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Veterans Benefits Administration

Veteran and Spouse Transitional Assistance
Grant Program (VSTAGP)

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Veteran and Spouse Transitional Assistance Grant Program

Provides grants to eligible organizations that offer transition services to former members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses. These services include employment-based resources, resume assistance, interview training, job recruitment, and other tools to facilitate a successful transition.



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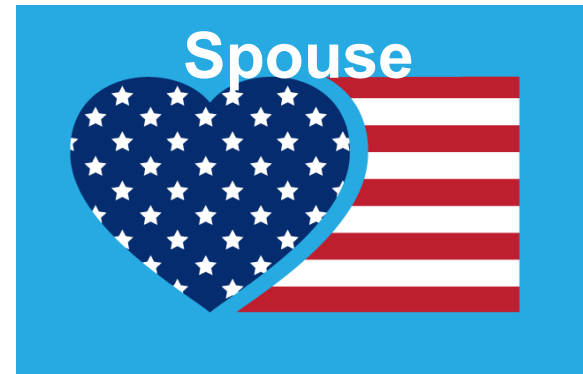
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Eligible Participants

Participants served by this program include former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are separated, retired, or discharged and their spouses.



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Key Laws and Regulations

Public Law 116-315, Section 4304

- Grants for provision of transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces after separation, retirement, or discharge published on May 13, 2024.
- [Public Law 116-315](#)
- [Veteran and Spouse Transitional Assistance Grant Program \(va.gov\)](#)

38 C.F.R. Part 80

- Became effective June 12, 2024.
- Sections 80.1 through 80.17 establish rules and guidelines for the new grant program.
- [38 C.F.R. Part 80 — Veteran and Spouse Transitional Assistance Grant Program](#)



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Eligible Award Recipient Organizations

Eligible recipient means one of the following:

- State government;
- County government;
- Local government;
- Institution of Higher Education;
- Indian/Native American Tribal government (federally recognized);
- Nonprofit organization; or
- Faith-based organization.



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Application Journey: Submission to Recommendation



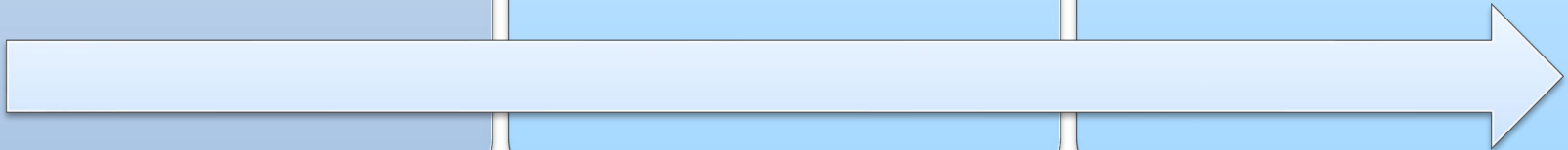
65 Applications
Received by Closing
8/23/24
>\$23M Requested



38 Applications
Advanced to Panel Review
9/3/24
>\$15M Requested



13 Applications
Recommended for Funding
\$5M



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Evaluation Criteria

A comprehensive assessment framework that identifies key strengths and areas for improvement, ensuring well-informed recommendations across the following categories:

- **Statement of Need:** Alignment of the project with identified needs and strategic objectives.
- **Project Design:** Effectiveness and innovation in the project's structure and approach.
- **Organizational, Administrative, and Fiscal Capacity:** Proven capability to manage resources and deliver results.
- **Past Performance and Programmatic Capability:** Track record of successful project execution and impact.
- **Budget and Budget Narrative:** Financial soundness and justification of resource allocation.



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Award Selection Process Framework

VA will only score **complete** applications received from eligible applicants by the deadline established in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Additional factors for selecting applications:

- (a) Applicant's performance on prior award.
- (b) Applicant's fiscal integrity.
- (c) Priority preference: Priority preference will be given to organizations that either provide multiple forms of services or are located in a State with high rates of unemployment among Veterans and other economic factors.
- (d) Risk assessment evaluation.



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13 Recipient Organizations

No.	Applicant	Application Number	Congressional District	State	City
1	University Of Massachusetts	VSTAGP2024000017	MA-003	MA	Lowell
2	Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board	VSTAGP2024000022	MA-009	MA	New Bedford
3	The Commit Foundation	VSTAGP2024000028	MT-001	MT	Bozeman
4	Jewish Vocational Service	VSTAGP2024000046	CA-030	CA	Los Angeles
5	Corporate America Supports You	VSTAGP2024000035	FL-019	FL	Ft. Myers
6	JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY	VSTAGP2024000055	AL-003	AL	Jacksonville
7	American Corporate Partners	VSTAGP2024000021	NY-012	NY	NYC
8	The Houston Launch Pad	VSTAGP2024000011	TX-22	TX	Houston
9	Orange County United Way	VSTAGP2024000034	CA-47	CA	Irvine
10	Operation Stand Down Tennessee	VSTAGP2024000042	TN-007	TN	Nashville
11	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	VSTAGP2024000056	CA-051	CA	San Diego
12	OPERATION STAND DOWN RHODE ISLAND	VSTAGP2024000025	RI-002	RI	Johnston
13	Kansas City Scholars Inc.	VSTAGP2024000045	MO-05	MO	Kansas City



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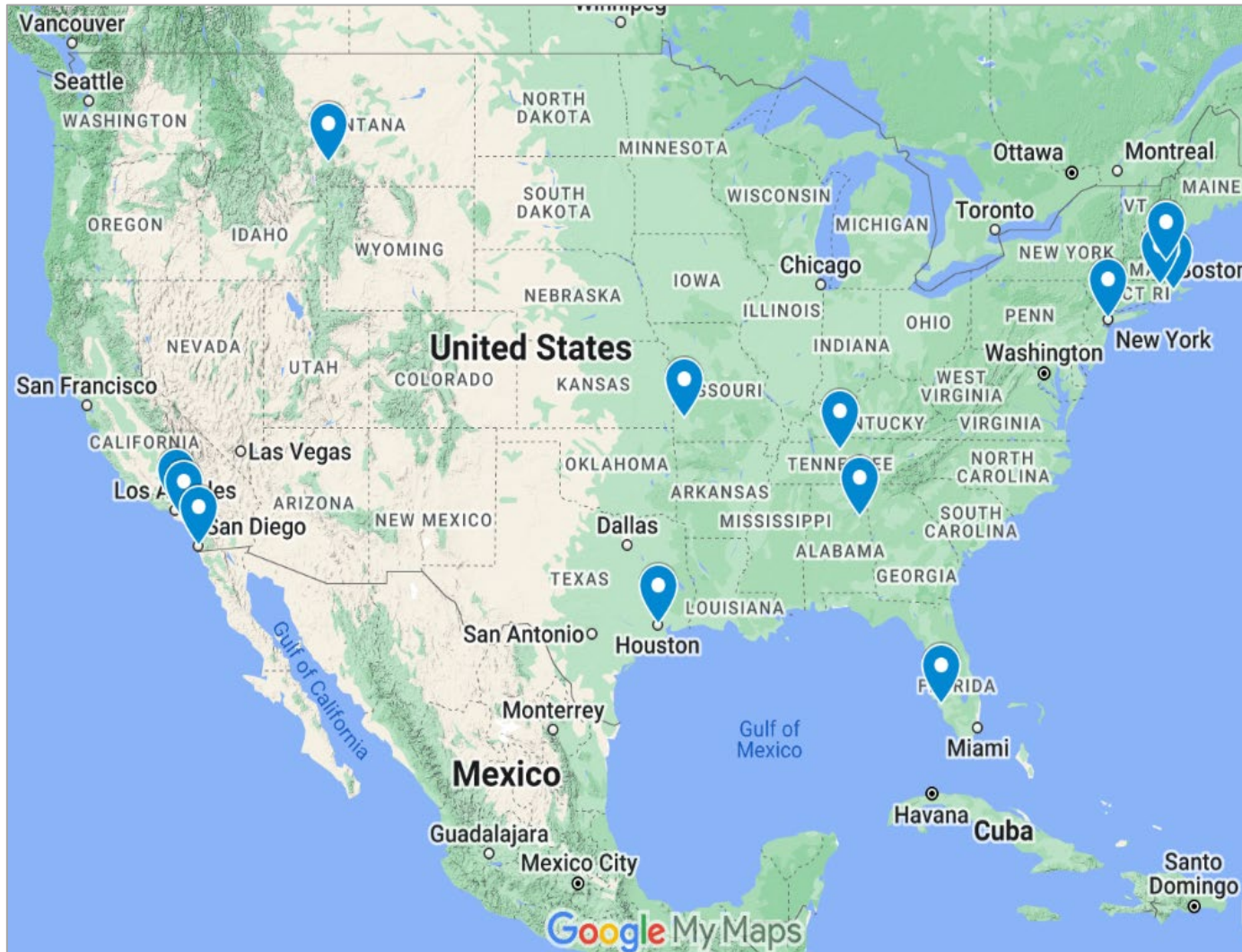
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Visualizing Our 13 Recipient Locations



Recipient Locations

- 1 Lowell, MA
- 2 New Bedford, MA
- 3 Bozeman, MT
- 4 Los Angeles, CA
- 5 Fort Myers, FL
- 6 Jacksonville, AL
- 7 New York, NY
- 8 Houston, TX
- 9 Irvine, CA
- 10 Nashville, TN
- 11 San Diego, CA
- 12 Johnston, RI
- 13 Kansas City, MO



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Stand-Up Period Key Activities

Establish Awardee Administrative Framework

- Define and implement processes for effective awardee management and engagement.

Administrative and Program Performance Standards

- Outline benchmarks and expectations to ensure operational efficiency and program success.

Develop Financial and Performance Reporting Protocols

- Establish guidelines for accurate and timely financial tracking and performance evaluations.

Conduct Comprehensive Program Evaluation

- Initiate a review process to assess the program's effectiveness, ensuring alignment with objectives.

Launch Veteran and Spouse Enrollment

- Begin the enrollment campaign for Veterans and their spouses in the 2nd Quarter of FY 2025.



Questions?



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