

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information

Session: Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the HVRP Information Session intended for organizations serving Alaska held on May 21, 2025. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q1: In the past, has Alaska had an HVRP? If so, what agency facilitated the program?

A1: No, Alaska has not had an HVRP grant recipient.

Q2: What housing services does HVRP help with?

A2: HVRP is an employment-focused grant, but HVRP funds may be used for housing in limited circumstances, with specific requirements, and for a specific category of veterans as described below.

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](#). 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 such as those offered by penal institutions, community-based housing providers, or other housing assistance options before identifying grant funds for this purpose. This must be documented in the participant case file. 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. To meet this test and to be able to pay a landlord up to 90 days of reasonable rent, the applicant must secure at least three (3) samples of rent for housing units located in the specific community and zip code of the desired housing that meet the needs of eligible veterans transitioning from certain institutions. If the veteran can obtain housing by any other means, such as through other federal or state programs, then HVRP grant funds cannot be used for such housing assistance. Grant recipients must have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on the use of expending HVRP funds on housing costs for veterans transitioning from certain institutions. Grant recipients expending HVRP funds on housing costs must meet all these requirements. For full details on housing costs for veterans transitioning from certain institutions, please see [Veterans' Program Letter \(VPL\) 06-24](#).

Additionally, the Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL/VETS) recognizes that housing is a critical element for successful reintegration into the workforce. HVRP grant recipients are expected to have a plan for supportive services that includes a housing strategy to house or rapidly connect veterans to housing through various community resources.