

# Monthly Newsletter

January 2025



## JANUARY SPOTLIGHTS



### HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement



### Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Available Now!

The Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Services (DOL/VETS) HVRP FOA is now available. HVRP is an employment-focused competitive grant program designed to give America's homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness the ability to reach their full employment potential and obtain high-quality career outcomes. If your organization has experience providing veteran and/or employment-related services, you may be interested in applying for this HVRP grant.

[View the HVRP FOA](#)

[HVRP FOA Flyer](#)

[HVRP FOA News Release](#)



## Prospective Applicant Webinar for the HVRP FOA

DOL/VETS and the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) are pleased to invite you to the Prospective Applicant Webinar for the 2025 HVRP FOA.

The Prospective Applicant Webinar will provide potential applicants with an overview of the HVRP program and elements of the FOA, including eligibility requirements, application process and deadlines, and FOA contact information. A recording of the webinar will be posted to the NVTAC website.

Session 1: **Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 2 p.m. ET.**

Session 2: **Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET.**

Registration links can be found below.

**Session 1  
Registration**

**Session 2  
Registration**

## RESOURCES



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



## Enhance Your Skills with NVTI's 9615: Logic Modeling to Strengthen Veterans' Programs

Looking to expand your skills in the new year? Did you know the National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) offers the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)- focused course [9615: Logic Modeling to Strengthen Veterans' Programs](#)? This course provides HVRP personnel with the critical thinking skills to align program actions with desired outcomes, evaluate grant projects, and consistently and effectively present their programs.

This two-and-a-half-day course is presented virtually on the following dates:

- February 4-6, 2025
- April 29-May 1, 2025

For information on how to register, visit [Registering for NVTI Classes](#). For a complete list of classes NVTI offers in the first half of 2025, go to [NVTI Class Schedule](#).

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## Free Yoga and Mindfulness Classes for Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in partnership with the nonprofit Veterans Yoga Project, offers free yoga and mindfulness classes to veterans nationwide, both in-person and online. These classes aim to improve veterans' mental, physical, and emotional health while addressing stress and pain management, with 72 percent of participants reporting reduced pain and 75 percent experiencing less distress. Delivered through VA medical centers or telehealth platforms, the initiative supports the VA's Whole Health approach, promoting personalized, whole-person care. By expanding access and fostering local partnerships, this collaboration empowers veterans to enhance resilience and well-being through over 100 weekly classes.

**Veterans Yoga Project  
Website**

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## Paws of War: New York, Florida, and North Carolina

Founded in 2014, Paws of War is a nonprofit based in New York, with chapters in Florida and North Carolina. Dedicated to helping veterans, active military members, and first responders, they “enrich their lives through the rescue and training of service dogs for independence, adoption of companion animals, rescue of overseas animals in war zones, and other essential services to assist our heroes in need.” Paws of War offers a range of programs, including service dog training, no cost mobile veterinary clinics, therapy dog program for veterans, emergency fosters for hospitalized veterans, and housing assistance for veterans with pets. For homeless veterans with emotional support or service animals, which often limits access to housing options, Paws of War finds short-term temporary or long-term homes. If animals are not permitted in a shelter, or the owner has other extenuating circumstances, they will foster the animal at their facility. Learn more about Paws of War and their vital programs, including their new Veteran Support Command Center, at the link below.

Paws of  
War

# NEWS UPDATES



# VA



## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

## Available Now: Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Funding Opportunity

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program is excited to announce that the Fiscal Year (FY) 26 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is now available. This grant opportunity is open to new applicants as well as existing grantees seeking to renew their grant. The principal goal of this NOFO is to seek entities that have the greatest capacity to end homelessness among Veterans or sustain gains made in ending homelessness among Veterans. Priority will be given to grantees who can demonstrate the adoption of evidence-based practices in their application. Information on the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found through the link below.

**Applications are due by Monday, March 3, 2025.** For questions, please reach out to [ssvf@va.gov](mailto:ssvf@va.gov).

[View SSVF NOFO Press Release](#)

[View SSVF NOFO](#)



## Key Trends in Veteran Suicide Prevention and Ongoing Efforts to Save Lives

The VA released its National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, providing a comprehensive analysis of veteran suicides from 2001 to 2022. The report highlighted key findings, including a 24.1 percent decrease in suicide rates for female veterans, a 19.1 percent reduction for veterans experiencing homelessness, and a decline in suicide rates for younger veterans (aged 18-34) by 3.8 percent. Veterans with mental health conditions also saw long-term reductions in suicide rates. The VA's suicide prevention efforts have expanded significantly, focusing on immediate support through initiatives like the Veterans Crisis Line and national awareness campaigns. The VA, along with the Biden-Harris Administration, remains committed to addressing veteran suicide through both clinical and community-based strategies. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough emphasized the critical priority of ending veteran suicide, noting that the VA will continue learning from these reports to improve care and save lives.

[Learn More](#)

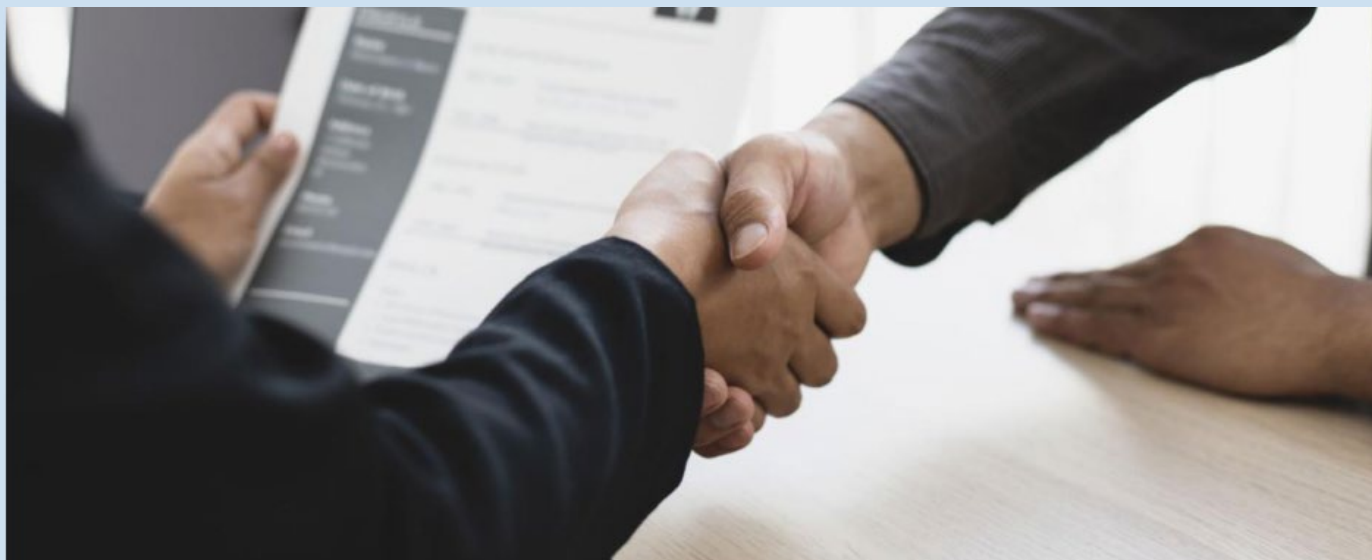


## Turning Informational Interviews Into Job Offers

The Master Class titled "Interview Genius: From Informational Interview to The Big Job Offer" will focus on helping veterans and spouses identify and capitalize on critical moments in the job hunt. The session will highlight the importance of casual conversations, informational interviews, and coded questions in securing job offers, especially for more senior roles. Participants will learn strategies to turn informal, online, and formal interviews into successful job offers. The event will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4 p.m. ET.

[Register Here](#)

# 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](mailto: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:

[Moffat.Miranda.M@dol.gov](mailto:Moffat.Miranda.M@dol.gov)  
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