

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session: Wednesday, June 18, 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 Wyoming held on June 18, 2025. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q1: Does a grant application include all three programs, or can you apply for just one of the programs?

A1: The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL/VETS) funds grants that target three population categories referred to collectively as the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP):

- Category 1: HVRP includes applicants who propose to serve veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Under this category, applicants may serve populations eligible under all three categories.
- Category 2: Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program (HWVHVWC) includes applicants that want to use 100 percent of their grant funding to serve homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, which is defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(4).
- Category 3: Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program (IVTP) includes applicants that want to use 100 percent of their grant funding to serve the following populations:
 - Veterans described in 38 U.S.C. § 2023(d) who are transitioning from certain institutions or any other veterans who are transitioning from being incarcerated, meaning they are scheduled to be released from incarceration or an institution within 18 months (at the time of enrollment in HVRP).
 - Veterans recently released (within the last 18 months from the date of HVRP enrollment) from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness.

Applicants must identify if an application is in Grant Type Category 1 (HVRP), Category 2 (HWVHVWC), or Category 3 (IVTP). The application will be reviewed under Category 1 (HVRP) if an applicant does not explicitly identify a category in the application.



Q2: What is the email address organizations can contact to get on NVTAC's mailing list and receive updates on upcoming events intended for prospective applicants?

A2: <u>nvtac@dol.gov</u>

Q3: Is there a guideline on budgeting and what the HVRP grant will and will not cover?

A3: The Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) provides information on requirements for the budget, allowable or unallowable expenses, and how the budget will be scored. VPL 06-24: HVRP Requirements and Functions provides guidance on all mandatory HVRP requirements and functions for HVRP grant recipients on allowable and unallowable expenses. For more information on developing a grant budget, please consider watching our microlearning on the Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources – National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center. The scoring requirements for the Budget section varies year by year.

Q4: How long does a single grant application cover?

A4: A single grant application is applicable solely to the HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for which the applicant submits their application. The Period of Performance (PoP) for each HVRP award is 36 months. The next opportunity to apply is through the Program Year (PY) 2026 HVRP FOA. The PoP for those grants is expected to be July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. All start-up, implementation, and follow-up activities are included in this time, to include grant closeout activities that occur after the PoP concludes. Currently, each recipient must complete an application for additional funding for the follow-on years of the PoP.

Year 2: July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028 Year 3: July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2029

Q5: What is the average grant amount, especially for a place like Wyoming that does not currently have this program?

A5: Each HVRP FOA Forecast will specify the award ceiling and floor amounts. All applications must include a Budget Narrative detailing a one-year budget. All costs must be allocable to the proposed project and aligned with the number of veterans expected to be served during the grant period within the specified service delivery area(s). The Budget Narrative should be consistent with and directly support the activities, resources, staffing, and other elements described in the Project Narrative. For more information on developing a grant budget, please consider watching our microlearning on the Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources — National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center.

Q6: What is the minimum and maximum HVRP grant award?

A6: The minimum and maximum amount that each applicant may request for the first year of grant operation will be provided in the PY26 HVRP FOA Forecast when it is announced on Grants.gov. For example, the 2025 FOA had a maximum funding request of \$500,000 and a

minimum funding request of \$150,000 for the first year of grant operation. The funding levels have changed year by year, so please carefully read the FOA under which your organization is applying for this information, and in its entirety.

Q7: Is NVTAC able to assist with completing the grant application, specifically the budget?

A7: No. Neither NVTAC nor any DOL VETS staff can read, provide comments on, or otherwise assist with the creation of an organization's application for funding since it is a competitive grant. NVTAC does maintain a Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources page with supplementary videos to assist all interested organizations with completing various sections of the FOA, including the Budget Narrative.

Q8: Is there an announcement number in Grants.gov to search for the HVRP FOA?

A8: The PY26 HVRP FOA announcement number has not been created yet. For organizations interested in applying under the PY26 HVRP FOA, continually check Grants.gov for the PY26 HVRP FOA Forecasted Opportunity. Once the Forecast is available, 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. For additional information, please consider watching the Grants.gov microlearning Intro to Grants.gov – How to Search for a Federal Grant. NVTAC will also send an email to our mailing list when the PY26 HVRP FOA Forecasted Opportunity is released. Please subscribe to the NVTAC mailing list by contacting NVTAC@dol.gov.

Q9: Are members of the National Guard and Reserves eligible as a "veteran" under HVRP or do they have to have been federally deployed to qualify?

A9: Eligible participants must be a "veteran," which means a person who served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, or Reserve Component (National Guard or Reserve), who meets the following criteria:

- Received a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(18)); and
- At least one day of active duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(21)) to include time spent in basic training for active-duty members; or
- Federal active duty for National Guard and Reserve members (does not include inactive or active duty for training as defined in 38 U.S.C. §§ 101(22) and (23)); or
- Any period of inactive duty or active duty for training during which National Guard and Reserve members received a service-connected disability rating resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty (see 38 U.S.C. § 101(24)).

For more information on the definition of a "veteran" and required documentation, please see Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) 06-24.