

Rural Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the HVRP Information Session intended for rural organizations held on September 25, 2024. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q: What kinds of organizations can apply for the HVRP grant?

A: Historically, the following organizations have been eligible to apply for HVRP: 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 (SWDB/LWDB) established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), faith-based organizations, other state and local government agencies.

The Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is a notice of the availability of grant funds and contains all the information needed to apply. The FOA will specify organizations that are eligible to apply for funding under that particular announcement. Prospective applicants should confirm their organization meets the eligibility requirements in the current FOA under which they are applying.

Q: Can a group of organizations apply and receive funding together?

A: No. 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 (SF)-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.

Applicants may propose in their application under the project and budget narrative that they plan to have a partner classified as a contractor or subrecipient. Guidance in determining the categorization may be found at [2 C.F.R. 200.331](#). The applicant/recipient is responsible for determining a partner's classification as a contractor or subrecipient, if applicable. The applicant should describe and categorize the proposed partnerships in their project narrative.

Q: If you propose to serve more than one geographical area, should you submit separate applications for each area?

A: It is not required to submit separate applications for each geographic area you intend to serve. For example, an organization can propose to serve veterans in up to four states in the *Abstract* form of a single application. However, their one-year budget cannot exceed an amount specified in the FOA in total costs (direct and indirect) that supports the targeted population and the 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, and/or Native American tribal areas. Conversely, an organization could submit multiple applications for SDAs that are under-saturated if they justify the need.

Q: If you are in an area that already has HVRP service providers, but also has a very large number of veterans experiencing homelessness, could this still be considered an area in need?

A: The Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL/VETS) is committed to ensuring the most effective distribution of HVRP funds to maximize the number of veterans experiencing homelessness served through the program. 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (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 Point in Time (PIT) count for the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC.

Depending on this data, it could be possible that a low saturation level still exists in an area with active HVRP grant recipients if the planned enrollments do not provide adequate coverage of the homeless veteran population. The applicant can explain why there is an unmet demand in their Statement of Need. Regardless, applicants are responsible for reporting if their application will result in duplication of services in an area served by an active HVRP grant.

Q: Can the [SDA Saturation Map](#) be used as a source of data to prove the level of need in an HVRP application?

A: Yes. DOL/VETS will compare an applicant's proposed SDA(s) and planned enrollments with participants served by an active grant in the same area. Applicants should reference the [SDA Saturation Map](#) for current HVRP grants and their SDAs to ensure no duplication of service.

Q: Is it a good or bad sign that there are no HVRP providers in my area? Does it mean there is not a level of need, or that no one has applied to be awarded a grant yet?

A: Having no HVRP providers currently present in your area is neither a good nor bad sign and could mean many different things. To confirm whether you have an HVRP provider near you, you can utilize the [Find a Grantee Map](#).

To determine if there is a current level of need for HVRP services in your area, you can consult the [SDA Saturation Map](#). As mentioned above, this tool calculates the saturation level as follows: total number of HVRP planned enrollments in the CoC divided by the most recent HUD point-in-time (PIT) count for the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC. DOL/VETS also recognizes that the PIT count data may be outdated, does not account for the at risk of homelessness population, and/or may not fully account for the seasonality of homelessness, so other data sources to support the level of need are encouraged. Examples of other data sources are the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Domiciliary/Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program housing data or Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)/HUD data in the local area.