

**Program Year (PY) 2026 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration
Program (HVRP) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
Prospective Applicant Webinar: Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the PY 2026 HVRP FOA Prospective Applicant Webinar held on February 25, 2026. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q1: Can you please clarify what criteria will be used to determine if a job is “high paying” regarding participant wages?

A1: Grant recipients must have sound strategies for placing participants into unsubsidized employment in jobs that pay wages consistent with the relevant market, in line with [Executive Order 14278, Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future](#). The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics provides information on [Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics](#), which can be viewed by occupation and location. For more information, please see Section IV.C.3.iii of the FOA.

Q2: On FOA page 6, questions 1-8, can you please clarify if these questions are all related to ANY grant, or only to the HVRP award currently being implemented?

A2: Page 6 of the FOA does not list any questions. Please email HVRPFOA@dol.gov to clarify your question.

Q3: Is there a formula to help us to determine the cost per enrollment to stay within the range of \$1,000–\$4,000?

A3: Cost per Enrollment will be calculated by dividing the total funding proposed for the entire period of performance (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 *Abstract (tab 2 in Attachment A)*. For example, to receive 9 points, you must have at least 125 participant enrollments to justify a \$500,000 grant request. If the saturation of your service delivery area (SDA) cannot support 125 enrollments, you should request less annual funding. For more information, please see Section IV.C.2 of the FOA.

Q4: If there are American Job Centers (AJC) within the 50-mile radius but not in our SDA, is it required to submit letters for them? Is one letter reflecting all the AJCs acceptable?

A4: Applicants are not required to submit letters of support from AJCs outside of their proposed SDA.

However, all applicants should provide a requested letter of support from an AJC located within the Continuum(s) of Care (CoC) in your SDA. **If your SDA encompasses multiple AJCs, you should provide a separate AJC letter for each AJC.**

Please see Section IV.C.3.iv or Section IV.D.2.c of the FOA for more information on the requested AJC Letter of Support.

Q5: VETS-704 Abstract Tab 3 requires names of each AJC within 50 miles. We have 19 within 50 miles. For attachments, do we need to submit a letter of support from all 19 AJCs, or just the main AJC we work with?

A5: For the VETS-704 *Abstract (tab 3 in Attachment A)*, the instructions are to enter all Comprehensive AJCs within 50 miles of the service address city/cities, as listed in Tab 1 of the *Abstract*. If 9 of those 19 AJCs are Affiliate AJCs, you only need to list the 10 Comprehensive AJCs in Tab 3 of the *Abstract*. Per Section IV.C.3.iv of the FOA, to score the 1 point, the applicant should provide evidence of partnership with the AJC(s) listed in *Abstract (tab 3 in Attachment A)*, by contacting each AJC in your SDA(s) as soon as possible to obtain a requested Letter of Support. The AJC Letter of Support should be dated within 12 months from the FOA publication date. Per the FOA, you should provide a letter from each AJC located within the CoC(s) in your SDA to validate your ability to partner with this agency.

As stated in Q4, applicants should provide a requested letter of support from an AJC located within the CoC(s) in your SDA. **If your SDA encompasses multiple AJCs, you should provide a separate AJC letter for each AJC.** Please see Section IV.C.3.iv or Section IV.D.2.c of the FOA for more information on the requested AJC Letter of Support.

Q6: Should the total budget amounts in each of the three years be the same? Can the detail in each year be different, as year 1 has startup and years 2 and 3 have cost of living adjustments (COLAs)?

A6: No, in the *Abstract (tab 1 in Attachment A)*, applicants may request different amounts as long as each year's amount is between the threshold of \$150,000 and \$500,000. For more information, please see Section IV.C.1.a of the FOA.

Note that the SF-424, SF-424A, and Budget Narrative must include the federal grant amount requested for the *first year only* of the PoP. Failure to provide the same annual funding amounts in the separate and distinct parts of your FOA application will impact scoring in the Project Budget section.

Q7: Considering a planning period of two or three months, if we develop a Registered Apprenticeship Program, it will take at least an additional year. Is it possible for the activity to extend beyond the fiscal year?

A7: Once awarded, an HVRP grant recipient must provide the [core services](#) required under HVRP and adhere to HVRP's policies, applicable regulations, and statutes. An HVRP grant recipient can provide job training in-house, through partner organizations, or through the local AJC. However, HVRP participants cannot be mandated to enter a certain apprenticeship or training program. Grant staff use a veteran-centered approach to develop Individual Employment Plans (IEP) and help participants secure employment that aligns with the participant's job goals. This award is for 36 months with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2026, and an end date of June 30, 2029; it is a three-year period of performance.

Q8: We are in Illinois as an HVRP provider, but Illinois is not listed on the SDA Map. Why?

A8: The HVRP FOA [PY26 SDA Saturation Map](#) shows all HVRP grants operating in program year 2026 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). HVRP grants with a period of performance ending on June 30, 2026, are not included in this map.

Q9: How should leveraged resources be shown in the Budget Narrative Template since line items in the budget template are asking for costs that will be charged to HVRP?

A9: The Budget Narrative Template (Attachment B) includes a section (cell 191) to provide a description of leveraged resources. In the Leveraged Resources section, describe how the project will leverage resources by coordinating with other local, state, and national organizations, as well as supportive service and training programs, including job-driven training opportunities and Registered Apprenticeships, to help HVRP participants overcome barriers to employment.

See Section IV.B.1 of the PY26 HVRP FOA for more information on including leveraged resources in the Budget Narrative.

Q10: Are there any limitations on the number of subawards/contracts an application can include? Or is the lead applicant required to be able to provide all services?

A10: HVRP grant recipients are required to provide their participants with several core services, including job training, job placement assistance, and case management that encompasses career coaching and soft skills training. To achieve this, HVRP grant recipients may work with external organizations. For example, job training may be provided in-house, through partner organizations, or the local American Job Center.

HVRP also allows subrecipients. According to the PY26 HVRP FOA, the term "contract" is defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 and means, for the purpose of federal financial assistance, a legal instrument by which a recipient or subrecipient conducts procurement transactions under a federal award. "Contractor" means an entity that receives a contract. "Subaward" means an

award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to contribute to the goals and objectives of the project by carrying out part of the federal award received by the pass-through entity. Applicants must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors and sub-awardees perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their legal agreement. For additional guidance, refer to 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318– 200.327 on Procurement Standards and 2 C.F.R. § 200.332 on Subrecipient Monitoring and Management. For more information, please see Section IV.B.1 of the FOA.

Q11: If we propose to serve multiple SDAs, do we need to have multiple applications?

A11: 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, the 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.

Please keep in mind that applicants must also maintain one or more physical locations within a 50 continuous driving mile radius of each county/county equivalent in their proposed SDA. DOL/VETS recognizes that leasing multiple physical sites may not be fiscally practical for all awarded grant recipients. Instead, grant recipients may fulfill this requirement through co-location with designated partner service providers at low- or no-cost agreements, such as arrangements with the AJC or locations funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant. For more information, please see Section IV.C.1.a of the FOA.

Q12: If an entity is an existing grantee with remaining years of service, should the amounts for those renewal awards be included in the cap, or does the \$1,000,000 only apply to new awards under this FOA?

A12: The funding range per award under the PY26 HVRP FOA is \$150,000 – \$500,000 annually and up to \$1,500,000 for the three-year period of performance. The DOL/VETS award limit of \$1,000,000 annually per organization only applies to new awards made under the current FOA. For more information, please see Section II.C.2 of the FOA.

Q13: The FOA states that the Project Narrative should include section headers. “Statement of Need” is one of the headers included in the Project Narrative section. However, under Statement of Need, the instructions refer to Tabs 1–3 in Attachment A. Should all the information provided in Tabs 1–3 of Attachment A also be included in the Project Narrative? I want to verify what information is required in the Needs section of the Project Narrative.

A13: In Section IV.C, the Project Narrative, the Statement of Need and Expected Outcomes and Outputs are completed in VETS-704 Attachment A, tabs 1–4. The narrative section begins with Project Design in Section IV.C.3. This section is limited to 25 double-spaced single-sided

8.5 x 11-inch pages with Times New Roman 12-point font and 1-inch margins and must include the section headers listed in the PY26 HVRP FOA. Attachment A is part of the Project Narrative. The applicant should ensure that the information in Attachment A, Tabs 1–3 is reflected throughout the Project Design, which is also part of the Project Narrative. For more information, please see Section IV.C of the FOA.

Q14: If we have an active grant that expires in 2027, are there actions we need to take to renew this program year?

A14: If your current HVRP grant expires in 2027, your grant PoP is July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027, unless otherwise noted. To “renew” this grant, you will need to reapply under the PY27 HVRP FOA. The HVRP grant has a 36-month PoP, which is incrementally funded on an annual basis at the beginning of each PY. Grant recipients receive the first year of funding at the time of award, and VETS issues funding for years 2 and 3 through the Incremental Funding amendment application process in GrantSolutions. Grant recipients requesting funds for years 2 or 3 of their grant, must submit an Incremental Funding amendment application in accordance with [Grant Officer’s Memorandum \(GO Memo\) 01-26](#).

Please note that 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. In other words, having a current HVRP grant does not exclude you from applying for additional HVRP grants to cover a new SDA.

Q15: Two counties we are currently serving are 8 to 10 miles over the 50-mile radius; however, they represent less than 1 percent of the number of persons served. Can we include these counties in our SDA without being disqualified?

A15: VETS requires HVRP awardees to maintain one or more physical locations within a 50 continuous driving mile radius of each county in their proposed SDA. If a proposed service delivery county is outside this radius, you’ll need to either add more physical locations to meet the 50-mile requirement or remove the SDA from your proposal. **Counties that are more than 50 continuous driving miles away from the physical location address(es) listed in the Abstract and that make up 50 percent or more of the planned yearly enrollment will cause your application to be disqualified.**

Based on this policy, your application would not be disqualified, but if awarded, you would have 45 days to establish a service address within 50 miles of those two counties; otherwise, those counties will be removed from your SDA. For more information, please see Section II.C.1.a of the FOA.

Q16: Can an applicant proposing co-location with a designated service provider do so with a nonprofit agency or employment partner, or does it have to be with an AJC or SSVF provider only?

A16: Applicants for the PY26 HVRP FOA are not limited to an AJC or SSVF provider when proposing co-location. Grant recipients that utilize co-location must provide services at that physical location at least once a month. VETS staff will verify compliance by confirming that grant staff are physically present and providing services at the addresses listed in the VETS-704 (*Abstract*) during on-site reviews and in the grant recipient's VETS Grantee Reporting System (VGRS) quarterly performance reports in the Narrative module, where they can explain the grant's achievements and activities. For more information, please see Section II.C.1.a of the FOA.

Q17: Provide a list of required attachments.

A17: Section VI of the FOA provides a checklist that serves as a guide when preparing your application package to ensure your application meets all the screening criteria and contains all required items. Applications that do not meet all the requirements in the table will not move forward through the merit review process or be considered for an award.

Section IV.D.1 of the FOA provides detailed instructions on how to complete the required attachments cited in the Section VI checklist.

DOL/VETS has created a new resource for PY26 HVRP FOA applicants, which lists the factors that lead to disqualification of an application or to earning a score of zero for specified sections of the FOA. This resource can be found on the [Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources](#) page of NVTAC.org under "Helpful Links for Applicants to Prepare for the Upcoming FOA."

Q18: In Abstract 2, the Planned Enrollments by CoC section uses a formula that calculates saturation by using the 2024 PIT count. However, the FOA clearly states that there are other factors that would make a veteran HVRP-eligible. So why are we calculating the saturation using just the PIT count when we could serve two or three times the number of people because they are eligible for services. We score a zero for our primary service when I list a realistic, previously reported figure. Your formula doesn't account for eligible veterans and instead solely uses the PIT count, which seems wrong. In addition, the FOA states that the latest PIT count will be used for calculating the saturation. The latest PIT count is in fact published and has a larger number than the 2024 count. Our scoring is suffering quite a bit based on these factors. Any guidance is appreciated.

A18: VETS has acknowledged that the HUD Point-in-Time (PIT) count is not a perfect estimate; however, it is the only federally recognized count of veterans experiencing homelessness for HVRP's service delivery areas. It is meant to serve as a baseline estimate. For the saturation level score, rather than augmenting the denominator (PIT count) with unknown eligible veteran estimates, VETS allows for a higher numerator (Planned Enrollments) to allow for additional

enrollments within the CoC. This is why the zero-point threshold for saturation levels begins at 120 percent rather than 100 percent.

In addition, the SDA saturation levels are not a disqualifying factor. Justifications are required only when the SDA has CoCs with saturation levels of 120 percent or more (i.e., “oversaturated”) and 50 percent or more of the annual planned enrollments are in those oversaturated CoCs. An SDA where less than 50 percent of planned enrollments are in those oversaturated CoCs does not require justification.

The 2024 PIT count was the most recent data available when the FOA was published on January 16, 2026. As of February 25, 2026, HUD has not released the 2025 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report ([AHAR](#)).

Q19: Can an incentive be a check made to the participant, or does it need to be in another form like a gift card?

A19: An incentive should not be a check or cash provided to the participant directly. Examples of allowable incentives may include gas cards or gift cards to a restaurant or grocery store provided to participants as an incentive for completing training, providing placement verification documentation, etc. Incentives may not be provided for entertainment, such as movie tickets, sporting event tickets, or other entertainment purposes. Incentives must not be provided for the purchase of alcohol, e-cigarettes, e-liquids, tobacco, etc. For more information on incentives, see [VPL 06-24](#).

Q20: Can an applicant propose to serve a county that exceeds the 50-mile radius requirement if it accounts for less than 50% of enrollees?

A20: Yes. However, if awarded, you would have 45 days to establish a service address within 50 miles of that county; otherwise that county will be removed from your SDA. As a reminder, counties that are more than 50 continuous driving miles away from the physical location address(es) listed in the *Abstract* and that make up 50 percent or more of the planned yearly enrollment will cause your application to be disqualified. This is because you would need to update your Budget and Project Narrative to include the new physical location address(s). For more information, please see Section II.C.1.a of the FOA.

Q21: What sections are required? The only section I see is Project Design. As other attendees have noted, the first two sections seem to be solely the attachments.

A21: Section VI of the FOA provides a checklist that serves as a guide when preparing your application package to ensure your application meets all the screening criteria and contains all required items. Applications that do not meet all the requirements in the table will not move forward through the merit review process or be considered for an award.

Section IV.D.1 of the FOA provides detailed instructions on how to complete the required attachments cited in the Section VI checklist.

Q22: In the Planned Goals Chart Expected Outcomes and Outputs, it appears Placement Rate is worth up to 2 points and the Cost per Placement up to 6 points, but there is no information on how to achieve these levels. I don't see anything that explains point values of Placement Rate or Cost per Placement. The total noted in this chart is 16, not 20. Please advise.

A22: In the Planned Goals Chart, Tab 4, at the bottom of the form, the Expected Outcomes & Outputs – Scoring Criteria and Points Awarded table shows the minimum and maximum goals that will award points for each measure (green headers) and the below/above goal values where zero points are awarded (light red headers). The Scored Value column will show you the number that is being used to award points for each measure.

- For Placement Rate, the minimum and maximum goal to receive 2 points is 60 percent and 80 percent, respectively. To receive these 2 points, you must enter a number between 60% and 80% in row 19 column C.
- Cost per Placement (CPP) is a calculated field based on the PoP total funding amount and the PoP total number of exiters placed into employment. The CPP scored value is shown in row 32 column N. To receive these 6 points, your CPP must be between the minimum and maximum goal of \$4,500 and \$13,000, respectively. If your CPP scored value is less than \$4,500, lowering the percentage of exiters placed into employment (row 19 column C) and/or increasing your PoP total funding amount will raise your CPP. Conversely, if your CPP is over \$13,000, increasing the percentage of exiters placed into employment and/or decreasing your PoP total funding amount will lower your CPP.

For more information, please see Section II.C.2 of the FOA.

Q23: The Saturation Level for where we operate is unclear. On the [SDA Saturation Map](#), Milwaukee County has 0% saturation for 2026, but 127.7% for 2025. Which one should we operate under?

A23: You should use the map titled “HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) PY2026 SDA Saturation Map.” It includes current HVRP grants that will be operating in program year 2026 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). The reason the CoC’s saturation level changed from 127.7% in PY25 to 0% in PY26 is that the grant(s) operating in that CoC have a period of performance ending on June 30, 2026.

Q24: Can we apply for all HVRP categories?

A24: No, applicants must identify in the *Abstract (tab 1 in Attachment A)* whether the Grant Type is Category 1 (HVRP), Category 2 (HWVHWC), or Category 3 (IVTP). The application will be reviewed under Category 1 (HVRP) if you do not explicitly identify a category. No

additional changes or discussions of this population category will occur during or after the competition. Please see Section II.B and Section IV.C.1.a of the FOA.

Category 1 (HVRP) includes applicants who propose to serve veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Under this category, applicants may serve populations eligible under all three categories.

Q25: My organization would operate in Cook County, IL. I was a bit confused on whether or not we could apply to the FOA based on the SDA Saturation Map.

A25: You are not prohibited from applying for an HVRP grant. The saturation map is a resource to inform proposed SDAs based on the grants operating in PY26 and the estimated number of available enrollments. Alternatively, you can use SDA and Planned Enrollments by CoC sections of the VETS-704 *Abstract (tab 2 in Attachment A)* to see the current saturation level and available enrollments for a county/county equivalent. For more information, please see Section II.C.1 and Section IV.C.1.b of the FOA.

Q26: On the SF-424, do we only fill out the yellow boxes on the pdf?

A26: You must complete the SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance (sample available on the [Grants.gov SF-424 Family page](#)). The SF-424 form must be completed and submitted on Grants.gov as part of the application package. In the address field, fill out the nine-digit (plus hyphen) zip code. The organization's legal name on the SF-424 should match its name registered in the System for Award Management at SAM.gov. The organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) should match its information in SAM.gov. The SF-424 must clearly identify the applicant and must be signed by an individual with authority to enter into a grant agreement. For more information, please see Section IV.A of the VETS Application Guide for the PY26 HVRP FOA.

Q27: The entire state of Mississippi is under one CoC; therefore, the distance to the CoC is more than 50 miles. The PIT count for 2024 is low, but it reflects that there are up to 13 enrollees available. We cannot get this information into the abstract even though the CoC is more than 50 miles from the proposed physical location and potential SDA area. The current grantee is operating a balance of the state grant out of southern Mississippi while we propose to serve the 10 of the 16 counties comprising the Delta, which is in the western central portion of the state more than 50 miles from the CoC, as transportation and access issues are a significant barrier.

A27: DOL/VETS requires HVRP awardees to maintain one or more physical locations within a 50 continuous driving mile radius of each county in their proposed SDA. The physical location is based on the city identified. Using Jackson, Mississippi, as an example physical location city, my application could only request an SDA in Copiah County, Hinds County, Leake County, Madison County, Rankin County, Scott County, Simpson County, Smith County, Warren County, and/or Yazoo County to meet the 50 continuous driving mile radius. It is the physical location city, not the CoC that we base the 50 continuous driving mile radius requirement on.

The saturation level does not prohibit you from applying for an HVRP grant. Your application will be assessed based on the state/territories and counties/county equivalents in your proposed SDA, not just the state. For more information, please see Section II.C.1 and Section IV.C.1.b of the FOA.

Q28: For CoCs, what is the expected collaboration? What if there are no employment programs funded by the CoC?

A28: Per Section III.I of the FOA, “HVRP grant recipients are required to develop partnerships with federal, state, or local programs such as your SDA’s HUD CoC(s) and American Job Center(s) (AJC). Additionally, grant recipients must partner with public, private, and nonprofit organizations and assist participants in overcoming barriers to employment.” Additionally, Section IV.C.3.i of the FOA asks the applicant “...how you would collaborate with HUD CoC Coordinated Entry.” Section IV.C.3.iv. Linkages and Supportive Services also asks the applicant to detail how they will collaborate with public, private, and nonprofit organizations to assist participants in overcoming barriers to employment.

Q29: Are we expected to be the direct service provider for OJT?

A29: On-the-Job Training (OJT) is training by an employer, not the grant recipient, that is provided to a paid participant and (a) provides knowledge or skills essential to performance of the job; and/or (b) provides reimbursement to the employer of up to 50 percent of the wage rate of the participant. This includes costs of providing the training and additional supervision related to the participant and takes into account the content of the training, the prior work experience of the participant, and the service strategy of the participant. In the OJT agreement, there is a promise on the part of the employer to hire the trainee upon successful completion of the training.

Q30: Do education placements count towards our goals?

A30: Percentage of Enrollments with Completed Training is a performance indicator in the Planned Goals Chart but is not scored in the Expected Outcomes and Outputs section of the FOA. For more information, please see Section IV.C.2 of the FOA.

Q31: Are the CoCs the SDAs?

A31: The SDA is comprised of the states/territories and counties/county equivalents. With few exceptions, every county/county equivalent falls within a CoC boundary. Some counties are within the boundaries of more than CoC (e.g., Cook County, IL, includes the IL-510 Chicago CoC and IL-511 Cook County CoC).

Q32: I am a grant writer, not a social worker. Is there a source for definitions of terms such as “exiter” that aren't clear? For example, is an exiter someone who leaves the program, gets a job, completes a finite term of employment before being “exited”?

A32: Per Section III.G. of the FOA, “For definitions applicable to this FOA, please refer to the [HVRP Glossary of Terms | U.S. Department of Labor](#).” In the HVRP Glossary of Terms, an exiter is defined as a participant who is *placed or dropped* during a quarter *and* is not scheduled to receive future homeless veterans program services for the next 90 or more days. Follow-up services do *not* count as “future services.” Once a participant becomes an exiter, the sequence for tracking outcomes is determined by the exit quarter. Those participants experiencing a gap in service of 90 days or more due to a condition or circumstance, and/or temporary departure from the area such as for National Guard/Reserve duty, may be temporarily exempted from being exited for a portion of the grant recipient’s PoP.

Q33: If we received a grant in 2019, how would we complete the Past Performance section?

A33: If your last HVRP grant was awarded in 2019, you would apply under Category 2A: HVRP Grant Award PY25 + No Other Award or Cooperative Agreement since your organization’s most recently awarded HVRP grant had a PoP start date on or before July 1, 2021, and has not been awarded another grant or cooperative agreement. For more information, please see Attachment C: VETS-705 Chart of Past Performance.

Q34: Do you enter a space between paragraphs or indent each paragraph?

A34: The only requirements for the Project Narrative are that it is limited to 25 double-spaced single-sided 8.5 x 11-inch pages with Times New Roman 12-point font and 1-inch margins; the pages of the Project Narrative must begin with page number 1; and it must include the section headers. Spacing between paragraphs and indentations are not specified and will not affect scoring. For more information, please see Section IV.C of the FOA.

Q35: Do all addresses organizations use in the Service Delivery Areas (e.g., office/collaboration space) section need to be finalized?

A35: The addresses organizations use in the SDA section may be proposed. While office locations may change over time, the city is the basis for defining the 50 continuous driving mile radius SDA and are considered final when the application is reviewed. VETS staff will verify city compliance by confirming that grant staff are physically present and providing services in the city listed in the VETS-704 (*Abstract*) during on-site reviews and in the grant recipient’s VGRS quarterly performance reports in the Narrative module. For more information, please see Section IV.C.1 of the FOA.

Q36: What is the maximum number of application submissions per organization?

A36: Organizations may submit multiple applications; however, each application must be for a different SDA, except for those applications that are providing services in different locations of the same SDA. Regardless of the grant category type, if DOL/VETS receives multiple applications from the same organization, DOL/VETS will not award more than \$1,000,000 annually per organization for FOA-VETS-26-01. For more information, please see Section II.C.2 of the FOA.

Q37: My organization received reimbursements through DRGR.HUD.gov. Does this qualify as an ETA PMS account? If not, do we need an ETA PMS account before submittal?

A37: A PMS account is not required to apply for the HVRP grant. A Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Payment Management System (PMS) account is required for an HVRP grant to request funds drawn against the HVRP award. All DOL/VETS draw requests are submitted through HHS/PMS, and the recipient's access can be set up before or after an award is granted. Directions on establishing/accessing an account with HHS/PMS will be provided to award recipients. For more information, visit the [HHS/PMS home page](#) and select the Grant Recipient tab.

Q38: All staff at my organization are salaried. We don't have any time-keeping in place to the point of tracking hours spent on one project vs. another. Does this mean we would be ineligible for this grant without instituting one? Or at least that our application may be docked without one?

A38: Recipients of federal awards must comply with [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards. According to 2 C.F.R. 200.430(g), Standards for Documentation of Personnel Expenses: Charges to Federal awards for salaries and wages must be based on records that accurately reflect the work performed. DOL/VETS recommends any organization interested in applying for federal awards to review [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#) to ensure that the organization can be compliant with it. Additionally, you must address how your organization will manage the operational, administrative, programmatic, and financial reporting requirements specified within this FOA in the Organizational, Administrative, and Fiscal Capacity portion of your application. For more information, please see Section IV.C.4 of the FOA.

Q39: The Budget Narrative Template has yellow and pink warning arrows. I followed the directions and unchecked the box. However, the warnings did not go away. I cannot add lines and am aware that the form won't work correctly when the arrows are still present. Now, even when I download a new file, the uncheck box is missing. How do I get rid of the warnings so I can enter everything I need?

A39: If you are having difficulty with the file, please consult your IT department or [Microsoft Support](#). The issue described has not been reported by other applicants.

Q40: If the organization has W-9 contractors as staff, should those be listed as outside contractors or under personnel? These are considered permanent staff but are not W-2 employees.

A40: Contracted individuals should be placed in Contractual if they are not paid benefits associated with the wages received. For more information, please see Section IV.B.1 of the FOA.

Q41: How should applicants note a county that is “unclaimed by any CoC” within the Abstract, Tab 2? When submitting counties in our proposed service area, one county was listed as unclaimed by any CoC and lacked any saturation level or PIT Count numbers, which appears to create an error.

A41: There are four U.S. counties that are unclaimed by any CoC. You may still include this county in your SDA and the XX-000 CoC will not count toward your saturation level score. It looks like an error on the form because Excel is trying divide by zero as there’s no PIT count for this location. For the row containing the XX-000 CoC, enter “0” in the # of SDA Annual Enrollments in this CoC and complete the rest of the form as usual.

State/ Territory Select first	County/County Equivalent For counties that contain more than one CoC, select the option that aligns to the proposed service area.	Service City Select the primary Service Address state/city that will serve this county. The city must be within 50 continuous driving miles of the SDA county's population center.	CoC Number & Name	County Market Wage	# of SDA Annual Enrollments in this CoC	Percentage of SDA's Annual Enrollments in this CoC	Unduplicated List of CoC Number(s) & Name(s) This is an unduplicated list of the SDA's CoCs based on the county(ies) selected at left. More than one county may be assigned to a single CoC.	PIT Count Vets	Current Planned Enrollments	Current Saturation Level	Available Enrollments	Applicant Saturation Level Scored Value	Applicant Saturation Level Points	Applicant Weighted Points % of SDA Annual Enroll x App Sat Level Points, rounded to the nearest whole #)
OK	Logan County	OK: Oklahoma City	XX-000 Unclaimed by any CoC	\$20.67	0	0.0%	XX-000 Unclaimed by any CoC	0	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
OK	Payne County	OK: Oklahoma City	OK-500 North Central Oklahoma CoC	\$19.19	15	15.0%	OK-500 North Central Oklahoma CoC	23	1	4.3%	22	69.6%	4	1
OK	Kingfisher County	OK: Oklahoma City	OK-503 Oklahoma Balance of State CoC	\$20.62	2	2.0%	OK-503 Oklahoma Balance of State CoC	3	1	33.3%	2	100.0%	1	0
OK	Oklahoma County: Oklahoma City	OK: Oklahoma City	OK-502 Oklahoma City CoC	\$20.54	83	83.0%	OK-502 Oklahoma City CoC	136	0	0.0%	136	61.0%	4	3
OK	Oklahoma County	OK: Oklahoma City	OK-503 Oklahoma Balance of State CoC	\$20.54										

Q42: Can an HVRP proposal also include veterans transitioning from incarceration in addition to just the PIT count identified veterans?

A42: Category 1 applicants (HVRP) propose to serve veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness to include veterans who are involved in the justice system or are moving on from certain institutions. Category 3 applicants (Incarcerated Veterans’ Transition Program (IVTP)) propose to use 100 percent of their grant funding to serve veterans described in 38 U.S.C. § 2023(d) who are transitioning from certain institutions or any other veterans who are transitioning from being incarcerated, meaning they are scheduled to be released from incarceration or an institution within 18 months (at the time of enrollment in HVRP), and veterans recently released (within the last 18 months from the date of HVRP enrollment) from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness. HVRP applicants have the PIT/SDA saturation level taken into consideration for Statement of Need scoring. IVTP applications are exempt from PIT/SDA saturation level scoring, as 100 percent of an IVTP grant’s enrollments are residents of penal institutions and/or long-term care institutions for mental illness at the time of program entry and this service population is not included in the HUD PIT Count. For more information, please see Section IV.C.1.b of the FOA.

Q43: What forms do I need to qualify for land purchase?

A43: DOL/VETS does not allow the purchase of motor vehicles, buildings, or land. For more information, please see Section IV.B.1 of the FOA.

Q44: For Statement of Need (first question of the Project Narrative), the Announcement states that the “Scoring for this section will be based on entries in the Abstract (Attachment A).” It does not seem like a narrative response is expected. For Expected Outcomes and Outputs (second question of the Project Narrative), it seems that the answer is expected to be provided in Attachment A – Abstract under the Planned Goals Chart tab and not a narrative response. Can you please confirm if narrative responses are expected/required for the Statement of Need and Expected Outcomes and Outputs sections of the Project Narrative?

A44: The 11 points for the Statement of Need will be scored based on the applicant’s entries in Tab 2 in the VETS-704 *Abstract (tab 2 in Attachment A)* per Section IV.C.1.b of the FOA. The 20 points for the Expected Outputs and Outcomes will be scored based on the applicant’s entries in Tab 4 in the VETS-704 *Planned Goals Chart (tab 4 in Attachment A)* per Section IV.C.2 of the FOA. A separate narrative response is not required nor requested and will not be scored if included.

Q45: The announcement and instructions for FOA-VETS-26-01 reference an “Other Attachments” section in grants.gov, but I only see an “Attachments” section in the application workspace. I do not see an “Other Attachments” section. Can you please clarify where we should attach the documents that should be uploaded to the referenced “Other Attachments” section?

A45: On the Grant Opportunity webpage, click on the Related Documents tab. Scroll down and you will see a File Description titled “Folder: Other Supporting Documents – Other Supporting Documents” with a link under File Name to download a Zip file of the documents. Conversely, all Attachments can also be found on [Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources – National Veterans’ Technical Assistance Center](#).

Q46: In regard to the Excel worksheet for Attachment A – Abstract, under the second tab (Abstract-2), we noticed that when we increased the number in column I (# of SDA Annual Enrollments in this CoC), the points decreased. Is this intentional, or could it be an error in the formula? We do not understand why our points would drop if we are proposing to serve more people.

A46: The *Applicant Saturation Level* points may go down if the increased number of annual enrollments results in a higher saturation level for that CoC. The form is working as intended. DOL/VETS considers the saturation levels of grant recipients versus the homeless veteran population by geographical area to ensure service providers have realistic enrollment goals. For more information, please see Section II.C.1 and Section IV.C.1.b of the FOA.

Q47: Can “unincorporated” land be leased instead of purchased?

A47: DOL/VETS does not allow the purchase of motor vehicles, buildings, or land. For more information, please see Section IV.B.1 of the FOA. Applicants must show that their proposed costs are allowable (2 C.F.R. § 200.403). Costs must be necessary and reasonable for carrying out the HVRP grant. You should follow the cost principles guidelines in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E. A cost is considered “necessary” if it helps achieve a program goal and is necessary and reasonable for the performance of the HVRP grant. A cost is “reasonable” if it meets the “prudent person” standard (2 C.F.R. § 200.404).

Q48: With registration for Grants.gov potentially taking 4 weeks and this response due March 6, 2026, is there an alternative way to expedite registration?

A48: DOL-VETS does not control the Grants.gov functions. You can also contact the Grants.gov help desk by email at support@grants.gov or by phone at 1-800-518-4726 to ask them if there is an alternative way to expediate registration.

Q49: Is the Letter of Support required for both the AJC and CoC or are they requested?

A49: Both the AJC and CoC Letters of Support are requested. Failure to provide letter(s) of support for the AJC and CoC with your application will result in the applicant not receiving points under the Linkages and Supportive Services section of the FOA. For additional information on this requested element, please see Section IV.C.3.iv of the FOA.

Q50: What is considered an SDA?

A50: Per the [HVRP Glossary of Terms | U.S. Department of Labor](#), a Service Delivery Area (SDA) is defined by county(s), parish, independent city, or Native American tribal area. Locations for counties, parishes, and independent cities are defined by the U.S. Census Bureau’s County and County Equivalent Entities tables. Tribal areas are defined by the U.S. Census Bureau’s Nation-Based Data Files for Alaska Native Regional Corporations & Statistical Areas, American Indian Joint Use Areas, Federal American Indian Reservations, Off-Reservation Trust Lands, Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas, State American Indian Reservations/State Designated Tribal Statistical Areas, and Tribal Designated Statistical Areas/Tribal Subdivisions.

- Primary State – the state where the highest number of the grant recipient’s planned enrollments are located.
- Second State – the state where the second highest number of the grant recipient’s planned enrollments are located.
- Third State – the state where the third highest number of the grant recipient’s planned enrollments are located.
- Fourth State – the state where the lowest number of the grant recipient’s planned enrollments are located.

Q51: Would Tulsa County be considered its own SDA?

A51: Yes, Tulsa County, OK, is its own SDA. See the answer to Q32 for more information.

Q52: In Attachment A – Abstract-2, does the PIT count Vets and Available Enrollments number determine the number of total participant enrollments for the entire 3-year PoP?

A52: No, the *PIT Count Vets* column is displaying the total number of veterans experiencing homelessness in that CoC as reported in HUD’s 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) count. The *Available Enrollments* column is a calculated field that shows how many enrollments are “available” in the CoC. For example, if *PIT Count Vets* is 51 and *Current Planned Enrollments* is 28, *Available Enrollments* is 23 based on this calculation: $51 - 28 = 23$. Current planned enrollments are based on the annual number of planned enrollments for the CoC in PY26, not the PoP total.

Q53: If we can only request between \$1,000 and \$4,000 per planned participant enrollment, and the minimum request for the entire PoP is \$450,000, does that mean we need to have a minimum of 113 PIT Count Vets?

A53: The minimum funding range for each year is \$150,000 and the maximum funding range for each year is \$500,000, not \$450,000. To score 9 points on Cost per Enrollment, you must have a minimum of 125 participants if you request \$500,000 in annual funding or 113 participants if you request \$450,000 in annual funding.

Q54: If the applicant organization is also the lead of their CoC, does that preclude them from needing a CoC Letter of Support?

A54: To score one point, the applicant should provide evidence of key partnerships with a requested HUD CoC Letter of Support that describes the relationship and the roles and responsibilities of each party. Additionally, if your proposed SDA encompasses multiple CoCs, you should provide a letter from each CoC in the SDA. The proposed SDA’s CoCs are identified in the *Abstract (tab 2 in Attachment A) – Unduplicated CoC Number & Name*. For additional information on this requested element, please see Section IV.C.3.iv and Section IV.D.2.a of the FOA. For a walkthrough of how to complete this element please view the [PY25 HVRP FOA: Identifying Your Service Delivery Area HUD Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Point of Contact](#) and [PY25 HVRP FOA: HUD Continuum of Care Letter\(s\) of Support](#) HVRP FOA Microlearning Videos available on [Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources – National Veterans’ Technical Assistance Center](#).

Q55: Is there a step-by-step guide on filling out Tab 2 and Tab 4 on the VETS 704 Abstract?

A55: For a walkthrough of how to complete Tab 2 (Abstract) and Tab 4 (Planned Goals Chart), please view the [PY26 HVRP FOA: VETS-704 Abstract](#) and [PY26 HVRP FOA: VETS-704 Planned Goals Chart](#) HVRP FOA Microlearning Videos available on [Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources – National Veterans’ Technical Assistance Center](#).