per day that is required for HVRP staff. The Budget Narrative requires an applicant to list all staff positions (including individuals hired by an employment contract) by title (both current and proposed) including the roles and responsibilities. For each position, the applicant is required to provide the annual salary, the percentage of time devoted to the project, and the amount of each position's salary funded by the grant.

#### Participant Eligibility

#### 28. Q: What is the exact definition of a veteran who qualifies for this program?

- **A:** For purposes of HVRP, a person who served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, or Reserve Component (National Guard or Reserve), who meets 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 (does not include inactive or active duty for training as defined in 38 U.S.C. §§ 101(22) and (23)); or
  - Any period of inactive duty or active duty for training during which National Guard and Reserve members received a service-connected disability rating resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(24)).

#### Miscellaneous

### 29. Q: Is it possible to get a redacted version or example of a successful application package?

A: VETS may not provide a copy of a successful application since HVRP applications are competitive in nature. Under the <a href="Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) | U.S.">Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) | U.S.</a>
<a href="Department of Labor (dol.gov)">Department of Labor (dol.gov)</a> anyone can request access to federal agency records. Like all federal agencies, we must disclose records requested in writing, but we may withhold records in full or in part under one of FOIA's <a href="exemptions and exclusions">exemptions and exclusions</a>. Since the HVRP applications are proprietary, the requester would receive a redacted version of the application.

#### 30. Q: Is the abstract part of the Project Narrative?

**A:** No, the Abstract is not part of the Project Narrative. The Abstract, or Attachment A Tab 1, is submitted as part of a separate Excel document: VETS-704, Attachment A. This document can be found on <u>Grants.gov</u> under "Related Documents," then "Folder: Other Supporting Documents."

### 31.Q: Can citations be single spaced and in a smaller font size and placed in endnotes or footnotes?

**A:** The Project Narrative is limited to 25 double-spaced single-sided 8.5 x 11-inch pages with Times New Roman 12-point text font and 1-inch margins.

### 32. Q: Are costs of job training not otherwise covered by VA benefits or financial aid an eligible cost?

- A: A participant support cost should be reasonable and necessary to enable a participant to take part in services and activities related to the employment plan. A participant support cost should not duplicate a service a participant receives from another program (i.e., federal, state, local, etc., programs). All participant support costs must be reasonable and necessary for the participant to overcome barriers to employment and to be successful in the program to find and maintain employment. Participant support costs under HVRP may include, but are not limited to:
  - Assistance with transportation (including bikes, bus passes, gas cards, etc., if reasonable and necessary to obtain or retain employment)
  - Assistance with child care and dependent care, if eligible (see section IV.B.3.c.IV)
  - Assistance with housing for formally incarcerated veterans after release and during re-entry, if eligible (see IV.B.3.c.IV)
  - Uniforms or other appropriate work attire and work-related tools or other related items necessary for training or employment
  - Assistance with books, fees, supplies, and other necessary items for JDT
  - Payments and fees for employment and training-related applications, tests, and certifications
  - Fines and fees that are creating a barrier to employment, up to \$100 per participant
  - Reasonable and necessary costs to start a business (e.g., filing fees and licenses), up to \$500 per participant. The business must be documented with the IRS. Start-up costs exclude costs for products and materials to start a business
  - Licensing fees and background check fees
  - Participant workplace accommodations that enable a participant to participate in employment, training, or education

- Automobile repair that is necessary for the participant to seek, accept, or participate in employment and training activities. This is limited to repairs of an immediate need and excludes routine and normal maintenance costs, up to \$400 per participant
- Other reasonable and necessary costs to assist the participant in overcoming a barrier to obtain or retain employment

Please see Section IV.B.2.a of the FOA for more details on participant support costs.

#### 33. Q: Would the direct and indirect cost put together come under the \$600,000 limit?

**A:** Yes. Applicants must provide a one-year budget that cannot exceed \$600,000 in total costs (direct and indirect).

#### 34. Q: Will pre-apprenticeship be considered?

**A:** Training must align with participants' employment goals. Some examples of job training that may be provided to participants are OJT; registered apprenticeships; customized job training, upgrading, or retraining; entrepreneurial or other work-based learning; and occupational skills training provided by the applicant or a third-party training provider. Please note that placement into an unsubsidized apprenticeship is considered placement into employment.

#### 35. Q: How do we find past HVRP grant recipients?

**A:** The past five years HVRP Grant Recipients include:

- FY23 HVRP Grant Recipients: <u>U.S. Department of Labor awards more than</u> \$58M to support delivery of services to help homeless veterans reenter workforce | U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)
- FY22 HVRP Grant Recipients: <u>U.S. Department of Labor awards more than</u> \$57M to help veterans overcome, avoid homelessness; reenter the workforce | <u>U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)</u>
- FY21 HVRP Grant Recipients: <u>U.S. Department of Labor awards more than</u> \$52M in grants to help homeless veterans reenter the workforce | U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)
- FY20 HVRP Grant Recipients: <u>CORRECTED U.S. Department of Labor</u>
  Awards Grants to Support Services For Homeless Veterans Seeking to
  Reenter Workforce | U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)
- FY19 HVRP Grant Recipients: <u>U.S. Department of Labor Announces Award of \$48.1 Million In Grants for Workforce Reintegration of Homeless Veterans | U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)</u>

### 36. Q: Is the provision of mental health and wellness services considered a deliverable service?

A: Persistent, coordinated, and creative outreach efforts are important to not only identify but also engage veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness and connect them to the services they need to obtain and retain employment. Stable housing,

health care (including mental health), transportation, child care, and other support services are critical in helping veterans experiencing homelessness reintegrate into the labor force. Applicants must describe in their application how they will leverage resources by coordinating with other local and national organizations and support service programs, including penal institutions and halfway houses, to assist HVRP participants in overcoming barriers to employment. DOL/VETS promotes collaboration with other organizations to leverage federal, state, and local resources to the maximum extent possible in support of reintegrating veterans experiencing homelessness. An awarded grant will be required to have an SOP in place to ensure supportive services are implemented and executed consistently and equitably.

### 37. Q: Is there only one American Job Center (AJC) letter of support needed or from each CoC/Community being served in the proposed application?

**A:** Applicants are only required to submit one letter of support from a local AJC. Applicants are not required to submit a letter of support for each CoC they are proposing to serve. Please see section IV.B.4.a.2 for details.

### 38. Q: The FOA mentions that Abstract Tab 2 and 3 will auto-populate based on data entered in Tab 1. Where do we find the Abstract Tab 1?

**A:** The FOA and all supporting documents can be found on <u>Grants.gov</u> on the "Related Documents" tab. The Abstract, or Attachment A Tab 1, is submitted as part of a separate Excel document: VETS-704, Attachment A. This document can be found on <u>Grants.gov</u> under "Related Documents," then "Folder: Other Supporting Documents."

### 39. Q: Will you be accepting applications next year or are you only funding grantees who apply in the first year?

**A:** Historically, the FOA is released annually for applications for new HVRP awards. For this FOA, the period of performance is 36 months for program years covering July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027.

#### 40. Q: What is reason number three of the application review increased?

A: VETS identifies the critical criteria that impacts an applicant's success in operating an HVRP project based on historical reviews of grant operations and performance outcomes. The scoring for the FOA criteria may change annually to ensure we are scoring applications based on the highest priority factors for the program at the time of selection.

#### 41.Q: Where can we find Attachment D?

**A:** The FOA and all supporting documents can be found on Grants.gov on the "Supporting Documents" tab.

### **42. Q:** Can you complete more than one application if you only want to complete Category 1 and Category 2?

A: Applicants must identify in the Abstract/Attachment A – Tab 1 if an application is in Category 1 (HVRP), Category 2 (HWVHVWC), or Category 3 (IVTP). If an applicant does not explicitly identify one single category in the Abstract, the application will be reviewed under Category 1 (HVRP). Applicants may submit more than one application for different SDAs. If the application's SDAs and CoC(s) overlap, the applicant must identify the need and specify how the areas being served will not result in a duplication of service.