Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Listening Session: Feedback Received during the 2023 National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) Annual Conference Questions and Answers

- Q: What is the relationship between NCHV and DOL VETS? Is this NCHV annual conference specifically for HVRP grant recipients? I have looked at the schedule page for the upcoming NCHV conference, but it is very generic. How do we know which sessions pertain to HVRP? What's the day/time for your listening session?
- A: DOL VETS is one of the federal agencies that makes up a national network of community-based support for veterans experiencing homelessness. HVRP is an employment-focused competitive grant program that requires grant recipients to collaborate with public and private partners at all levels (federal, state, and local) to provide supportive services and access to housing. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) is an organization that is focused on ending homelessness. Please visit the <u>NCHV website</u> to learn more about their organization and their mission. The NCHV hosts an annual conference and invites DOL VETS to attend and present (e.g., HVRP Listening Session). This conference is a gathering of community-based service providers (HVRP, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF), GPD, etc.) working with veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The NCHV's conference session schedule typically offers a host of workshops that feature topics applicable to the services provided under HVRP. Check out the <u>2023 conference</u> <u>schedule</u> to gain an understanding of the topics covered.
- Q: Do the trainings in the HVRP Journey Map provide a certificate of completion? This would be helpful for management.
- A: A certificate of completion is provided for all National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) courses.
- Q: Regarding Good Jobs Initiative, we are working on advocating and educating employers we connect with or already have on our repertoire. But I'd like to ask: Do you already have a listing of employers that have adopted the initiative? It would be helpful to have a list we can peruse and find local targets we can approach for job matches to our participant pool.
- A: In 2022, the Departments of Labor and Commerce published the Good Jobs Principles, which outline a shared vision of job quality by describing core elements of good jobs. Within the HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), applicants are encouraged to consult these Principles as they shape their proposed projects. You can find the Principles on the <u>Good Jobs Initiative page</u>. HVRP strives to provide needed career exploration and placement services, career training, and support services to eligible veterans so they may secure <u>good jobs</u> in stable, high-demand occupations earning livable wages. While VETS encourages HVRP grant recipients to incorporate the Good Job Principles within their program, VETS does not maintain a list of employers that have adopted the initiative.

Q: Are there any policy or guidance updates regarding self-employment?

A: The HVRP Competitive Grants Technical Performance Report (TPR) & Technical Performance Narrative (TPN) Desk Guide located on the <u>HVRP website</u> states:



VETS does not categorically prohibit placements into self-employment. The participant must file a 1099 with the IRS to report self-employment earnings. The participant must share supporting documentation to the grant recipient as proof of self-employment and wages earned. This allows the grant recipient to determine hourly wages and other data elements required for reporting. For self-employment, participants must provide documentation such as a business license, employer ID for services performed to, copies of income checks, receipts of job materials and equipment, wage records, 1099 MISC Form, advertisement of services, etc.