

Monthly Newsletter

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JANUARY SPOTLIGHTS



HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement

Program Year (PY) 2026 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Services Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program PY 26 Funding Opportunity Announcement is now available. [Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program](#) is an employment-focused competitive grant program designed to give America's homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness the ability to reach their full employment potential and obtain high quality career outcomes. If your organization has experience providing veteran and/or employment related services, you may be interested in applying for this Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant.

[Read the Full PY26 FOA Here](#)

[HVRP Prospective Applicant Resources](#)

[PY26 HVRP FOA News Release](#)

HVRP Prospective Applicant Webinar



Prospective Applicant Webinar for the PY26 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Funding Opportunity Announcement

The U.S. DOL Veterans Employment and Training Service and the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center are pleased to invite you to the Prospective Applicant Webinar for the PY26 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Funding Opportunity Announcement.

- Session 1: [Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ET.](#)
- Session 2: [Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. ET.](#)

The Prospective Applicant Webinar will provide potential applicants with an overview of the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program and elements of the PY26 Funding Opportunity Announcement, including eligibility requirements, application process and deadlines, and PY26 Funding Opportunity Announcement contact information. The webinar recording, slides, and a questions and answers (Q&A) document will be available on the Prospective Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Applicant Resources page of the [National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center website](#).

Please note that both Prospective Applicant Webinar sessions will present the same material. We are looking forward to your participation.

The [Prospective Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Applicant Resources – National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center](#) webpage offers resources to assist applicants with completing the PY26 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant application and features a recording of our recent Bidder's Conference hosted in December 2025, which provided an in-depth overview of the program, successful organizational partnership examples, and steps to prepare a competitive application. Please email 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.



2025 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Bidders' Conference for the 2026 Funding Opportunity Announcement: Slides and Recording

The U.S. DOL Veterans' Employment and Training Service and National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center hosted a Bidders' Conference for the Program Year 2026 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Funding Opportunity Announcement on December 10 and 16, 2025. The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program is a DOL Veterans' Employment and Training Service employment-focused competitive federal grant that provides employment and training services 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 a Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant.

The Bidders' Conference provided a comprehensive overview of the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program, the types of organizations and partners that are often successful and steps your organization can take to prepare to submit a competitive application. The conference recording and slides are available, and a questions and answers document will be available, on the Prospective Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Applicant Resources page of the [National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center website](#).

2025 HVRP Bidders' Conference Recording



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

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The National Veterans' Training Institute has a catalog of available courses for over 20 classes available now through the end of March 2026, with additional courses coming soon! [Register now to secure your spot!](#)

9610 Series: Career Coaching for Special Populations

Explore one of National Veterans' Training Institute's one-day virtual courses to learn about serving varying demographics of veterans to better assist in the job search process or career change. The Foundations course is always available for enrollment, and you can join any of the courses on specialized topics, including:

[Serving Rural Veterans](#): This course provides career coaching professionals with an in-depth understanding of how to identify the capabilities of rural veterans to better assist them in the job search process or career change. Participants will examine the needs of rural veterans, in particular those that may prevent veterans living in rural communities from being successful in a job search or career change. Participants will also discuss how to empower rural veterans to make informed decisions about their career trajectory. This course will equip participants with the skills necessary to engage with and inspire rural veterans to successfully reintegrate into the civilian workforce. Class is held virtually on February 4, 2026.

[Serving Justice-Involved Veterans \(JIVs\)](#): This course provides career coaching professionals with an in-depth understanding of how to identify the capabilities of Justice-Involved Veterans (JIVs) to better assist them in the job search process or career change. Participants will examine the needs of JIVs, in particular those that may prevent JIVs from being successful in a job search or career change; and discuss how to empower JIVs to make informed decisions about their career trajectory. As a result of this learning process this course will equip participants with the skills necessary to engage and inspire JIVs to successfully reintegrate into the civilian workforce. Class is held virtually on February 18, 2026.

9620: Advanced Case Management

Refresh your knowledge about key concepts from case management (CM) of veterans training. This advanced-level course focuses on addressing some of the more challenging CM skills, including comprehensive assessment, goal setting, developing service plans, and writing effective case notes. Please note that service plans go by many different names, including Individualized Development Plan (IDP), Individualized Employment Plan (IEP), Individualized Service Strategy (ISS), Client Services Plan (CSP), etc. Participants will identify problems they have experienced in professional practice, brainstorm solutions, and practice specific skills. Examples, case scenarios, group discussions, and exercises are provided. Available virtually on February 10-12, 2026.

9604: Managing Case Management – In-person in Dallas, TX

Managing Case Management is a course intended to enhance awareness of issues and management techniques related to case management. Participants learn the basic concepts of CM and understand how to monitor and support the CM process. Learn various approaches to CM, conflict management, and handling legal and ethical issues. The course discusses the establishment of a network outside the office. National Veterans' Training Institute coordinates travel arrangements for DOL Grantees that work 50 miles or more from our [Dallas training facility](#). Available in-person on February 24-26, 2026.

Continuous Enrollment National Veterans' Training Institute Classes

National Veterans' Training Institute offers courses available for enrollment anytime! Details on course offerings and their duration is available on the [National Veterans' Training Institute Class Schedule](#).

National Veterans' Training Institute Microlearning

Looking to sharpen your skills in just a few minutes? National Veterans' Training Institute has added several new microlearning videos to our website to help you grow professionally. Explore these new videos and many more on our [National Veterans' Training Institute Microlearning Page](#). They're short, focused, and designed to fit into your busy schedule!

[Communication and Presentation Skills](#): Learn about the four key elements of verbal and nonverbal communication, enhancing communication through storytelling, and communication strategies for the virtual

environment. Learn new presentation skills, including effectively building a presentation, design visual aids, effectively delivery techniques, and exploring strategies to manage anxiety and build confidence.

Interviewing: Take a closer look at the purpose and format of interviews, common interview questions, and tips for success. Explore different interview types, how to make a strong introduction, effective strategies for responding to employer questions, examples of smart questions to ask, and how to professionally close out an interview and leave a lasting impression.

[The NVTI Website](#)

[NVTI Class Schedule](#)



NVTAC January 2026 HVRP Community of Practice (CoP) with U.S. DOL Guest Speaker on Registered Apprenticeship

Please join our National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center team on **Thursday, January 29, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET** for January's CoP session. The January CoP will focus on Registered Apprenticeship with a guest speaker from the U.S. DOL's Office of Apprenticeship. There will be an opportunity at the end for questions.

[Register Here](#)



Funding Opportunity: Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients may wish to consider applying for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veteran Families program if they meet eligibility requirements. Through [this Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), the Department of Veterans Affairs expects to award approximately \$855 million across more than 200 grants, with individual awards ranging from \$262,981 to \$23,153,846.

Authorized under Section 604 of the Veterans' Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. § 2044), the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program provides grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives to deliver supportive services to very low-income veteran families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Grant recipients provide case management and other supportive services designed to promote housing stability, prevent the imminent loss of housing, support transitions to more suitable housing, and rapidly rehouse veterans and their families who might otherwise remain homeless. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, non-higher education organizations with 501(c)(3) status.

Applications must be received by the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program Office no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

[Supportive Services for Veteran Families Website](#)



Funding Opportunity: Duke Energy Foundation America250 Grants

In recognition of America's upcoming 250th anniversary, the Duke Energy Foundation is offering America250 grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to support community-based projects with local impact. Beginning January 12, [qualified 501\(c\)\(3\) nonprofits](#) serving Duke Energy communities in North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Florida may apply. Priority funding areas include careers for veterans, such as workforce development programs that support veteran transitions to civilian employment, as well as projects focused on sharing local history and caring for community spaces.

The application window is **open from January 12 through February 20**, with one application permitted per organization; governmental entities are not eligible. Proposals should clearly align with the Foundation's America250 themes. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients operating in eligible states may wish to consider how veteran employment and career transition initiatives align with this opportunity.

Additional details and application instructions are available on the [Duke Energy Foundation website](#).

[Duke Energy Foundation Request for Proposal](#)



\$118 Million Federal Investment Expands Safe Pathways into Trucking Industry for Veterans

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced more than [\\$118 million in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration \(FMCSA\) grant awards](#) to strengthen roadway safety, improve commercial vehicle enforcement, and expand high-quality training for veterans entering the trucking industry. The funding supports data-driven enforcement, advanced safety technologies, and stronger oversight of the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) system to ensure only qualified drivers are on the road. Of particular relevance to HVRP grantees, \$3.4 million in [Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training \(CMVOST\) grants](#) is dedicated to current and former service members. These grants help veterans access safety-focused Commercial Driver's License training and transition more quickly into stable, in-demand trucking careers.

Trucking remains a strong employment pathway, offering competitive wages, rapid entry into the workforce, and alignment with veterans' transferable skills. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients are encouraged to explore partnerships with state agencies and training providers leveraging these Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration investments to expand employment opportunities such as [Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Registered Apprenticeships](#) for veterans you serve.



New Federal Guidance Updates for Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers Benefit Calculations for Veterans in 2026

The U.S. DOL's Employment and Training Administration has issued a new [Training and Employment Notice 04-25](#) updating the [Federal Schedule of Remuneration](#) used to determine eligibility and benefit amounts under the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) program. The revised schedule reflects the military pay increase effective January 1, 2026 and applies to UCX "first claims" filed beginning with the first week that starts on or after that date.

The Schedule of Remuneration is used only when a UCX first claim is filed and the Federal Claims Control Center indicates that no DD Form 214 is on file, prompting the state to initiate the affidavit process to calculate federal military wages. For Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients, this guidance is relevant when assisting veterans who may rely on UCX benefits while seeking employment, particularly during transition periods. Awareness of the updated schedule can help you coordinate more effectively with state workforce agencies and support veterans in understanding how their UCX benefits are determined in 2026.



IRS Updates 2026 Standard Mileage Rates

The Internal Revenue Service has [announced updated optional standard mileage rates](#) for 2026, which may be relevant for Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients that reimburse or track vehicle use for program-related activities. Beginning January 1, 2026, the standard mileage rate for business use of a vehicle will increase to 72.5 cents per mile, up 2.5 cents from 2025. The charitable mileage rate remains unchanged at 14 cents per mile, while the rates for medical and qualifying moving purposes decrease slightly to 21.5 cents per mile. These rates apply to gasoline, diesel, hybrid, and fully electric vehicles.

Use of the [standard mileage rate](#) is optional, and organizations and individuals may instead calculate actual vehicle operating costs if preferred. For vehicles used for business purposes, the standard mileage rate must be selected in the first year the vehicle is placed into service for business use; in later years, taxpayers may choose between the standard rate or actual expenses. For leased vehicles, the standard mileage rate must be used for the entire lease term. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients should review these updates with their finance teams to ensure internal reimbursement policies, budgeting, and documentation practices align with the 2026 IRS guidance and applicable federal grant requirements.

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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