

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session: Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the HVRP Information Session intended for employment-related organizations held on July 23, 2025. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q1: When is the next time a prospective applicant could apply for HVRP? When would grants be awarded and the next cycle begin services?

A1: The [HVRP Grant Opportunity Forecast for Program Year \(PY\) 2026](#) was released on July 28, 2025. The estimated post date of the PY 2026 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is January 12, 2026. The estimated project start date of grants awarded in PY 2026 is July 1, 2026.

Q2: How are HVRP awardees selected? How can someone encourage agencies to apply for HVRP if there is a lack of services in the area?

A2: The U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL/VETS) has instituted procedures for assessing the technical merit of applications to provide for an objective review of applications and to assist applicants in understanding the standards against which an application will be judged. A technical merit review panel will carefully evaluate applications against the selection criteria to determine the merit of applications. These criteria are based on the policy goals, priorities, and emphases set forth in the FOA. The FOA, under which an agency applies, will include more information about the application review and selection process.

The [Service Delivery Area \(SDA\) Saturation Map](#) is a tool that can be used to determine if your Continuum of Care (CoC) has no or a low saturation of HVRP grant recipients relative to the number of homeless veterans in need. The [Active HVRP Grants Map](#) can be used to confirm whether there are any HVRP grant recipients near you. If you see a need for HVRP in your community, you can encourage agencies to apply for the grant by spreading awareness of HVRP's services and benefits among your colleagues, network, and partner agencies. There are many resources available for organizations interested in HVRP, including a [Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources page](#) and bi-weekly [HVRP Information Sessions](#). Organizations can reach out to NVTAC at nvtac@dol.gov to receive updates on the annual Bidder's Conference and Prospective Applicant Webinar.

Q3: Is the NVTAC Outreach Coach available to meet in person or video conference?

A3: The NVTAC Outreach Coach is available via email, phone, and video conference. Once the FOA is announced, all questions must be directed to HVRPFOA@dol.gov since HVRP is a competitive grant.

Q4: How does HVRP provide training to participants? Can HVRP pay for job training?

A4: HVRP grant recipients are required to provide participants with job-driven training (JDT), a core service of the program. Job-driven training is targeted to the specific industries, occupations, and skills that are in demand locally and align with the participant's employment goals. JDT for participants may be provided directly through the grant or provided through partnerships with an American Job Center (AJC) partner program, the GI Bill, Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E), State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) programs, VA Compensated Work Therapy (CWT), or other training providers. JDT must enable a participant to become employable or seek a higher grade of employment. Some examples of job training that may be provided to participants are on-the-job training (OJT); apprenticeships; customized job training, upgrading, or retraining; entrepreneurial or other work-based learning; and occupational skills training provided by the grant recipient or a third-party training provider.

HVRP can pay for job training. Participant support costs under HVRP may include, but are not limited to:

- Uniforms or other appropriate work attire and work-related tools or other related items necessary for training or employment;
- Assistance with books, fees, supplies, and other necessary items for JDT;
- Payments and fees for employment and training-related applications, tests, and certifications;
- Participant workplace accommodations that enable a participant to participate in employment, training, or education; and
- Other reasonable and necessary costs to assist the participant in overcoming a barrier to obtain or retain employment.

However, it is important to note that the use of a participant support cost is determined on an individual basis, must be reasonable and necessary to enable a participant to take part in services, should not duplicate a service a participant receives from another program, and must be in accordance with a grant recipient's approved project and budget narrative. As such, the training type and amount covered by individual HVRP grants may vary.

Q5: How can I identify HVRP grant recipients to partner with and invite to veteran events?

A5: You can find an HVRP near you using the [Active HVRP Grants Map](#), which allows you to search for an HVRP by state, county, or CoC and find contact information for each grant. While this map is in the process of being updated with new HVRP grant awards that began July 1, 2025, you can find information about [PY 2025 grant recipients](#) and [grants awarded in previous years that received continued funding](#) in the DOL press releases at dol.gov.