

## Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Bidders' Conference Questions and Answers (Q&A)

### Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the 2025 Bidders' Conference on December 10, 2025, and December 16, 2025. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

### Q&A

**Q1:** Will the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) be released on Jan 15, 2026? Or do you have estimated date on the release of the 2026 FOA?

**A1:** The FOA release date has not been finalized. According to the [Forecast](#), the estimated post date of the Program Year (PY) 2026 HVRP FOA is January 12, 2026.

**Q2:** Are participant wages an allowable expense? For example, paid job training and on-the-job training?

**A2:** HVRP grant funds may be used to pay participant wages. Examples of wage subsidies include on-the-job training (OJT), training and education costs for Registered Apprentices enrolled in Registered Apprenticeship programs, and/or transitional job (TJ) strategies. The participant must be involved in job training, and the expectation is for employers to hire them afterwards. Funds can cover job training wages for up to 90 days and can contribute up to half of the participant's wages, based on the county market wage for the service delivery area (SDA) county as shown in the Abstract (Attachment A).

**Q3:** Will you be highlighting in this webinar what requirements or program goals are new? Do you anticipate that there will be any new significant changes from the previous FOA?

**A3:** Everything discussed in the 2025 Bidders' Conference reflects historical information based on prior program years. When the PY2026 FOA is released, applicants must review the full FOA in its entirety and follow only the guidance contained in that document. Nothing in the Bidders' Conference presentation or materials replaces or overrides the requirements that will appear in the PY26 FOA.

NVTAC will host a Prospective Applicant Webinar (PAW) after the PY2026 HVRP FOA is released, which will discuss the requirements of the PY2026 FOA. Reach out to us at [nvtac@dol.gov](mailto:nvtac@dol.gov) to join our mailing list and receive updates on registration for the PAW.

**Q4:** If an agency has an existing HVRP grant award that hasn't reached the three-year term end yet, would we be allowed to apply again for grant funding in a different geographic area/region (for a separate project)?

**A4:** The number of HVRP grants an applicant has been awarded or the number of grants the applicant is actively operating is not included in the eligibility criteria under the FOA. If the entity meets the eligibility criteria set out in the FOA under which they are applying, the entity may apply.

**Q5:** Will the new FOA prohibit excessive grants to single organizations serving outside of their state?

**A5:** When the PY2026 FOA is released, applicants must review the full FOA in its entirety and follow only the guidance contained in that document.

**Q6:** If we are interested in providing services in more than one state, do we need to complete two separate proposals/budgets?

**A6:** It is not required to submit separate applications for each geographic area you intend to serve when those areas are in reasonable geographic proximity and the applicant can reasonably provide services across them. The organization will need to identify each state or territory and county/county equivalent in which the grant will operate. However, their one-year budget cannot exceed an amount specified in the FOA in total costs (direct and indirect) that supports the targeted population and the proposed SDAs.

**Q7:** In a training for my current HVRP grant, we were told that this new application cannot use any old documents. What does that mean?

**A7:** This means that organizations applying under the PY26 HVRP FOA should use only the attachments contained within the current FOA, and not those provided in previous years. For example, if you applied for the PY22 HVRP FOA, you should NOT submit the Chart of Past Performance from the PY22 HVRP FOA for the PY26 HVRP FOA. You must use the Chart of Past Performance specific to the PY26 HVRP FOA. Attachments to the FOA change each year, and applicants must use the attachments associated with the applicable FOA, which are uploaded with the FOA in Grants.gov

**Q8:** Is there a match requirement?

**A8:** No. HVRP does not require cost sharing or matching funds.

**Q9:** Is \$150,000 to \$500,000 for each year or for the total three-year period?

**A9:** The \$150,000 and \$500,000 amounts mentioned in the PY26 HVRP FOA Forecast are the award floor and ceiling that an applicant may request for the first year (12 months) of grant operation.

Each HVRP FOA will specify the award ceiling and floor amounts that may be requested for one year. The period of performance (PoP) for each HVRP award is 36 months. The next opportunity to apply is through the Program Year (PY) 2026 HVRP FOA. The PoP for those grants is expected to be July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. All start-up, implementation, and follow-up activities are included in this time, to include grant closeout activities that occur after the PoP concludes. Currently, each recipient must complete an application for additional funding for the follow-on years of the PoP.

Year 2: July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028

Year 3: July 1, 2028, through June 30, 2029

**Q10: If we had a previous risk assessment, how is that weighed in our application?**

A10: Historically the FOA has *requested* all applicants submit the Financial System Risk Assessment form as an attachment to their application for the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) to assess the applicant's financial system. This attachment does not impact the scoring of the application, but, depending on the severity of the findings and whether the findings were resolved, the Grant Officer may, at their discretion, elect not to fund the applicant for a grant award regardless of the applicant's score in the competition.

**Q11: Are veterans who are enrolled in Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) or Grant and Per Diem (GPD) able to participate in HVRP?**

A11: Yes. [Veterans' Program Letter \(VPL\) 06-24](#) specifically states that a person may qualify for HVRP services if the individual meets the HVRP definition of a veteran and is participating in partner services such as:

- HUD-VASH or Tribal HUD-VASH,
- Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, or
- **SSVF (Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) or Prevention).**

VPL 06-24 also states that, in general, the terms "homeless," "homeless individual," and "homeless person" includes: an individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing) (**includes participants of VA GPD program**).

**Q12: Are HVRP grant recipients required to provide one year of follow-up services for all enrolled veterans, even those that exited the program without employment?**

A12: HVRP grant recipients are not required to provide follow-up services for veterans who exited the program for reasons (i.e., illness, incarceration, personal choice) beyond employment.

According to [VPL 06-24](#), HVRP grant recipients must provide post-exit follow-up services to participants enrolled and placed during the current PoP, and for four quarters after exit (through the end of the PoP), to increase the participant's success in employment retention. Grant recipients are also responsible for follow-up tracking and reporting outcomes, which includes tracking and reporting outcomes for each participant exited into employment up to 12 months after they exit or until the end of the PoP.

**Q13: Are applicants with a current HVRP grant more likely to receive a new grant? Or less likely depending on previous performance?**

A13: Historically, past performance has been considered in the HVRP application review and selection process. For example, in the PY25 HVRP FOA, the Chart of Past Performance was worth up to 20 points. Performance measures and high-risk designations for previous HVRP grants will be considered.

Past performance is an important indicator of how successful an applicant will be when providing HVRP services. DOL/VETS considers past performance in the administration of a grant or cooperative agreement. Those applicants that have never been awarded a grant or cooperative agreement from any entity received zero points for this section. The award demonstrating past performance can be a federally or non-federally funded grant or cooperative agreement but not a contract.

**Q14: Where can we find VPLs 06-24, 04-24, and 02-25?**

A14: All active VETS policy, including the VPLs and Grant Officer's Memoranda (GO Memo), are available in the [Policy Guidance](#) section of the DOL/VETS website.

- [VPL 06-24](#)
- [VPL 04-24](#)
- [VPL 02-25](#)

**Q15: Is there a set minimum number of veterans you must enroll with the HVRP grant?**

A15: No. There is no stated minimum number of veterans that must be enrolled by HVRP each year. However, organizations must define numeric goals for performance indicators in their application, which includes the "number of participants enrolled." Applicants must propose performance goals, including how many veterans they will enroll and serve, that are realistic, programmatically aligned, and supported by current evidence about the extent of the need for services in the proposed SDA. These goals should also align with the resources requested in the proposed budget narrative and be supported by sound methods and strategies for accomplishing goals.

Q16: Is there a Planned Goals Chart for this opportunity?

A16: Historically, the HVRP FOA has included a required Planned Goals Chart. However, we cannot comment on the contents or requirements of the PY26 HVRP FOA, as it has not been released yet. Applicants must review the full FOA in its entirety and follow only the guidance contained in that document.

Q17: If we have a current HVRP grant in the third year, and want to reapply for another 3-year grant, would we be able to add an additional job developer? Right now, we have 3 case managers for 5 counties and 1 job developer.

A17: Yes. In the Project Budget/Budget Narrative, applicants will propose the personnel necessary to carry out the grant award. This includes a list of all staff positions by title (both current and proposed) and the roles and responsibilities as they pertain to the award.

The number of staff, their salaries, and time dedicated to the grant set forth in the Budget Narrative should be reasonable and necessary to carry out the proposed project and support the identified population and SDA. Applicants should also keep the cost per enrollment in mind when writing the Budget Narrative. Cost per enrollment will be calculated by dividing the total funding proposed for the entire PoP by the total number of participant enrollments planned for the PoP. This calculation assists in ensuring reasonable funding requests relative to the total planned participant enrollments referenced in the Statement of Need.