

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the HVRP Information Session intended for housing and homelessness service providers on January 14, 2026. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q1: What is the average size of an HVRP grant?

A1: Each HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will specify the award ceiling and floor amounts that may be requested for one year. For example, for the Program Year (PY) 2026 HVRP FOA, the award ceiling is \$500,000 and the award floor is \$150,000. Within the minimum and maximum range provided, award amounts vary widely because all costs must be allocable to the proposed project and aligned with the number of veterans expected to be served during the grant period within the specified service delivery areas (SDA). All applications must include a Budget Narrative detailing a one-year budget. The Budget Narrative should be consistent with and directly support the activities, resources, staffing, and other elements described in the Project Narrative. For more information on developing a grant budget, please consider watching our microlearning on the [Prospective HVRP Applicant Resources](#) page on our website.

Q2: What is the allowable percentage of the budget that can be used for administrative costs?

A2: Administrative costs (i.e., office space, overhead, administrative staff) may fall under indirect costs. As specified in the Uniform Guidance Cost Principles, [indirect costs](#) are those costs incurred for common or joint purposes benefiting more than one cost objective and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. Cost objective means a program, function, activity, award, organizational subdivision, contract, or work unit for which cost data are desired and for which provision is made to accumulate and measure the cost of processes, products, jobs, and capital projects. A cost objective may be a major function of the recipient or subrecipient, a particular service or project, a federal award, or an indirect cost activity. An indirect cost rate is a device for determining fairly and conveniently, within the boundaries of sound administrative principles, what proportion of indirect cost each program should bear. The [Cost & Price Determination Division \(CPDD\)](#) contains information regarding the negotiation of Indirect Cost Rates at DOL.

Q3: Is there a required match component?

A3: No. This program does not require cost sharing or matching funds.

Q4: Are small businesses and for-profit organizations eligible applicants to apply for HVRP?

A4: Yes. Small businesses and for-profit organizations other than small businesses are eligible to apply for the PY26 HVRP FOA. Eligible applicants are outlined in Section II.A of the PY26 HVRP FOA. Be sure to verify that your organization is considered an eligible applicant for the announcement you intend to apply for before beginning your application.

Q5: Can HVRP grant recipients expand their SDA or apply for a second grant to cover a new SDA?

A5: Current HVRP grant recipients can apply for additional grants that cover a new SDA. 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.

Q6: Can Street Outreach staff only be paid through HVRP funds when they identify veterans in their survey efforts? For example, if they survey 100 people per week and only identify 5 veterans, can only 5% of the salary be paid from HVRP?

A6: HVRP applicants are required to include personnel information in their Budget Narrative. For example, in the PY26 HVRP FOA, applicants must list all staff personnel positions by title (both current and proposed) and include the roles and responsibilities as they pertain to the award. They must also list each full-time equivalent (FTE) position separately and provide the annual salary, the percentage of time devoted to the project, and the amount of each position's salary funded by the grant.

Positions that are needed only on a limited basis may be charged to HVRP on a partial-time basis. For instance, street outreach workers performing outreach for multiple projects may charge a percentage of their time to HVRP that is proportional to their expected efforts.

For full-time staff conducting outreach to identify veterans, such as surveying encampments as the example describes, the amount of time charged to HVRP would not be dependent on the number of veterans ultimately identified, provided that staff are consistently focusing their efforts on locations where veterans are reasonably expected to be found.

Q7: Can HVRP funds be used to start a new small business designed to help homeless or at-risk veterans?

A7: No. HVRP funds cannot be used to start a small business. An organization must be considered an eligible applicant at the time they apply under the HVRP FOA. The organization

must also be equipped to immediately begin operations to carry out the grant award and achieve program goals.

Q8: How can I access resources from HVRP Information Sessions?

A8: Materials from past HVRP Information Sessions are available on NVTAC's website here: [Archived Outreach Sessions – National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center](#). Each session is labeled with its intended audience, but all sessions cover the same basic material. Please be sure to use the most recent materials to access the most up-to-date information.

Q9: What is the typical time frame allotted for writing and submitting the HVRP grant?

A9: The time frame allotted for writing and submitting the HVRP grant varies each program year. For example, the PY25 HVRP FOA was released on January 15, 2025, and closed March 17, 2025. The PY26 HVRP FOA was released on January 16, 2026, and applications will close on March 6, 2026. Please carefully review the HVRP FOA under which you apply for the posted date and closing dates for applications.

Q10: Are collaborations the best route to take?

A10: HVRP grant recipients must leverage resources by conducting outreach and coordinating with other local and national organizations and supportive service programs, including penal institutions and halfway houses, to assist HVRP participants in overcoming barriers to employment. The Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL/VETS) promotes collaboration with other organizations to leverage federal, state, and local resources to the maximum extent possible in support of reintegrating veterans experiencing homelessness by facilitating the delivery of effective job training, soft skills training, counseling, and other wraparound services, such as the provision of housing, transportation, childcare, and necessary health services (including mental health).

Collaboration can be fruitful for both HVRP grant recipients and the external organizations that partner with them by establishing resource networks and bi-directional referral pipelines that connect individuals with vital services. To identify and collaborate with an HVRP provider near you, see the [full list of PY25 HVRP grant recipients](#).