

Monthly Newsletter

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APRIL SPOTLIGHTS



National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center April 2026 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Community of Practice: Resource Mapping

Please join our team on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET for the April Community of Practice where we will discuss resource mapping, offering grant recipients a chance to take a closer look at how to identify and strengthen the network of services available to the veterans they serve. This session will walk through practical ways to organize local resources across housing, workforce, behavioral health, and supportive services systems while also helping participants assess current partnerships, identify gaps, and build stronger, more intentional connections with employers and service providers. The National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center will guide the discussion and share real examples and practical applications that staff can use to improve coordination, strengthen referrals, and better align services to participant needs,

with strategies that can be applied right away within Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs. There will be an opportunity at the end for questions.

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National Veterans' Training Institute Course Schedule Now Available: 60+ Training Opportunities Through September 2026

The [National Veterans' Training Institute](#) is pleased to announce that the full course schedule—featuring more than 60 upcoming courses—is available through September 2026. These offerings include a wide range of professional development opportunities delivered through virtual instruction, in-person sessions, and online cohort-based learning formats.

Upcoming courses include:

- April 21–23 (Virtual): [9616 Critical Thinking for Business Writing](#)
- April 22 (Virtual): [9639 Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist Skills Refresher and Cross-Training](#)
- April 28–30 (Virtual): [9613 Business-Driven Workforce Solutions](#)

To learn more, visit the [Class Schedule](#) to view upcoming courses, then head to [Registering for Classes](#) to enroll.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow your skills and make an even greater impact!

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Funding Opportunity: Transportation Support to Complement Rural Service Delivery

For Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs grant recipients serving rural communities, the Highly Rural Transportation Grants program can be a valuable complement to existing rural funding helping address access to transportation. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Highly Rural Transportation Grants, open through May 5 for both current grant recipients and new applicants. This grant program provides funding to Veteran Service Organizations and State Veterans Service Agencies to deliver transportation services for veterans traveling to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs-authorized healthcare facilities in counties with fewer than seven people per square mile. Services are provided at no cost to eligible veterans, expanding access to critical care and supportive services.

**Renewal Grant Recipients
(Funding Opportunity # VA-
HRTG-2026)**

**New Applications (Funding
Opportunity # VA-HRTG-NEW-
2026)**

Visit the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Health Benefits page](#) for more information on Highly Rural Transportation Grants eligibility requirements. To contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Rural Engagement with questions, please email IGArural@va.gov.

RESOURCES





U.S. Department of Labor Artificial Intelligence Framework, Guidance, and Data Portal

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration published a [framework for artificial intelligence literacy](#), providing a foundation to guide nationwide artificial intelligence literacy efforts across workforce and education systems. The framework follows the department's [guidance](#) promoting the use of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding to help job seekers develop in-demand artificial intelligence skills that can enhance employment opportunities.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Labor also launched a new [open data portal](#) making workforce data easier to use. This tool includes key data from multiple agencies, such as unemployment insurance information and veteran employment data from the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service, helping Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients better understand labor market trends and inform service strategies.



Supporting Veterans' Pathways into Registered Apprenticeship

The U.S. Department of Labor [Registered Apprenticeship Center of Excellence for Strategic Partnership and Systems Alignment](#) developed a tip sheet for workforce case managers, [Connecting Veterans to Registered Apprenticeship Programs](#). This resource highlights the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs, including those approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and provides practical guidance to support veterans in accessing these career pathways.

The tip sheet offers actionable tools and strategies to strengthen service delivery, covering key areas such as intake and priority of service under the Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act, assessing transferable military skills, and coordinating with veteran-focused programs. It also walks case managers through how to identify U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs approved apprenticeship programs and ensure veterans receive eligible benefits, including GI Bill housing allowances. In addition, the resource provides guidance on building employer partnerships, supporting career planning, and improving placement outcomes through apprenticeship pathways.

Registered Apprenticeship Case Manager Tip Sheet



Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act Expands Access to Training

In 2025, a bipartisan effort to increase access to certain eligible workforce programs was passed, called the [Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act](#). This Act authorizes the U.S. Department of Education to award Pell Grants to eligible students who have not attained a postgraduate degree and who are enrolled in eligible workforce programs, as determined by state workforce boards authorized under the [Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act](#) program. The Workforce Pell Grant allows students to receive financial assistance, prorated by their individual programs' length and will usually be less than the minimum traditional Pell Grant.

To be considered an eligible program, a state workforce board must determine if the program provides education aligned with high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations within the area, meets the hiring requirements of potential in-demand industry or sector employers, and satisfies any

applicable educational prerequisite requirement for professional licensure or certification in the area in which the program is offered, among other qualifying requirements. Once the workforce board determines program eligibility, the U.S. Department of Education will evaluate completion rate, job placement rates, and determine if the program provides a positive return on investment for students and taxpayers.

For more information on the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act, please review the information listed in the [Section by Section Summary](#).

If your Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program would like more detailed coaching on the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act, please email nvtac@dol.gov to request technical assistance from a coach at the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center.



Targeted Outreach to Support Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Enrollment

Strategic outreach is essential to enrolling eligible participants and supporting strong Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program performance outcomes. Grant recipients are encouraged to prioritize outreach in locations where veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness are most likely to access services, including American Job Centers, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, homeless shelters, Stand Down events, food pantries, reentry programs, community action agencies, and faith-based or community organizations.

Building partnerships with housing providers, workforce programs, and veteran-serving organizations supports consistent referral pipelines and helps ensure participants receive coordinated services that promote employment retention and successful exits. Consistent, relationship-based outreach can strengthen enrollment levels, improve participant engagement, and contribute to positive performance outcomes.

- Find an [American Job Center | CareerOneStop](#)
- Find [Veterans Affairs Locations](#)
- Find [Veterans Affairs Stand Down Events](#)

Stand Down Events



Stand Downs for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to veterans experiencing homelessness such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and Veterans Affairs Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, the U.S. Department of Labor, other government agencies and community based homeless service providers.

This noncompetitive grant is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to support one day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively.

Eligible entities include:

- state workforce agencies,
- state and local workforce investment boards,
- veterans service organizations, and
- local public agencies and nonprofit organizations including community and faith-based organizations.

If you are interested in applying for a Stand Down grant, contact your Veterans' Employment and Training Service state director or follow the link on the Veterans' [Employment and Training Service Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program homepage](#) to [Stand Down Grant Information](#).

Awarded Applicant	City	County	State	Event Date	Event Length
Goodwill - Kosciusko	Kosciusko	Warsaw	IN	May 16, 2026	1 Day
Bluegrass Area Development District, Inc.	Lexington	Fayette	KY	May 14, 2026	1 Day
One Community Now, Inc.	Tampa	Hillsborough	FL	April 24-25, 2026	Multi-day
Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Inc. (West)	Asheville	Buncombe	NC	May 8, 2026	1 Day
Goodwill - Elkhart	Goshen	Elkhart	IN	June 13, 2026	1 Day

Do you have a success story you would like to share? If you are a grant recipient who helped a veteran who is struggling with housing or employment, we would love to hear from you at nvtac@dol.gov.

Outreach at the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center

The National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center outreach coach is available to provide information, answer questions, and guide interested organizations through the process of getting involved with the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program. If you know of organizations that could benefit from learning more about Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program, you can refer them to National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center Outreach Coach Miranda Moffat at:

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