

Monthly Newsletter

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OCTOBER SPOTLIGHTS



Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Bidder's Conference



Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Bidder's Conference for Program Year 2027

The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service and the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center are pleased to invite you to a Bidders' Conference for the upcoming [Program Year 2027 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Funding Opportunity Announcement](#).

HVRP is a competitive grant program of DOL/VETS that provides workforce development, employment services, and training 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 an HVRP grant.

The Bidder's Conference will be led by NVTAC federally contracted staff and provide a comprehensive overview of HVRP, the types of organizations and partners that are often successful, and steps your organization can take to prepare to submit a competitive application.

To accommodate everyone's busy schedule, two sessions will be offered, covering the exact same information:

- Wednesday, October 28 at 3-4 ET
- Thursday, November 5 at 2-3 ET

The recording, slides, and a questions and answers document will be available on the [NVTAC website](#) after the conference. Registration for each session can be found below. We are looking forward to your participation!

October 28 Registration

November 5 Registration

Please email November 5 Registration nvtac@dol.gov at least five business days before the event to request alternate formats, sign language interpreters, foreign language translations, or other reasonable accommodations. Note that DOL does not allow electronic/mechanical recording or transcription monitoring (AI bots) unless previously approved.

HVRP National Post-Award Conference



New Materials Available from the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program National Post-Award Conference

To ensure new staff are fully prepared and empowered for success, NVTAC offers Post Award Conference trainings and resources designed to proactively support grant recipients.

The recordings, slides, Spanish translated slides, and questions and answers for the 2026 HVRP National Post-Award Conference are now available on the [NVTAC website](#).

The [NVTAC 2026 HVRP Grant Recipient Program Guide](#) is also now available.



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



Training Opportunities to Strengthen Veteran Employment Services

The National Veterans' Training Institute class schedule is available now with classes running through March 2027. Whether you're looking to expand your knowledge, dive deeper into specific topics, or connect with colleagues, NVTI's upcoming classes offer something for everyone. With a variety of course options, you can tailor your learning to fit your needs.

Upcoming virtual [Career Coaching for Special Populations](#) courses include:

- October 29: [9610/RURA: Serving Rural Veterans](#)
- November 11: [9610/SVSS: Serving Veteran Spouses](#)
- November 19: [9610/JIVS: Serving Justice-Involved Veterans](#)
- December 2: [9610/VEHS: Serving Veterans Experiencing Homelessness](#)

Other popular virtual courses include:

- October 28: [9612: Preventing and Healing Burnout in Veteran Service Providers](#)
- November 3: [9620: Advanced Case Management](#)
- November 19: [9618: Providing Resume Writing Support](#)
- December 3: [9623: Interviewing Skills](#)

Check out NVTI's new course, 9624: Engaging Employers to Advance Veteran Employment Outcomes.

Participants engage in practical, scenario-based activities to identify employer opportunities, assess employer needs, and collaborate with internal partners to match qualified veterans to appropriate employment opportunities. Participants will also develop strategies to build and maintain employer relationships that support repeat hiring and stronger employment outcomes.

- Method: Virtual, 1-Day
- Date: December 16, 2026
- Hours: 8am – 4pm Central Standard Time
- To enroll complete the [NVTI Application Form](#).

Discover these virtual, in-person, and online cohort courses you won't want to miss—and be sure to explore the full [Class Schedule](#) for even more options!

The National Veterans' Training
Institute Website

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Institute Class Schedule

NEWS



2027 AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity Supports Veteran and Workforce Pathways

AmeriCorps has released its [FY 2027 State and National Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), with applications due January 13, 2027. The opportunity supports nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, institutions of higher education, Indian Tribes, and other eligible organizations that engage AmeriCorps Volunteers in evidence-based or evidence-informed community service. The Notice identifies veterans, active-duty service members, and their families as a funding priority and also prioritizes programs that create workforce pathways for AmeriCorps Volunteers through training, certifications, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, and hiring support.

Eligible HVRP grant recipients may want to review this opportunity as a potential source of complementary funding for programs that serve veterans while building skills and employment pathways. For example, an organization could explore whether an AmeriCorps-supported initiative could engage veterans while providing structured training, credentials, and connections to employment. The opportunity is not HVRP funding and does not replace HVRP services, but it could offer an additional avenue for organizations whose missions and program models align with AmeriCorps priorities. Applicants should review the full Notice for Eligibility, program requirements, and state-specific application processes; single-state applicants may have earlier deadlines through their State Service Commission.



\$1.17 Billion in Grants to Support Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs [announced \\$1.17 billion in FY2027 grants](#) to 680 organizations nationwide to support veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The funding includes \$855 million through the [Supportive Services for Veteran Families](#) program and \$318 million through the [Grant and Per Diem](#) program. SSVF grants will support case management, homelessness prevention, housing identification, and rapid rehousing, while GPD grants will support transitional housing, supportive services, and other housing-focused programs. [View the full list of awardees](#).

For HVRP grant recipients, this announcement highlights the range of resources available to support veterans experiencing homelessness. An organization can receive both a VA grant and an HVRP grant, allowing it to coordinate complementary services and resources while maintaining the distinct requirements and purposes of each program. HVRP grant recipients can use partnerships with VA-funded organizations as part of a broader strategy to address housing, employment, and other barriers faced by veterans.



New Skilled Trades Opportunities for Veterans

Google.org is spearheading a new initiative to help 25,000 veterans and military family members build careers in the skilled trades. Funding and support will go to [Hiring Our Heroes](#), [Student Veterans of America](#), and the [Home Builders Institute](#), which will provide hands-on pre-apprenticeship opportunities, career coaching, training, credentials, and job placement assistance. HBI's program, for example, provides a tuition-free, 12 week training through the [Department of Defense SkillBridge](#) program in areas such as carpentry and electrical work, along with industry-recognized credentials and connections to employers. HBI reports that graduates of its Military Services programs have an 87% job-placement rate and average starting wages above \$23 per hour.

For HVRP grant recipients these resources may provide a pathway for veterans who are interested in skilled-trade careers but need training, credentials, or connections to employers before entering employment. HVRP staff can use opportunities such as HBI's training and placement services when developing individualized employment plans, particularly for veterans whose military experience and transferable skills align with construction or other skilled-trade occupations. The initiative also highlights the value of connecting veterans to training, credentials, and employer placement rather than treating the job search as a stand-alone service.

RESOURCES





Building Partnerships and Increasing Enrollment

Connecting with organizations that serve veterans is essential for promoting HVRP services and boosting program enrollment. Here's a streamlined approach to help build meaningful partnerships and expand impact:

- **Reach Out to Potential Partners:** Identify local agencies and groups focused on veterans, especially those addressing homelessness, jobs, and reintegration.
- **Engage in Community Events:** Participate in job fairs and veteran-focused gatherings to network and increase awareness of your services.
- **Collaborate on Outreach:** Launch joint workshops and projects with other providers to amplify your message.
- **Use Social Media:** Promote your services, share success stories, and connect with other organizations online.
- **Develop Joint Materials:** Create brochures or digital content with partners to highlight collective efforts.
- **Establish Cross-Referrals:** Set up referral systems to broaden support for veterans.

Cultivating Relationships with Veteran Organizations:

- **Communicate Clearly:** Maintain open dialogue about your goals and services.
- **Attend Veteran Events and Workshops:** Participate in conferences and collaborative sessions to build connections.
- **Share Resources:** Collaborate on training, materials, and advocacy to strengthen your network.
- **Celebrate Success Together:** Recognize milestones and contributions to foster positive relationships.

Implementing these strategies will help you build strong partnerships, enhance your outreach, and create a more supportive environment for veterans.



New Tool Helps Identify Intercity Bus Transportation Options

Transportation can be a significant barrier for veterans working to access employment, training, and other services. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) has relaunched the [Intercity Bus Atlas](#), an interactive mapping tool that shows scheduled intercity passenger bus routes and stops across the United States.

HVRP grant recipients can use the Bus Atlas to help participants explore transportation options when developing employment and service plans. The tool provides information on bus routes, stops, schedules, fares, and transfers, helping staff identify available connections and potential transportation gaps. The Atlas is updated quarterly using data from participating bus carriers, providing a current resource for transportation planning.

Explore the Intercity Bus Atlas to help veterans identify transportation options that may connect them to employment, training, and supportive services.



Employment Opportunities for Veterans: Jobs of the Week

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs regularly publishes [Hiring Veterans: Jobs of the Week](#), a weekly roundup of employment opportunities and career resources for veterans. The weekly edition includes employer job openings across the country, remote and nationwide opportunities, federal positions with VA, career-readiness workshops, and workforce readiness resources.

HVRP staff can use this resource to help participants explore current openings and connect with additional employment resources. The listings span a range of occupations and locations. The page is updated weekly with new opportunities as they become available.

SUCCESS STORIES



An Incarcerated Veteran Transition from Barriers to a Career

After serving 22 months in a county jail, an Army veteran faced significant challenges rebuilding his life, including unemployment, housing instability, mental health challenges, and limited VA benefits while awaiting a pending benefits determination. Referred to the Incarcerated Veterans Transitional Program while staying at a transitional shelter, he worked with career coaches to identify his strengths and explore career options. Drawing on his experience as a small business owner in the remodeling industry, he remained committed to finding a path toward self-sufficiency.

Through IVTP support, the veteran identified commercial driving as a promising career path, enrolled in Commercial Driver's License training, and successfully completed the program despite transportation challenges. He went on to secure full-time employment as a professional driver, marking an important step toward financial independence and housing stability. His journey demonstrates how career coaching, targeted training, and supportive services can help veterans overcome barriers and move toward meaningful employment and long-term stability.

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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