

Monthly Newsletter

June 2025



JUNE SPOTLIGHTS



**National Veterans'
Training Institute**
a DOL VETS Program



Upcoming Learning Opportunities with NVTI

Don't miss the upcoming **Indirect Cost 101 for Grant Recipients** webinar on **June 12, 2025, at 2:00 PM (Eastern)**. In this webinar, Emily Wen, Cost Accountant at DOL's Cost and Price Determination Division (CPDD), and Tamara Holland, Grant Management Specialist at DOL's Employment and Training Administration (ETA), review updates to the Uniform Guidance impacting indirect costs. They also review general information about indirect costs.

Add the webinar to your calendar (**6/12/25 @ 2:00-3:30 PM Eastern**) and on the day of the event select, [Join the webinar now.](#)

Plus, mark your calendar for three valuable courses being offered virtually this summer:

- 9617: Federal Grants Management for HVRP Recipients
 - 6/24/2025 – 6/27/2025
 - 9/23/2025 – 9/26/2025
- 9618: Providing Resume Writing Support
 - 7/16/2025
 - 8/14/2025
 - 9/17/2025
- 9612: Preventing and Healing Burnout in Veteran Service Providers
 - 8/6/2025
 - 9/18/2025

For more information about these classes, go to [Class Descriptions](#). To enroll in these classes, visit [Registering for NVTI Classes](#).

**The NVTI
Website**

**NVTI Class
Schedule**



National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC)

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)

Community of Practice (CoP)

Please join our NVTAC team on Thursday, June 26, 2025, from 3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. ET for our CoP session on Utilizing Strengths-Based Language. The June CoP will focus on the importance of HVRP staff using strengths-based language when working with HVRP participants. Strengths-based language means focusing on a participant's abilities, talents and potential, rather than deficits or problems. Please join us for practical applications for utilizing strength-based language.

Register Here



Prepare Now for VA Sign-In Changes in 2025

Big changes are coming to how Veterans [access their VA health and benefits online](#). Since January 31, 2025, signing in requires using either a Login.gov or ID.me account. The option to sign in with a My HealtheVet user ID and password is no longer available.

These updates are designed to keep your information secure while giving you easy access to the services you count on. Veterans Affairs (VA) websites and apps—including My HealtheVet, VA.gov, and the VA: Health and Benefits mobile app—will only accept Login.gov or ID.me for sign-in. The DS Logon sign-in method will also be removed after September 30, 2025.

We encourage all Veterans to [create their Login.gov or ID.me account](#) now and start using it. You'll still have access to all your usual services and information—just with a more secure sign-in.



Our Military Kids Expands Support to Children as Young as One

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, [Our Military Kids \(OMK\)](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org)—a national nonprofit that provides extracurricular activity scholarships to children of post-9/11, combat-injured or ill Veterans—has expanded its eligibility to include children as young as one year old. Now supporting ages 1–18, OMK helps fund activities like sports, music, tutoring, and camps.

Since its founding, OMK has awarded over 92,000 scholarships totaling \$34 million nationwide. By including younger children, OMK continues to foster community, confidence, and joy for military families.

Eligibility at a Glance:

- Child is 1–18 years old or not yet graduated high school
- Veteran has a 30% or higher disability rating (individual, not combined) from a post 911 deployment-related injury or illness
- Veteran is actively receiving treatment and has a provider who can verify the condition

How to Apply:

Visit <http://www.ourmilitarykids.org> to complete the online application and submit required documents. Grants are processed within two weeks, and families receive a welcome packet with the award and other goodies for their child.



Federal Bonding Program: Opening Doors for At-Risk Job Seekers

Since 1966, the U.S. Department of Labor's Federal Bonding Program (FBP) has helped remove hiring barriers for "at-risk" job seekers by providing free fidelity bonds to employers. These bonds cover the first six months of employment, protecting businesses against losses due to fraudulent or dishonest acts of the bonded employee—at no cost to the employer or job seeker.

FBP supports individuals with barriers to employment, including justice-involved citizens, those in recovery, welfare recipients, people with poor credit, economically disadvantaged individuals, and those dishonorably discharged from the military.

How It Works:

- Each bond covers \$5,000 with no deductible
- Applies to any job, in any state, for full- or part-time employees
- No applications, paperwork, or follow-up required

Over 56,500 job placements have been made through FBP, helping thousands of employers in industries like healthcare, construction, retail, and manufacturing hire candidates they may otherwise overlook.

For more information or to get involved, visit [The Federal Bonding Program website](#) or click on the buttons below for more specific resources and information.

For Employers

**Forms and
Toolkit**

**Job
Seekers**



WorkforceGPS Reentry Employment Opportunities Community

Looking to strengthen your reentry employment programs? The WorkforceGPS [Reentry Employment Opportunities \(REO\) Community](#) is a go-to resource hub, designed to support practitioners who are committed to transforming lives and building better futures for individuals with justice-involved backgrounds.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA), [WorkforceGPS](#) is an online technical assistance platform connecting federal grantees, workforce professionals, educators, and business leaders with resources that promote effective, results-driven employment programs.

The REO Community equips workforce professionals with the tools and knowledge needed to support formerly incarcerated individuals as they transition back into the workforce. The site includes targeted information on Improving Program Practices, Supporting Transitions, Strengthening Partnerships, and Ensuring Sustainability.

You'll find valuable resources in areas such as education & training, employment retention & advancement, and program management with featured content including:

- [Pathway Home Grantee Worksheet](#)
- [Growth Opportunities Grantee Worksheet](#)
- [Developing REO Policies and Procedures](#)
- [REO Reporting Resources](#)

Visit [WorkforceGPS](#) to Get Started

NEWS UPDATES



Support for Veterans and Families with Special Needs

Caring for a loved one with special needs can be both rewarding and challenging. Fortunately, a wide range of VA, government, and community programs offer crucial support. VA benefits like [CHAMPVA](#), the [Spina Bifida Program](#), and the [Camp Lejeune Family Member Program](#) provide health care and compensation. Government services such as [TRICARE](#), [Exceptional Family Member Program](#), and [Supplemental Security Income](#) offer additional aid, while community organizations like [Easterseals](#), [Shriners Hospitals](#), and [Parent to Parent USA](#) deliver specialized services and peer support. Families are encouraged to explore available resources and connect with their State Department of Veterans Services or the [National Resource Directory](#) for more localized support.

View List of Resources

EVENTS



Stand Downs for Homeless Veterans

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, the Department of Labor (DOL), other government agencies and communitybased homeless service providers.

This noncompetitive grant is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to support one day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively.

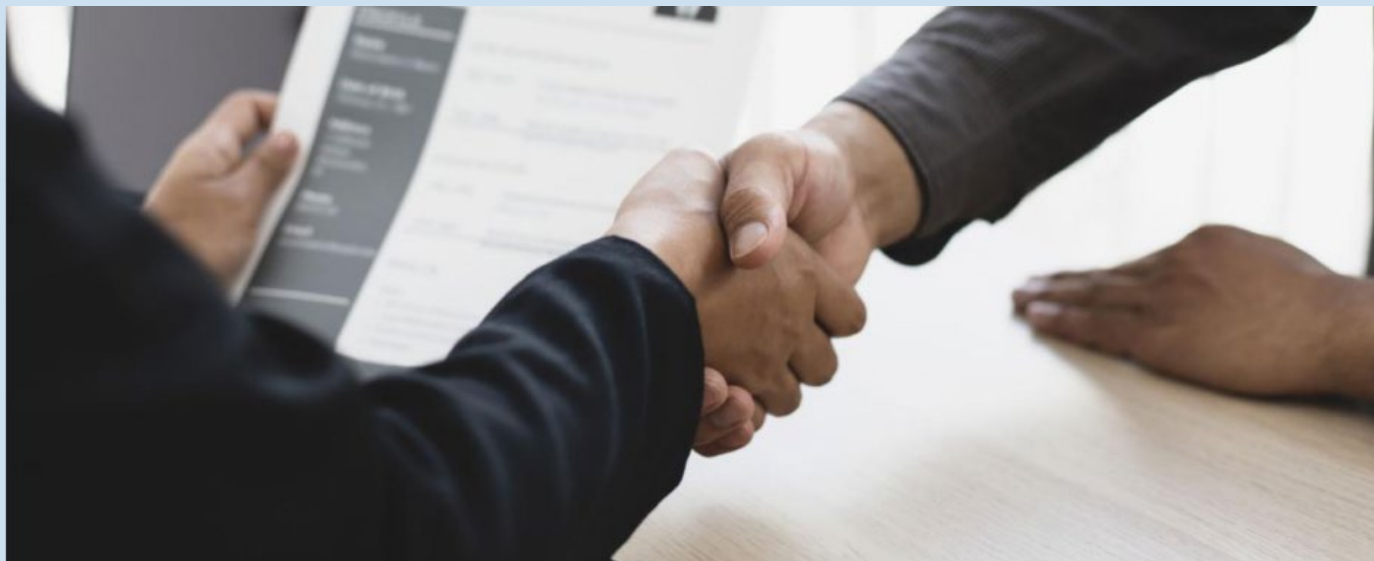
Eligible entities include:

- state workforce agencies,
- state and local workforce investment boards,
- veterans service organizations, and
- local public agencies and nonprofit organizations including community and faith-based organizations.

If you are interested in applying for a Stand Down grant, contact your VETS state director or follow the link on the [VETS HVRP homepage](#) to [Stand Down Grant Information](#).

Awarded Applicant	City	County	State	Project Congressional District	Event Date(s)
Veterans Inc., MA	Worcester	Worcester	MA	2	6/13/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	Goshen	Elkhart	IN	2	6/21/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	South Bend	St. Joseph	IN	2	7/12/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	LaPorte	LaPorte	IN	2	8/23/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	Valparaiso	Porter	IN	1	9/27/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	Plymouth	Marshall	IN	2	10/25/2025

SUCCESS STORY



Do you have a success story you would like to share? If you are a grantee who helped a veteran who is struggling with housing or employment, we would love to hear from you at nvtac@dol.gov.

Outreach at NVTAC

The NVTAC outreach coach is available to provide information, answer questions, and guide interested organizations through the process of getting involved with HVRP. If you know of organizations that could benefit from learning more about HVRP, you can refer them to NVTAC Outreach Coach Miranda Moffat at:

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