Washington Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)
Information Session: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Overview

The following questions and answers (Q&A) document provides responses to questions posed at the HVRP Information Session intended for organizations serving Washington held on September 11, 2024. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q1: Is HVRP funding performance based or point of service? How is the funding set up?

A1: DOL instituted procedures for assessing the technical merit of applications to provide for an objective review of applications and to assist you in understanding the standards against which your application will be judged. The evaluation criteria are based on the information required in the application as described in the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). Reviewers will award points based on the evaluation criteria described in the FOA and grants will be awarded based on the cumulative scores.

The HVRP grant has a three-year period of performance and is funded incrementally on an annual basis. In Program Year (PY) 2024, applicants could apply for up to $600,000 for the first year of the project's operation in PY24. Applications could not exceed this amount. Applicants then could receive subsequent increments in PYs 2025 and 2026, receiving up to a total of $1,800,000 over the three-year period of performance.

Q2: Does NVTAC send out a notification to their mailing list when the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is released?

A2: Yes! The [PY25 HVRP FOA Forecasted Opportunity](#) is available. You can subscribe to receive notifications when changes are made to the Forecast and when the Synopsis (Announcement) is released by clicking on the red "Subscribe" button on that webpage. The National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) will also send an email to our mailing list when the FOA is released.

Q3: What are the financial parameters of this grant? Specifically, is funding provided as a lump sum or reimbursed to the grantee?

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Q4: If an organization is awarded in the next grant cycle, will that be the first time there is an HVRP grant recipient operating in Washington?

A4: No, Washington had previous HVRP grant recipients. Under the PY25 HVRP FOA, all WA counties are available for service delivery.

Q5: Is there a match requirement?

A5: This program does not require cost sharing or matching funds.

Q6: How many HVRP grants are expected to be awarded in Washington, and at what funding level? What is the scope and minimum/maximum funding for each project?

A6: There is not a specific minimum or maximum amount of HVRP grants awarded per state. The scope and funding of each grant is determined by the applicant. When applying for HVRP, the applicant must provide a one-year budget that cannot exceed an amount specified in the FOA in total costs (direct and indirect) that supports the targeted population and the service delivery area(s). If selected, the awardee will be provided funding based on this one-year budget. Other than defining a maximum amount that may be requested per year, there is no predetermined amount allowed per grant recipient.

Q7: Is this a competitive grant? Are there only a specific number of awards allotted per Continuum of Care (CoC)?

A7: HVRP is a competitive federal grant.

There is not a specific limitation on the number of awards that can be made per CoC. However, the Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (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.

DOL/VETS maintains a map of every Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC served by current HVRP grant recipients and calculates the saturation level as follows: total number of HVRP planned enrollments in the CoC divided by the most recent HUD PIT count for the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC. 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 homeless for the CoC. Applicants proposing to serve areas that have a high level of saturation must explain why there is unmet demand in their application.

Q8: Do I have to submit multiple grants for each state I intend to provide services in?

A8: An organization can propose to serve veterans in any number of states/territories in the **Abstract** form, but their one-year budget cannot exceed an amount specified in the FOA in total costs (direct and indirect) that supports the targeted population and their proposed service delivery area(s) (SDA). The organization will need to identify each state or territory in which the grant will operate, as well as relevant counties, parishes, independent cities, [1] and/or Native American tribal areas. Conversely, an organization could submit multiple applications for SDAs that are under saturated if they justify the need.

Q9: Do the slides provided to attendees include hyperlinks?

A9: Yes! The presentation slides provided to attendees do include hyperlinks to the websites discussed during the session. Slides are also accessible on NVTAC's website: Archived Outreach Sessions – National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (nvtac.org).

Q10: Is technical assistance available to organizations considering applying for HVRP?

A10: NVTAC provides training and technical assistance to current HVRP grant recipients only to assist them in establishing and operating successful grants. Technical assistance through NVTAC is not available to prospective applicants nor to current grant recipients on how to complete their FOA application.

Prior to FOA being released potential applicants can reach out to the state Director for Veterans' Employment and Training (DVET) for information on the service delivery area and prior grant recipients in the state. The NVTAC Outreach Coach can provide an overview of HVRP, FOA requirements, and resources. Neither the DVET nor NVTAC can assist with completing the FOA application. Once the PY25 FOA is released, a prospective applicant should email all technical questions to HVRPFOA@dol.gov.

Q11: When is the HVRP application cycle open?

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[1] County, parish, or independent cities are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's County and County Equivalent Entities tables found in the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Federal Information Processing Series (ANSI and FIPS Codes) at the United States Census Bureau.