

Monthly Newsletter

November 2025



NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Bidder's Conference



Rescheduled: Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Bidder's Conference for Program Year 2026

The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL/VETS) and the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) are pleased to invite you to a Bidders' Conference for the upcoming Program Year (PY) 2026 HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement.

HVRP is a competitive grant program of DOL/VETS that provides workforce development, employment services, and training to veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. If your organization has experience providing veteran and/or employment-related services, you may be interested in applying for an HVRP grant.

The Bidders' Conference will be led by NVTAC federally contracted staff and provide a comprehensive overview of the HVRP program, the types of organizations and partners that are often successful and steps your organization can take to prepare to submit a competitive application.

To accommodate everyone's busy schedule, two rescheduled sessions will be offered, covering the exact same information:

- December 10, 2025, 3 – 4 p.m. ET
- December 16, 2025, 2 – 3 p.m. ET

The recording, slides, and a questions and answers (Q&A) document will be available on the [NVTAC website](#) after the conference. Registration for each session can be found below. We are looking forward to your participation!

**December 10
Registration**

**December 16
Registration**

Please email <mailto:nvtac@dol.gov> at least five business days before the event to request alternate formats, sign language interpreters, or other reasonable accommodations. Note that DOL does not allow electronic/mechanical recording or transcription monitoring (AI bots) unless previously approved. If you have any questions, please contact us at nvtac@dol.gov. We look forward to partnering with you!



National Homeless Awareness Month

November is National Homeless Awareness Month, offering a valuable opportunity for HVRP grant recipients to elevate the visibility of the work you do every day. While you already understand the complexities of veteran homelessness better than anyone, this month brings increased public attention, cross-agency messaging, and momentum you can leverage to strengthen partnerships, outreach, and employer engagement.

Use this period of heightened awareness:

- Share success stories that highlight the effectiveness of HVRP services.
- Engage community partners who may be newly motivated to collaborate.

Helpful links to share:

- [DOL/VETS Homeless Veterans Programs](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) Homeless Programs](#)

As always, we want to recognize the extraordinary commitment you bring to this work. You are making a profound difference in the lives of veterans nationwide. Please continue to take care of yourselves as you care for others and know that we are deeply grateful for everything you do.



New PY25 Active HVRP Grants List Now Live on the NVTAC Website

NVTAC has released the updated [Active HVRP Grants](#) list for Program Year 2025. The newly published PY25 grant recipient spreadsheet is now available and has been placed at the top of the Active HVRP Grants page for easy access.

This update provides grant recipients, partners, and stakeholders with the most current information on awarded Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants, supporting transparency and assisting organizations in planning their program activities for the upcoming year.

Visit the [NVTAC website](#) to view the complete list and download the PY25 spreadsheet.

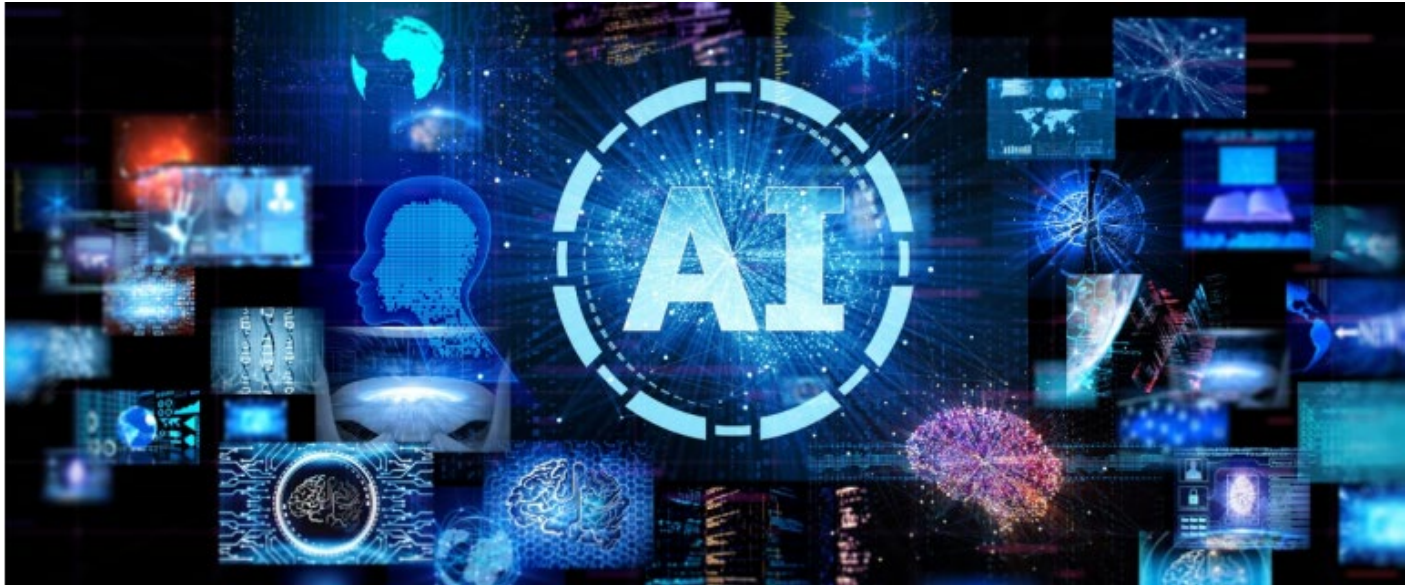


NVTAC HVRP Community of Practice (CoP)

Please join our NVTAC team on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET for December's CoP session. The December CoP will focus on HVRP: A Year in Review. There will be an opportunity at the end for questions.

[Register Here](#)

RESOURCES



Free Artificial Intelligence (AI) Training Opportunity for Veterans

[IBM SkillsBuild](#) is now offering free AI training, including guided learning experiences that lead to industry-recognized digital credentials. These courses are open to Veterans at any skill level — no prior tech experience required.

Through IBM's partnership with the VA, SkillsBuild provides veterans, spouses, caregivers, and dependents with access to high-quality learning in today's most in-demand fields. Participants can explore AI, data analytics, cybersecurity, project management, workplace readiness, résumé building, and more. Each learning path is designed to build toward real career opportunities in technology, business, and other growing sectors.

The new four-week guided learning experiences offer structured, hands-on content supported by expert resources — an ideal option for veterans looking to strengthen their skills quickly and earn stackable credentials that employers recognize.

How to Get Started

HVRP grant recipients can encourage Veterans to register directly through the VA's dedicated SkillsBuild enrollment page below.

**IBM SkillsBuild
Website**



VA Education Benefits Can Be Used for On-the Job Training (OJT) in Registered Apprenticeships

GI Bill benefits can be used for OJT in Registered Apprenticeships —not just traditional college programs. Both the Post-9/11 and Montgomery GI Bills offer monthly VA payments during training, which gradually decrease as wages increase. Participants also earn a salary from their employer and finish the program fully certified in their trade. (Note: the Montgomery GI Bill will sunset in 2030.)

What Types of Jobs Qualify?

Eligible positions must require at least six months of training, include at least 50% supervision, be full-time paid roles, and lead to an entry-level position. Veterans must be newly hired and have no prior experience in that occupation. Both private-sector employers and state/local government agencies may participate.

Employers Who Have Participated in Registered Apprenticeship Programs

A wide range of companies and agencies have previously offered OJT and apprenticeship opportunities, including Procter & Gamble, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Lockheed Martin Corp., Pirelli Tire Co., Cessna Aircraft, Bell South, Pratt & Whitney Engine Co., Gulfstream Aerospace, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, Department of Homeland Security, Departments of corrections, and numerous trade union apprenticeship programs.

For more information about veterans' education benefits, refer to the [VA Education and Training webpage](#).

NEWS UPDATES





Discharge Changes May Restore GI Bill Eligibility

The VA has announced that veterans discharged for refusing the Department of War's former COVID-19 vaccine mandate may now regain GI Bill education benefits. This follows a January [executive order](#) directing the military services to review and upgrade discharges for individuals separated solely for vaccine refusal.

The Department of War's review process has already [restored GI Bill eligibility for 899](#) veterans with thousands more potentially eligible as discharge upgrades continue. The VA has begun notifying veterans whose discharges have been updated and encourages others who were separated under the COVID-19 mandate to pursue a review.

What HVRP Grant Recipients Should Know:

- Veterans who believe their discharge was inaccurate or unjust can [request a review](#) through their service's Discharge Review Board or Board for Correction of Military or Naval Records.
- Once a status is officially upgraded to fully honorable, Veterans may [reapply for GI Bill education benefits](#) through VA.
- Additional VA education benefit information is available at <http://www.va.gov/education> or by calling 800-GI-BILL.



VA Achieves Highest Rate of Housing Homeless Veterans in Seven Years

The [VA reported](#) that it "permanently housed 51,936 homeless veterans" in FY 2025 — the highest number since the VA began tracking individual veterans housed. This reflects an increase of more than 4,000 veterans compared to last year and demonstrates continued progress using the updated methodology introduced in 2022.

A major driver of this year's gains was the [Getting Veterans Off the Street initiative](#), which helped more than 25,000 unsheltered veterans access interim or permanent housing, health care, and supportive services. These efforts complement ongoing national strategies to expand housing and strengthen services for homeless veterans.

Reminder for HVRP Grant Recipients:

Veterans currently residing in VA-funded housing are eligible for HVRP services.

Learn more about VA homeless programs at www.va.gov/homeless.



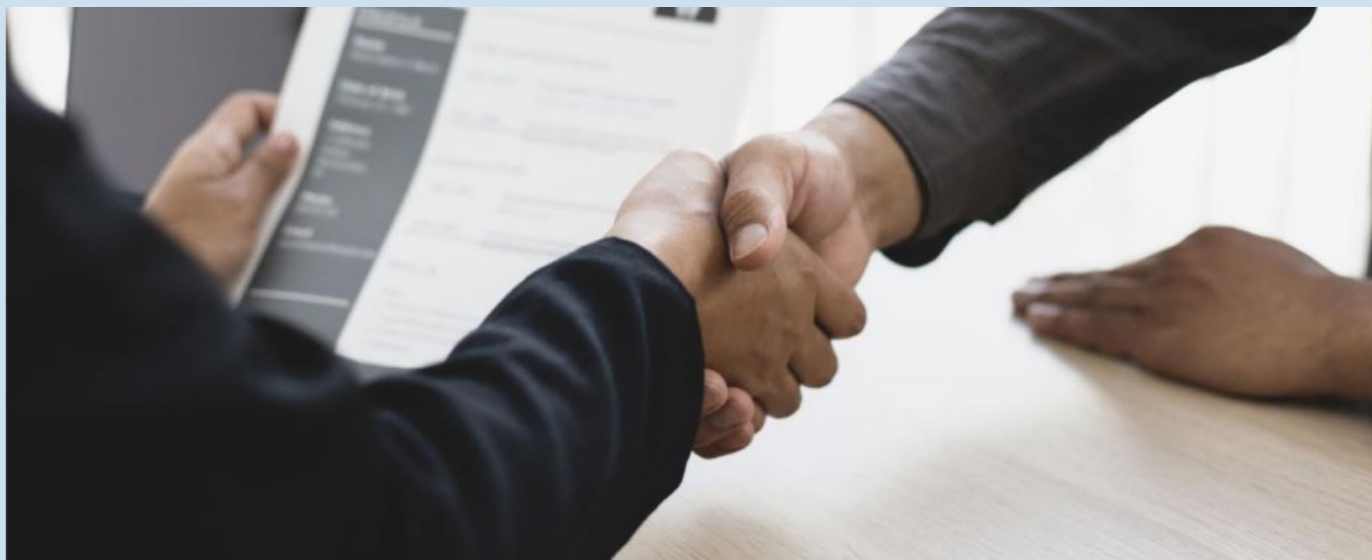
The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Announces Nearly \$4 Billion in FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) and Youth Homelessness Grants

HUD has released a \$3.9 billion funding opportunity under the [FY 2025 CoC Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#) (YHDP). HUD anticipates approximately 7,000 awards, ranging from \$2.5 million to \$25 million. **Applications are due January 14, 2026.**

The CoC Program supports community-wide efforts to end homelessness by funding rapid rehousing, supportive services, and access to mainstream benefits while promoting long-term stability and self-sufficiency. The YHDP helps communities implement coordinated strategies to prevent and end homelessness among youth ages 24 and under, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, tribal governments, and public housing authorities as outlined in [24 CFR 578.15](#). Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible.

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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