

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Bidders' Conference December 9 and 17, 2024 Questions and Answers (Q&A)

***Disclaimer:** These questions and answers are based off historical Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) guidance. Using information from past FOAs is an excellent starting point when preparing to apply for the current HVRP grant. The 2025 FOA will have complete and up-to-date information. Please review the 2025 FOA in length before applying.*

Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the HVRP Bidders' Conference held on December 9, 2024, and December 17, 2024. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Questions and Answers

Applying

1. *Q: When is the HVRP application open?*

A: Historically, the FOA is posted to [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) in the first quarter of each year (often between January and April) to announce the availability of grant funds and open the application cycle. For instance, the 2024 FOA was posted on January 29, 2024, and closed on March 11, 2024. Prior to this, [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) may provide a forecast for when the FOA is expected to be posted. The [PY25 HVRP FOA Forecasted Opportunity](#) is available now.

2. *Q: If you plan to serve multiple areas, do you need to 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 multiple 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 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, and/or Native American tribal areas. Conversely, an organization could submit multiple applications for SDAs that are undersaturated if they justify the need.

3. *Q: Can an organization that has existing federal grant programs apply for HVRP?*

A: Yes! Having other federal grants or taking other federal funds does not prevent an organization from applying for or receiving the HVRP grant. HVRP has some grant

recipients that are also VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant recipients.

4. *Q: Is the award ceiling for one year of HVRP funding or the entire three-year Period of Performance (PoP)?*

A: When applying for the HVRP grant, the award ceiling is based on one year of funding. Applicants may apply for up to a certain amount specified in the FOA under which they are applying for the first year of the project's operation. Applications must not exceed this amount.

5. *Q: Can two organizations apply together as co-applicants?*

A: 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.

The Uniform Guidance stipulates that the classification of a subrecipient must be based on function and substance per the criteria outlined in 2 C.F.R. 200.331. A subrecipient may not earn or keep any profit resulting from federal financial assistance unless explicitly authorized by the terms and conditions of the federal award, per 2 C.F.R. 200.400(g). The HVRP terms and conditions do not authorize recipients or subrecipients to earn or keep a profit. A recipient is responsible for ensuring a subrecipient's services exclude profit.

6. *Q: Is there a past performance threshold an applicant must meet to be eligible?*

A: For detailed information on past performance requirements, please refer to the 2025 FOA's eligibility criteria upon release.

7. *Q: If you are a relatively new organization and have only received smaller grants, are you eligible to apply?*

A: If you meet the applicant eligibility criteria as defined in the 2025 FOA, you are eligible to apply for HVRP even as a newer organization.

8. *Q: How do you chart past performance if you are a new applicant?*

A: For detailed information on past performance requirements, please refer to the 2025 FOA's criteria upon release.

9. *Q: If a current HVRP grant is nearing the end of the grant award, are they eligible to reapply for the same service area with a new application and narrative?*

A: Yes! Current HVRP grant recipients in the final year of their PoP may reapply for the same SDA in the program year (PY) 2025 application process.

10. *Q: Can for-profit organizations apply?*

A: Historically, for-profit organizations have been eligible to apply for HVRP.

Saturation and Active Grant Maps

11. *Q: Is there a list of current HVRP grant recipients?*

A: Yes. NVTAC maintains an [Active HVRP Grant Map](#) on the NVTAC website that offers information about all current HVRP grant recipients who are providing services through June 30, 2025. You can search for a grant recipient near you by state, county, or Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC).

There may be a grant recipient currently servicing your potential SDA, but that SDA may be available if that grant recipient's Period of Performance (PoP) concludes this year, or that geographic area allows for more than one HVRP grant recipient before reaching a high level of saturation.

12. *Q: Where can the Saturation Map be found?*

A: The [SDA Saturation Map](#) can be found on the DOL/VETS HVRP webpage. The PY 2025 FOA version of the Saturation Map will be posted once the FOA is released.

13. *Q: On the Saturation Map, Nevada is grayed out. What does this mean in terms of eligibility to apply for the HVRP grant?*

A: The gray coloring on the Saturation Map indicates that an area has no HVRP grant recipients providing services in that location. Nevada does not currently have any active HVRP grant recipients and is therefore gray. Organizations that meet the eligibility requirements listed within the FOA in undersaturated areas are encouraged to apply.

14. *Q: If there is a current grant recipient in my area, how do I determine the saturation ratio and if there is a need for an additional grant recipient?*

A: DOL/VETS calculates the CoC 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 exceed the estimated population of veterans experiencing homelessness. The applicant can explain why there is an unmet demand in their Statement of Need.

15. *Q: We are an SSVF program that covers 17 rural counties in three states. In looking at the HVRP coverage map, all the counties we serve are lacking HVRP coverage. If we applied for this grant, would we be able to provide coverage in all 17 of our supported counties in 3 states?*

A: An organization can propose to serve veterans in any number of states/territories in the Abstract form, but the one-year budget cannot exceed an amount specified in the 2025 FOA in total costs (direct and indirect) that supports the targeted population and their proposed 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.

Miscellaneous

16. *Q: Are staff salaries an allowable expense?*

A: Yes, staff salaries are an allowable expense. During the HVRP application process, the applicant will propose a Budget Narrative that includes personnel costs. This will include staff positions and titles, responsibilities, annual salary, etc.

17. *Q: Would HVRP pay for shelter services or housing? For example, would grant recipients be able to have dedicated beds in the shelter so case management can work with them?*

A: HVRP is an employment-focused grant program. A participant support cost should be reasonable and necessary to enable a participant to take part in services and activities related to the employment plan.

HVRP funds may be used for housing, but only for eligible participants who meet the definition of a veteran who is transitioning from certain institutions in accordance with [38 U.S.C. § 2023](#). HVRP recipients should promote equity in the pursuit for housing solutions for these eligible participants. Grant recipients expending HVRP funds for housing assistance (an allowable cost only for a veteran who is transitioning from certain institutions) must exhaust other housing options before identifying grant funds for this purpose. Additionally, the use of grant funds for housing assistance is limited to 90 days, and the amount of assistance must meet the test of rent reasonableness. For more information on historically allowable participant support costs, including housing costs for veterans transitioning from certain institutions, visit [Veterans' Program Letter \(VPL\) 06-24](#).

18. *Q: Are there any stipulations regarding working with sex offenders?*

A: No, there are no specific restrictions prohibiting HVRP grant recipients from working with individuals with sex offense convictions. Grant recipients are expected to adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and address any safety or programmatic considerations.

19. Q: Is the HVRP de minimis rate changing to 15 percent?

A: The applicable de minimis rate will be listed in the 2025 FOA with full details on indirect costs.

20. Q: If a veteran needs an eye exam and glasses to see to work, is this covered under the HVRP grant?

A: The use of a participant support cost is determined on an individual basis, and the grant recipient is required to have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) describing the justification of the cost to the HVRP program, how costs will be documented, and the procedures for issuing payment. See Section IX., Participant Support Costs of [VPL 06-24](#) for more details.

Participant support costs support the reintegration of enrolled HVRP participants back into the labor force. The expenses must be reasonable and necessary to enable an individual to participate in a training program, and a grant recipient must have an SOP in place for expending funds on such costs.

21. Q: Does NVTAC send out a notification to their mailing list when the FOA is released?

A: Yes! The [PY25 HVRP FOA Forecasted Opportunity](#) is available now. 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. NVTAC will also send an email to our mailing list when the FOA is released. Please email nvtac@dol.gov to be added to the mailing list.