



National Veterans'
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Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session

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Today's Presenter



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Role of the Outreach Coach

- Work with the NVTAC Data Analyst to identify regions with high populations of homeless and at-risk veterans not currently served by an HVRP grant
- Educate underserved regions about the services and benefits of HVRP
- Inform communities of the HVRP grant recipients in their area and how to collaborate with them

NVTAC Overview

NVTAC Role (1 of 2)

- Provide technical assistance designed to increase grant recipients' ability to establish and operate successful HVRP grants
- Support HVRP grant recipients throughout their period of performance to ensure that challenges are resolved quickly
- Provide effective training and peer-to-peer learning opportunities that result in increased knowledge and adoption of innovative practices among HVRP programs nationwide

NVTAC Role (2 of 2)

- Provide technical expertise to federal staff to assist in policy development in support of program oversight and strategic planning for the future of HVRP
- Quantify grantees' customer satisfaction and share promising practices and lessons learned

HVRP Overview

HVRP Overview (1 of 2)

- What is HVRP?
 - A job-focused federal grant
- Who funds HVRP?
 - U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL/VETS)
- How long does HVRP funding last?
 - The grant lasts for three years, with funding provided yearly. All start-up, implementation and follow-up activities are included in this time.
- Why HVRP?
 - To provide veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness with the training and tools they need to build successful careers

Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) Sections 2021, 2021A, and 2023 and the Public Law under which fiscal year (FY) 2024 funding is appropriated for this program

HVRP Overview (2 of 2)

- Provide career exploration, training, and supportive services to veterans at risk of or experiencing homelessness, helping them find good jobs with livable wages in stable, high-demand fields
- Build strong partnerships between public, private, and nonprofit organizations that work with or employ veterans experiencing homelessness. This helps deliver equitable services to marginalized veterans to overcome barriers to employment

HVRP Umbrella

- HVRP includes three specific programs:
 - Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)
 - Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program (IVTP)
 - Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children (HWVHWC)

HVRP Core Services (1 of 4)

- **Knowledge of Population:** Understand the unique needs of the veterans in their area and tailor services to those needs
- **Outreach, Recruitment, and Engagement:** Use a flexible and non-threatening approach to meet veterans where they are. Outreach also includes activities to engage partners and employers
- **Intake:** Screen potential participants to (a) determine eligibility; (b) provide the veteran with program information; and (c) select appropriate participants for program enrollment

HVRP Core Services (2 of 4)

- **Assessment:** Collect information on the participant's education level, employment history, barriers to employment (i.e., skill deficits), service needs, and strengths
- **Case Management:** Offer client-centered services designed to address barriers and develop employment plans, ensure access to training and supportive services, connect participants with high-quality career opportunities, and provide continued support before and after job placement

HVRP Core Services (3 of 4)

- **Job-Driven Training (JDT):** Provide training that is targeted to the specific industries, occupations, and skills that are in demand locally
- **Placement:** Assist participants to become employed based on their employment goals either through direct service, referrals, or the participant themselves

HVRP Core Services (4 of 4)

- **Collaboration:** Partner with public and private partners to provide supportive services and access to housing
- **Retention and Follow-Up:** Provide ongoing support to track participant outcomes and promote job retention

HVRP Participant Eligibility

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To qualify for HVRP services, an individual must:

1. Meet the definition of a “veteran;” **and**
2. Meet the definition of “homeless” or “at risk of homelessness”

HVRP Participant Eligibility: Veteran

- Eligible participants must be a “veteran,” which is a person who served in the United States Armed Forces with at least one day of federal active duty
- More information on the veteran definition can be found in [38 U.S.C. 101.](#)

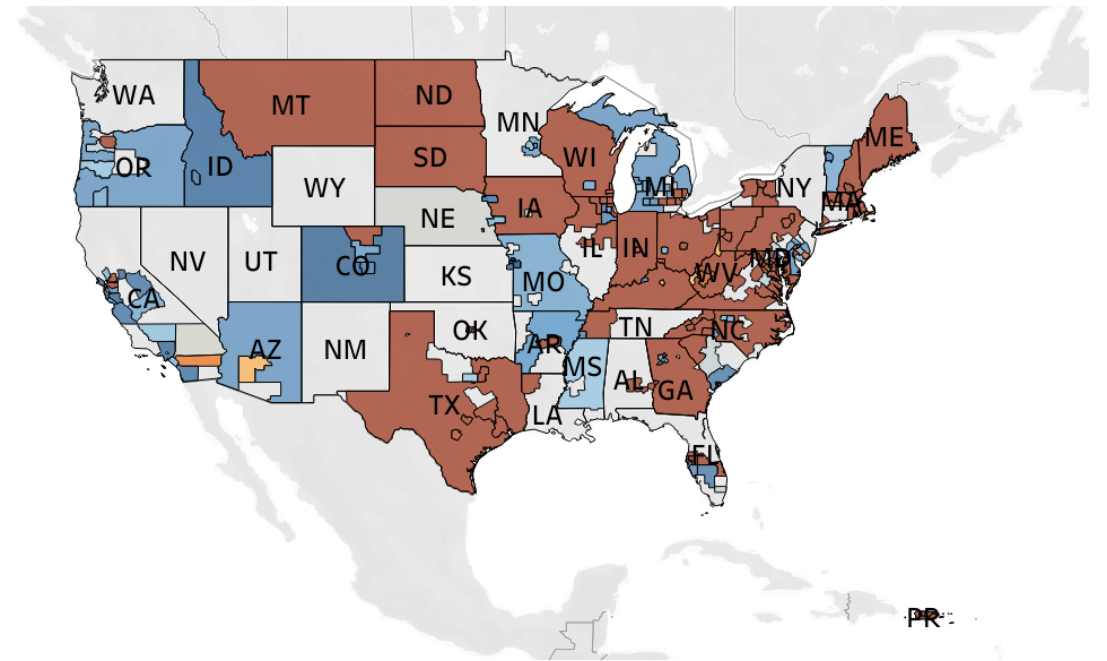
HVRP Participant Eligibility: Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness

- Veterans served by HVRP include:
 - Veterans experiencing homelessness as defined in the [Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing \(HEARTH\) Act of 2009](#)
 - Veterans at risk of homelessness
 - Veterans participating in a partner program
 - Veterans who are returning home from jail or prison
 - Formerly incarcerated veterans who are at risk of homelessness

Want to Become an HVRP Grant Recipient?

Identify Regions in Need

- [HVRP Service Delivery Area Saturation Map and Service Gap Map](#)
- Use the map and data tables to identify Continuum of Care (CoC) with homeless veterans in need of HVRP services



Scope of Need

- One [national study of Veterans Treatment Court \(VTC\) participants](#) found that "a history of incarceration predicted poor criminal justice, housing, and employment outcomes." Findings highlighted the importance of employment services for VTC participants so that they can benefit from the diversion process.
- [The Brennan Center](#) found that:
 - "45 percent of formerly imprisoned people are unemployed during the entire year following their release."
 - "When work is secured, it is often temporary, part-time, and low paying."
 - Unemployment is cyclical, further reducing opportunities to advance skills, gain experience, and form connections with employers.
 - "Over the course of a lifetime, cumulative earnings losses reach nearly \$100,000 for the average person with a conviction."

Application Process

HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

- What?
 - The FOA announces the availability of grant funds and contains all the information needed to apply
- Where?
 - [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
- When?
 - During the first quarter of the year (January – April)

Eligible Applicants

Historically, the following organizations have been 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 (SWDBs/LWDBs) established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Faith-based organizations
- Other state and local government agencies

(Section III.A of the 2024 FOA)

Participant Support Costs

- Provided to assist the HVRP participant in overcoming barriers to employment and finding and maintaining employment
- Examples of historically allowable participant support costs:
 - Transportation
 - Uniforms/Work attire/Work-related tools
 - Books/Fees/Supplies for job-driven training
 - Fees for employment and training applications, tests, and certifications
 - Automobile repair
 - Child care/Dependent care assistance
 - Housing assistance
 - Other reasonable and necessary costs

(Section IV.B.2.a of the FOA)

How to Prepare

- Read the [2024 FOA](#)
 - Released January 29, 2024
 - Closed March 11, 2024
- Reach us at contact@nvtac.org to join our mailing list and receive updates on:
 - The 2024 Bidder's Conference
 - The 2025 Prospective Applicant Webinar

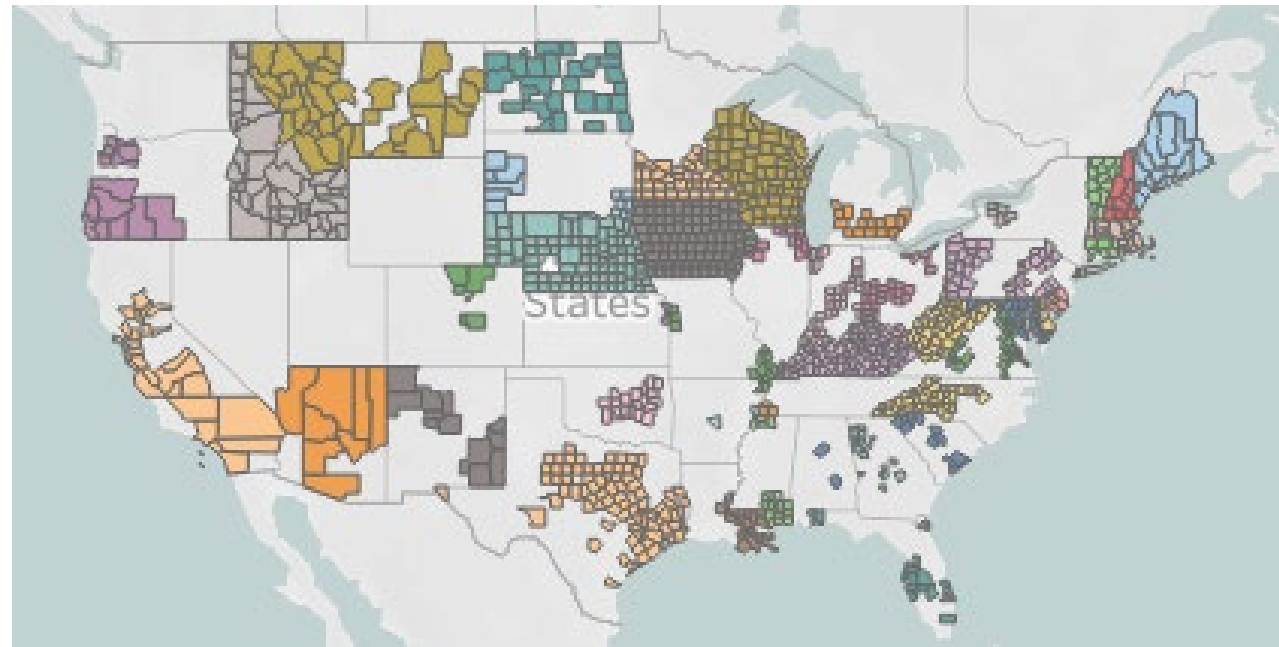
Want to Collaborate With a Current HVRP Grant Recipient?

HVRP and Collaboration

- HVRP grant recipients are encouraged to collaborate with other organizations to support their participants
- Collaboration with other resource providers enhances the effectiveness of employment services and improves job retention
- Partnerships provide access to job training, counseling, housing, transportation, childcare, health services, etc.
- Working with a variety of resource providers ensures services are well coordinated

How to Find an HVRP Near You

- [Active HVRP Grants Map](#)
 - Search for an HVRP by state, county, or Continuum of Care (CoC)
 - Find contact information for each grant



Want to Spread the Word?

How to Spread the Word

- [HVRP Outreach Flyer](#)
- Refer interested organizations to the NVTAC outreach coach!

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HOMELESS VETERANS' REINTEGRATION PROGRAM (HVRP)

NATIONAL VETERANS' TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (NVTAC)

HVRP is a competitive grant administered by the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS) focused on employment for homeless veterans.

Funding Opportunity
HVRP grants will provide each awardee a maximum of \$600,000 annually for up to three years, for a total of \$1.8 million.

Why Apply?

- ▶ Provide career exploration, training, placement and supportive services to veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- ▶ Empower veterans to secure jobs in stable, high-demand occupations paying livable wages.
- ▶ Join a network of organizations nationwide committed to reducing homelessness among veterans by assisting them in overcoming obstacles to reenter the workforce successfully.

Required Core Services

- ▶ Knowledge of the Population
- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Assessment & Intake
- ▶ Case Management
- ▶ Job Driven Training & Placement
- ▶ Collaboration

Where do we need HVRP?
View the [2024 Service Delivery Area Saturation Map](#) to see areas where grant recipients are needed the most.

Support for HVRP Recipients
NVTAC is funded by DOL VETS to provide training and technical assistance to HVRP recipients. To learn more about NVTAC's services, visit www.nvtac.org.

 Scan here to learn more about HVRP

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Questions?

Thank you!

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