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# Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session

# **Today's Presentation**



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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 organizations 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 in stable, high-demand fields
- Build strong partnerships between public, private, and nonprofit organizations that work with or employ veterans experiencing homelessness

### **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 (HWVHVWC)

# 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 nonthreatening 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.

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# 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?

### **Application Process**



HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

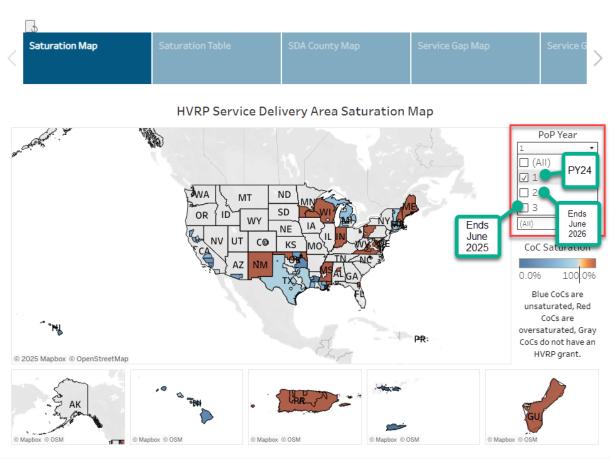
- What?
  - The FOA announces the availability of grant funds and contains all the information needed to apply
- Where?
  - grants.gov
- When?
  - During the first quarter of the year (January April)

# **Identify Regions in Need**



#### About the HVRP PY2024 SDA Saturation Map

Scope: All HVRP grants operating in program year 2024 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).



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Download table version of Service Delivery Area Saturation Map (XLSX)

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# Service Delivery Area (SDA) Saturation Map

- Utilize the Program Year (PY) 2024 map
- ➤ Identify Continuum of Care (CoC) with no or low saturation of HVRP grant recipients relative to the number of homeless veterans in need
- Saturation Microlearning

# **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 2025 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 2025 FOA
  - Released January 15, 2025
  - Closed March 17, 2025
- Reach us at <u>nvtac@dol.gov</u> to join our mailing list and receive updates on:
  - HVRP Information Sessions
  - The 2025 Bidder's Conference
  - The 2026 Prospective Applicant Webinar



# Want to Collaborate With a Current HVRP Grant Recipient?

### **HVRP** and Collaboration

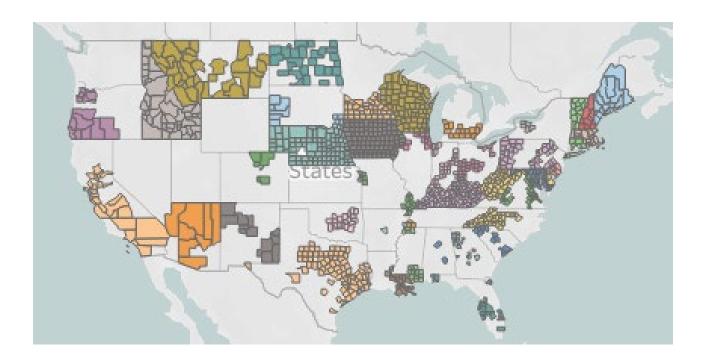


- HVRP grant recipients are encouraged to collaborate with other organizations to support their participants
- Collaboration with other resource providers enhances the effectiveness of employment services and improves job retention
- Partnerships provide access to job training, counseling, housing, transportation, child care, 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



- Refer interested organizations to the NVTAC Outreach Coach
- Request a meeting or presentation on HVRP
- Share information about HVRP among your network
- Invite colleagues and partners to attend <u>HVRP Information</u> Sessions

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# **Questions?**



# Thank you!

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