

Monthly Newsletter

August 2026



AUGUST SPOTLIGHTS



Congratulations New HVRP Grant Recipients

Celebrating Program Year 2026 New Grant Recipients

Congratulations to all Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) grant recipients receiving a new award in Program Year 2026! Your commitment to helping veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness rebuild their lives through meaningful employment will make a lasting difference in communities across the country. The National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center is honored to support your important work and looks forward to providing the training, technical assistance, and resources to successfully implement your grant and improve outcomes for the veterans you serve.



**National Veterans'
Training Institute**
a DOL VETS Program



Grow Your Skillset with National Veterans' Training Institute

National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) has a catalog of courses available through the end of September 2026. [Register now to secure your spot!](#)

9614: Federal Grants Management for Jobs for Veterans State Grants Recipients, September 15-18, virtual delivery

This course equips participants with the knowledge and skills needed to successfully manage their grants. It introduces the full grant-making life cycle and highlights best-practice management techniques. Participants will also explore the laws that apply to homeless veterans, their spouses, and their families, along with the Uniform Administrative Guidance for all grant awards. The course concludes with a detailed review of each phase of grant award administration.

9617: Federal Grants Management for HVRP Recipients, September 22-25, virtual delivery

This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively manage their grants. It covers the full grant-making life cycle and introduces best-practice management techniques. Learners will also examine how current laws apply to homeless veterans, their spouses, and their families, as well as the Uniform Administrative Requirements for all grant awards. The course concludes with an in-depth review of each phase of grant award administration.

Jobs for Veterans State Grants 102: Legal Guidance Affecting Veterans' Employment Services, August 18-September 11 | September 1 – September 25, Online Cohort

There are many guidelines and requirements that dictate working with veterans who are seeking employment. This online cohort course provides participants with information regarding important provisions of veteran-related legislation and regulations and the legal relationship between the Disabled Veteran Outreach Program specialist, Local Veterans Employment Representative staff, and Consolidated Position staff. Participants will examine the Veterans' Employment and Training Service and the Jobs for Veterans State Grants Program. Using Veterans' Program Letters, along with relevant Training and Employment Guidance Letters / Training and Employment Notices issued by the Employment and Training Administration and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, participants will come to understand the role of the Disabled Veteran Outreach Program specialist, Local Veterans Employment Representative staff, and Consolidated Position staff at American Job Centers.

Jobs for Veterans State Grants 103: Removing the Employability Gap for Veterans with Qualifying Employment Barriers, August 25 – September 4 | September 15-25, Online Cohort

This course allows participants to examine the strategies for effectively developing working relationships with veterans, in particular those with qualifying employment barriers. Participants will study examples of qualifying employment barriers, discuss the perceptions others have of veterans, learn effective

communication techniques to interact with veterans and employers, and explore the contents of an Individual Employment Plan.

Additionally, join us for an informative webinar, Grant Closeout for Grant Recipients. Grant Officer, Kia Mason, and Grant Management Specialist, Tamara Holland, from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration explain what Grant Closeout is, systems used for Closeout, Closeout responsibilities and timelines, and preparing for Closeout. They also discuss the Closeout Package, including forms, common delays during Closeout, and post-closeout responsibilities.

- When: Wednesday, August 12, 2026, from 2:00-3:30 PM (Eastern)
- Where: On the day of the webinar, use this link to join: NVTI Webinar: [Grant Closeout Recipients](#)

After the live webinar, the recording will be uploaded to [NVTI Webinars](#).

The National Veterans' Training
Institute Website

The National Veterans' Training
Institute Class Schedule



New NVTI Webinar Covers Indirect Cost Requirements

A recent NVTI webinar provided an overview of updates to the Uniform Guidance affecting indirect costs. U.S. Department of Labor representatives Ryan Symons, Senior Cost Accountant/Negotiator, and Tamara Holland, Grant Management Specialist with the Employment and Training Administration, reviewed key indirect cost including the different types of costs, allocation base, indirect cost rate, cost allocation plan, and indirect cost proposals due date. They also discussed elements of reimbursement including reimbursement of indirect costs via a rate and a cost allocation plan, and the post-closeout adjustments.

HVRP grant recipients can [view the webinar recording through NVTI Webinars](#) and explore additional courses, microlearning, podcasts, and other grant-management resources at [NVTI.org](https://nvti.org).

NEWS



Funding Expands Housing Opportunities for Homeless Veterans

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently [announced \\$33 million in new funding](#) for the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, including 2,532 new vouchers for homeless veterans across 265 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in 44 states. HUD is also providing \$10 million in administrative fees to 289 PHAs to help improve voucher leasing and program delivery. HUD-VASH combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance with VA case management and clinical services, providing veterans experiencing homelessness with both housing assistance and the supportive services needed to promote long-term stability.

For HVRP grant recipients, these new resources create additional opportunities to connect veterans to permanent housing while addressing the employment and other barriers that can affect housing stability. HVRP staff can strengthen relationships with local PHAs, VA medical centers, and other HUD-VASH partners to identify available vouchers and coordinate services for eligible veterans. Understanding where new HUD-VASH resources are available can help HVRP grant recipients make stronger housing referrals and ensure that employment services are coordinated with a veteran's broader plan for achieving and maintaining stable housing.



Federal Apprenticeship Investments Create Opportunities for New Career Pathways

The [U.S. Department of Labor recently awarded nearly \\$162 million through five cooperative agreements](#) to expand Registered Apprenticeships in the shipbuilding, defense industrial base, and emerging technology sectors. The new Pay-for-Performance Incentive Payments Program is designed to help Registered Apprenticeship sponsors grow existing programs and create new opportunities for job seekers by providing incentive payments to employers as apprentices reach key retention and progression milestones.

For HVRP grant recipients, these investments represent new pathways to connect veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness with stable, earn-while-you-learn careers that lead to nationally recognized credentials and family-sustaining wages. As these initiatives are implemented, Registered Apprenticeship sponsors across the country are expected to begin applying for incentive funding this fall, creating opportunities for employers to expand apprenticeship openings in high-demand industries including information technology, telecommunications, artificial intelligence, semiconductor infrastructure, maritime manufacturing, defense, and automotive services.

HVRP staff can begin preparing now by strengthening partnerships with [local Registered Apprenticeship sponsors](#), [American Job Centers](#), workforce development boards, community colleges, and employers in these growing industries. Helping veterans explore apprenticeship opportunities can provide a direct pathway to employment while supporting long-term economic stability.



Federal Campaign Opens a Path to Trucking Careers for Veterans

A new federal initiative could create another employment pathway for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The [U.S. Department of Transportation launched Freedom Haulers](#), an interagency campaign with the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Labor to encourage veterans to pursue careers in trucking. The campaign highlights several potential advantages for eligible veterans. Those with qualifying heavy vehicle military experience may be able to use a [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration waiver](#) to skip the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) skills test, while veterans who served at least 36 months may be able to use GI Bill benefits to cover 100% of the CDL training costs. More than 40,000 veterans have already used the program and start working within a few weeks making an average of \$70,000 a year.

Trucking may be a particularly strong option for veterans whose military experience included operating large vehicles. [Freedom Haulers](#) provides a centralized place to learn about training, licensing, and employment resources. HVRP staff can use this information to start conversations with eligible veterans, connect them with CDL training and workforce partners, and explore whether trucking aligns with a veteran's skills, interests, and employment goals.

RESOURCES





Federal Bonding Program: Opening Doors to Employment

When meeting with employers, it's common to hear concerns about hiring individuals with a criminal background or other barriers to employment. The Federal Bonding Program is a free resource that can help ease those concerns. The program provides a no-cost fidelity bond to employers for the first six months of employment, helping reduce the perceived risk of making a new hire.

As HVRP staff build relationships with employers, consider incorporating the Federal Bonding Program into your employer outreach and job development conversations. It can be especially effective when engaging second-chance employees or introducing an employer to a qualified veteran who simply needs an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and reliability. Sharing information about the Federal Bonding Program alongside other hiring incentives, such as the [Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#), can help strengthen employer partnerships and create additional employment opportunities for veterans. For more information, please look on the [Federal Bonding Program](#) website.



National Apprenticeship Opens Technician Careers for Veterans

The new [Isuzu Veterans Technician Apprenticeship Program \(IVAP\)](#) offers a new pathway for veterans and reservists with military maintenance or technical repair experience to transition their skills into civilian careers as certified Isuzu Service Technicians. Launched July 1 through a partnership between ERS ELITE and Isuzu Commercial Truck of America, the U.S. Department of Labor-approved national apprenticeship combines web-based and instructor-led training, classroom and workshop instruction, and on-the-job training during a 12-month, competency-based apprenticeship. Veterans and reservists from all military branches with an honorable discharge and at least three years of military maintenance or technical repair experience are eligible to apply. Participants accepted into the program receive full-time employment with a participating Isuzu dealership, access to tools, equipment, training, and mentorship, and eligible veterans may apply for GI Bill monthly housing benefits during the apprenticeship.

For HVRP grant recipients, IVAP provides a ready-made opportunity to connect veterans with paid, full-time employment and structured career training that builds directly on their military experience. Grant recipients can use Isuzu's [Dealership Locator](#) to identify dealerships in their area and help interested veterans connect with those employers about IVAP opportunities. With hundreds of Isuzu dealerships nationwide, the program could be especially valuable for HVRP participants whose military backgrounds already include mechanical, maintenance, or vehicle-related experience. For more information about the program or to apply please visit www.isuzuvets.com.



Supporting Yourself While Supporting Others

Working with veterans experiencing homelessness can be incredibly rewarding, but it can also be emotionally demanding. The U.S. Surgeon General's [Framework for Workplace Mental Health & Well-Being](#) encourages organizations to foster work-life harmony, build connection and community, and create psychologically safe workplaces where employees feel supported.

Practical strategies include taking regular breaks, setting healthy professional boundaries, connecting with coworkers for support, and using available workplace wellness resources when needed. Prioritizing your own well-being helps you continue providing the best possible support to the veterans you serve. Always remember that supporting others starts with supporting yourself.

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:

Moffat.Miranda.M@dol.gov
(734) 406-7525

Pardon our dust...

The National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center Newsletter is presently working on ensuring the accuracy of our distribution list. To stop receiving our newsletter, click the unsubscribe link and confirm your preference.

[Unsubscribe](#)

