

Monthly Newsletter

September 2025



SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



Grants Announced to Support Homeless and At-Risk Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded more than [\\$818 million in grants](#) to 235 organizations nationwide to support veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

These grants, awarded through the VA's [Supportive Services for Veteran Families](#) (SSVF) program, will help local organizations provide case management and essential services throughout fiscal year 2026, including:

- Housing and housing counseling
- Health care access
- Financial planning services
- Childcare
- Legal assistance
- Transportation

The SSVF program helps veterans and their families by preventing the imminent loss of housing, identifying suitable housing options, and rapidly re-housing veterans who are experiencing homelessness. If you're not already connected with your local SSVF, we encourage HVRP grant recipients to locate their local SSVF announced in the FY26 SSVF Awards.

[Learn More About SSVF](#)



**National Veterans'
Training Institute**
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Sharpen Your Skills with National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) Courses

NVTI has a catalog of available courses through the end of September. NVTI's one-day, virtual courses on Career Coaching for Special Populations, provide a one-day opportunity to learn about serving different demographics of veterans to better assist them in the job search process or career change. [Register now to secure your spot!](#)

9619 Mission Ready: Coaching Veterans for Interview Success

This workshop-based course equips participants with essential skills and strategies to confidently coach clients navigating the modern interview landscape. Participants learn how to coach their clients to prepare for interviews, answer tough questions, and make a great impression. This course includes discussions, multimedia elements, hands-on practice, and real-time feedback. Upcoming session **September 24, 2025**.

9608: DVOP Specialist Core Competency Development

Sharpen your skills with NVTI's course. Designed for Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists yet beneficial to anyone who serves veterans, this training builds targeted outreach, effective communication, time-management, and strategic networking skills. With these skills, you'll be able to connect veterans to quality resources and employment opportunities. Upcoming session **September 23 - 26, 2025**.

**The NVTI
Website**

**NVTI Class
Schedule**



Community of Practice

National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Community of Practice (CoP)

Please join our NVTAC team on **Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET** for September's CoP session. The September CoP will focus on Homeless Veterans Community Employment Services (HVCES) with a guest presenter from the VA. There will be an opportunity at the end for questions.

[**Register Here**](#)



Federal Career Opportunities for Homeless and At-Risk Veterans

The VA encourages veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness to explore stable and rewarding careers in federal service through [USAJOBS.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov), the official hiring website of the U.S. Government.

Through USAJOBS, Veterans can:

- Search and apply for federal positions nationwide, including entry-level and transitional roles.
- Access detailed guidance on building and uploading resumes at the [USAJOBS Help Center](#).
- Find answers to common questions about the federal hiring process.

Importantly, veterans may qualify for [Veterans' Preference](#) and special hiring authorities, which give priority consideration for many federal positions. These programs are designed to recognize military service and to help veterans—including those who are homeless or at risk—secure meaningful employment and long-term stability.

Federal service offers competitive pay, benefits, and career advancement opportunities.



NVTAC Microlearnings: Best Practices for HVRP Grant Recipients

NVTAC offers ongoing [microlearning videos](#) designed to support HVRP grant recipients. These short, focused trainings highlight best practices, program management strategies, and the most up-to-date information from subject matter experts.

Featured Microlearnings:

- [Requesting a DD-214](#) – Guidance on obtaining military discharge papers
- [Reading a DD-214](#) – Key elements for determining HVRP eligibility
- [Using the HVRP Eligibility Tool](#) – Overview of the tool and guidance
- [HVRP Placement Strategies](#) – Approaches to help Veterans secure employment
- [Verification of Employment](#) – Tips, self-employment considerations, resources
- [Building and Maintaining Partnerships](#) – Strategies for strengthening collaboration with HVRP partner programs
- [VPL 06-24 Appendix](#) – Focuses on four definitions from the VPL 06-24 Appendix: veteran, homeless veteran, veteran at risk of homelessness, and transitioning from certain institutions.
- [Hiring an HVRP Case Manager](#) – Tips for hiring the right HVRP case managers.
- [Disaster Preparedness for Veteran Service Providers](#) – Resources and tips for disaster preparedness for veteran service providers.

NVTAC microlearnings are practical, concise, and designed to be applied immediately in your day-to-day work supporting veterans.



Training for Homeless Service Providers

Source: [Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

SQUARES Tool Expands Services

The VA's [Status Query and Response Exchange System \(SQUARES\)](#)—originally designed to verify veteran eligibility for housing support—now offers expanded access to suicide prevention, legal assistance, and health care services. SQUARES enables grantees and partners to quickly confirm veterans' status and connect those in crisis to critical resources.

Follow these steps to register for SQUARES:

[For Program Managers:](#)

1. Complete the online [SQUARES Training](#).
2. Register as a SQUARES Manager via the SQUARES website (use Chrome or Firefox; do not bookmark).
3. If your organization appears in the system, the process is streamlined. If not, you'll need a VA endorsement and to sign a Data Use Agreement.

[For Standard Users](#) (Staff needing access):

1. Ensure your organization has an active Program Manager.
2. Complete the training, then register using the Organization Key provided by your Manager.
3. Your access request will be routed to the Program Manager for approval.

Important Reminders:

- Use your work email when registering (no personal emails).
- Log into SQUARES at least once a month to maintain access; accounts inactive for 45 days may be deactivated.
- If you need support—such as adding multiple programs, resetting roles, or reactivating accounts—contact the [SQUARES Help Desk](#).

Register today and leverage SQUARES as a powerful tool to advance stable, supportive outcomes for Veterans you serve.

EVENTS



Stand Down Events



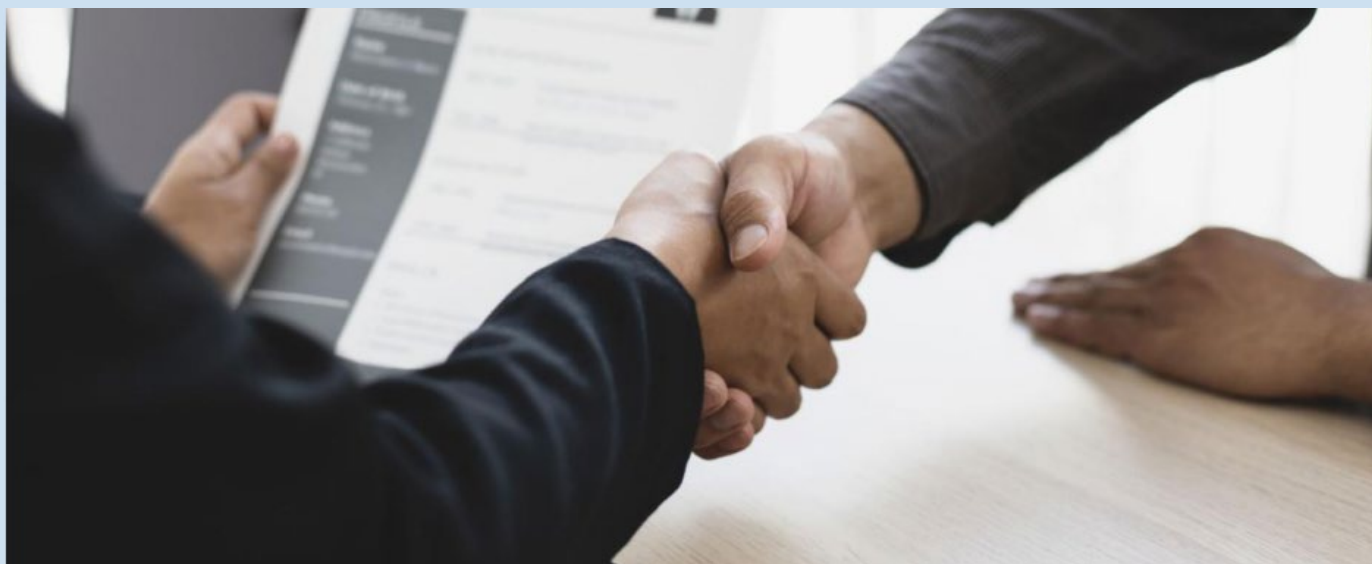
Stand Downs for Homeless Veterans

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 community-based homeless service providers.

Event Host	City	County	State	Event Date(s)
The Reveille Foundation	Eugene	Lane	OR	9/12/2025
A Home Is A Right (AHARI)	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA	9/13/2025
Crispus Attucks York	York	York	PA	9/17/2025

Harbor Homes, Inc.	Manchester	Hillsborough	NH	9/19/2025
New England Center and Home for Veterans (NECHV)	Boston	Suffolk	MA	9/19/2025
Annie B's Serenity Center	Odenton	Anne Arundel	MD	9/20/2025
Veterans Leadership Program (VPL) – Johnstown	Johnstown	Cambria	PA	9/20/2025
Clark County Veterans Assistance Center	Vancouver	Clark	WA	9/26/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	Valparaiso	Porter	IN	9/27/2025
Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK)	Bakersfield	Kern	CA	10/9/2025
Goodwill Industries of Central IL	Peoria	Peoria	IL	10/18/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	Plymouth	Marshall	IN	10/25/2025
Veterans Leadership Program (VPL) – Pittsburgh	Braddock	Allegheny	PA	10/25/2025
Veterans Leadership Program (VPL) – Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	PA	11/7/2025

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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