National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session

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Role of the Outreach Coach

- Work with the NVTAC Data Analyst to identify regions with high populations of homeless and at-risk veterans not currently served by an HVRP grant
- Educate organizations about the services and benefits of HVRP
- Inform communities of the HVRP grant recipients in their area and how to collaborate with them

NVTAC Overview

NVTAC Role

- Provide technical assistance designed to increase grant recipients' ability to establish and operate successful HVRP grants
- Support HVRP grant recipients throughout their period of performance to ensure that challenges are resolved quickly
- Provide effective training and peer-to-peer learning opportunities that result in increased knowledge and adoption of innovative practices among HVRP programs nationwide

HVRP Overview

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- What is HVRP?
  - A job-focused federal grant
- Who funds HVRP?
  - U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL/VETS)
- How long does HVRP funding last?
  - The grant lasts for three years, with funding provided yearly. All start-up, implementation, and follow-up activities are included in this time
- Why HVRP?
  - To provide veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness with the training and tools they need to obtain high-quality career outcomes

Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) Sections 2021, 2021A, and 2023 and the Public Law under which funding is appropriated for this program

HVRP Goals

- Deliver career exploration opportunities, placement, and supportive services to veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness, empowering them to secure employment in stable, high-demand occupations paying wages consistent with the relevant market
- Establish strong partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit organizations to assist veterans in overcoming barriers to employment
- Provide job-driven training targeted at in-demand occupations to enable veterans to become employable or seek a higher employment grade

For more information, please see the About HVRP section of the HVRP website.

HVRP Umbrella

- HVRP includes three specific programs:
  - Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)
  - Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program (IVTP)
  - Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children (HWVHVWC)

HVRP Core Services (1 of 4)

- **Outreach:** Grant recipients use a flexible, non-threatening approach to meet veterans where they are. Outreach also includes activities to engage partners and employers.
- **Intake:** Grant recipients screen each veteran to determine program eligibility, provide program information, and determine participation in the program.

HVRP Core Services (2 of 4)

- **Assessment:** Grant recipients conduct a comprehensive assessment to collect the participant's education and employment history, identify barriers to employment, including skill deficits, and determine service needs as well as strengths.
- **Case Management:** Grant recipients use a veteran-centered approach in the delivery of individualized career services designed to develop comprehensive employment plans for participants, assist participants to overcome barriers to employment, ensure access to the necessary training and supportive services that impart relevant skills and connect participants with high-quality career opportunities, and provide support during program participation and after job placement.

HVRP Core Services (3 of 4)

- **Job-Driven Training (JDT):** Grant recipients provide training that is targeted to the specific industries, occupations, and skills that are in demand locally. Training services can be provided in-house, through partners in the community, or through the local American Job Center.
- **Placement:** Grant recipients assist participants to secure or attain employment in accordance with the participant's employment goals.

HVRP Core Services (4 of 4)

- **Follow-Up:** Grant recipients provide post-exit follow-up services to participants enrolled and placed into employment for four quarters after exit, to increase the participant's success in employment retention.
- **Collaboration:** Grant recipients collaborate with public and private partners at all levels (federal, state, and local) to provide supportive services and access to housing.

For more information, please see the Services section of the HVRP website.

HVRP Participant Eligibility

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To qualify for HVRP services, an individual must:

1. Meet the definition of a “veteran”; **and**
2. Be experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness or participating in a qualifying partner service, or transitioning from certain institutions; **and**
3. Be in need of or would benefit from employment services.

HVRP Participant Eligibility: Veteran

- Eligible participants must be a “veteran,” which is a person who served in the United States Armed Forces with at least one day of federal active duty.
- More information on the veteran definition can be found in 38 U.S.C. § 101.

HVRP Participant Eligibility: Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness

- Veterans served by HVRP include:
  - Veterans experiencing homelessness as defined in the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
  - Veterans at risk of homelessness
  - Veterans participating in a partner program
  - Veterans transitioning from certain institutions:
    - Is a resident of a penal institution or an institution that provides long-term care for mental illness
    - Is at risk of homelessness absent referral and counseling services provided under the program

HVRP Myths vs. Facts

- MYTH: “HVRP is a housing program.”
- **FACT:** HVRP is an employment-focused grant. HVRP funds may be used for housing in limited circumstances, with specific requirements, and for a specific category of veterans, but it is not a housing grant.
- MYTH: “Veterans must be literally homeless to qualify.”
- **FACT:** HVRP provides services to veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- MYTH: “HVRP is only for unemployed veterans.”
- **FACT:** HVRP serves eligible veterans that are in need of or would benefit from employment services.

HVRP Outcomes

HVRP National Outcomes

In Program Year (PY) 2024:

- VETS awarded over $57 million to 32 new and 123 continuation HVRP grants.
- HVRP grant recipients served 15,888 participants.
- 64 percent of HVRP exiters were placed into employment with an average hourly wage of $19.49.

Want to Become an HVRP Grant Recipient?

Application Process (1 of 2)

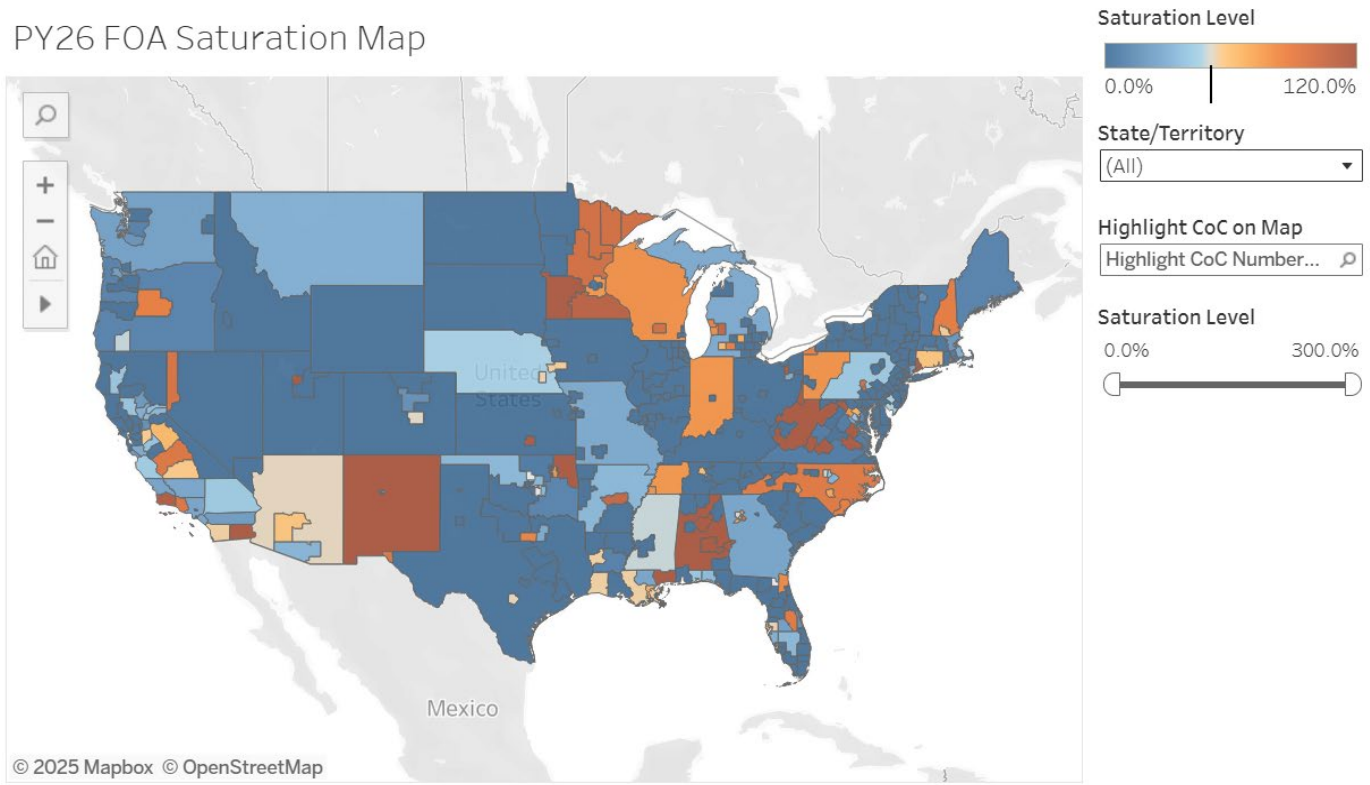
HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

- What?
  - The FOA announces the availability of grant funds and contains all the information needed to apply
- Where?
  - Grants.gov
- When?
  - During the first quarter of the year (January – April)

Application Process (2 of 2)

- The initial Forecast of the Program Year (PY) 2027 HVRP FOA is now available.
- The FOA Forecast includes the expected number of grant awards, the award ceiling and floor, key dates, applicant eligibility, the grant description and the grant goals.
- Subscribe to the PY27 HVRP FOA to receive FOA updates to include when the FOA is announced:
  - Log in to Grants.gov.
  - Click the **Connect** tab.
  - Click the **Get Started with Subscriptions** link under the Create Opportunity Subscriptions header.
  - Click the **Subscribe to Selected Opportunities** link on the Subscribe to Opportunity Updates page.
  - Click the **Add Opportunity Subscription** button.
  - Enter **FOA-VETS-27-01** for the Funding Opportunity Number.
  - Click the **Subscribe** button.

Identify Regions in Need



[Service Delivery Area (SDA) Saturation Map]

- Utilize the PY26 map
- Identify Continuum of Care (CoC) with no or low saturation of HVRP grant recipients relative to the number of homeless veterans in need

Scope of Need: Rhode Island



According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2025 Point in Time (PIT) Count:

- 125 veterans experiencing homelessness in Rhode Island
  - 23 Unsheltered
  - 102 Sheltered
- There are **no HVRP grant recipients** serving Rhode Island in PY26

Eligible Applicants

Historically, the following organizations have been eligible to apply:

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- For profit organizations (other than small businesses)
- Small businesses
- Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam*
- Native American Tribally designated organizations
- State and Local Workforce Development Boards (SWDBs/LWDBs) established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Faith-based organizations

*These are the only the U.S. Territories or Possessions that that have an active Continuum of Care, American Job Center, and a 2025 HUD Point in Time count for homeless veterans.

Participant Support Costs

- Provided to assist the HVRP participant in overcoming barriers to employment and finding and maintaining employment
- Examples of historically allowable participant support costs:
  - Transportation
  - Uniforms/Work attire/Work-related tools
  - Books/Fees/Supplies for job-driven training
  - Fees for employment and training applications, tests, and certifications
  - Automobile repair
  - Child care/Dependent care assistance
  - Housing assistance
  - Other reasonable and necessary costs

How to Prepare

- Read the 2026 FOA
  - Released January 16, 2026
  - Closed March 12, 2026
- Reach us at nvtac@dol.gov to join our mailing list and receive updates on:
  - HVRP Information Sessions
  - The 2026 Bidder's Conference
  - The 2027 Prospective Applicant Webinar

Want to Collaborate With a Current HVRP Grant Recipient?

HVRP and Collaboration

- HVRP grant recipients are encouraged to collaborate with other organizations to support their participants.
- Collaboration with other resource providers enhances the effectiveness of employment services and improves job retention.
- Partnerships provide access to job training, soft skills training, counseling, housing, transportation, child care, health/mental health services, etc.
- Working with a variety of resource providers ensures services are well coordinated, non-duplicative, and create a positive experience for the veteran.
- 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.

How Partners Can Support HVRP

- Employers
  - Connect with your local HVRP about hiring veterans
  - Establish a no-cost talent pipeline
  - Participate in hiring events
- Housing providers
  - Refer eligible veterans to HVRP
  - Coordinate case management
- Workforce agencies
  - Screen participants for HVRP eligibility and refer (if applicable)
  - Co-enroll HVRP participants
- Community organizations
  - Share referrals
  - Address supportive service needs

How to Find an HVRP Near You

- Visit the Active HVRP Grants page on NVTAC's website for the most up to date resources available on identifying an active HVRP near you
  - Search for an HVRP by state, county, or CoC
  - Find contact information for each grant

Frequently Asked Questions

HVRP FAQs (1 of 3)

- What is the average size of an HVRP grant?
  - Each HVRP FOA will specify the award ceiling and floor amounts that may be requested for one year. For example, for the PY26 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).
- Can HVRP serve veterans' spouses or family?
  - No. To qualify for HVRP services, an individual must meet the definition of a veteran as stated in Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) 02-26. HVRP funding cannot be used to serve the spouse or family of a qualified veteran.

HVRP FAQs (2 of 3)

- Can an organization apply to HVRP and serve multiple locations?
  - Yes. The organization will identify their proposed SDA(s) in their application for funding, including each state or territory in which the grant will operate, relevant counties, and/or county equivalents (independent cities).
  - It is not required to submit separate applications for each geographic area you intend to serve.
  - The one-year budget cannot exceed an amount specified in the FOA in total costs (direct and indirect) that supports the targeted population and the proposed SDA.
  - Applicants must also maintain one or more physical locations within a 50-mile radius of each county in their proposed SDA.

HVRP FAQs (3 of 3)

- Can veterans use other programs/supports while enrolled in HVRP?
  - Yes. HVRP grant recipients are expected to collaborate with public and private partners at all levels (federal, state, and local) to provide supportive services and access to housing to HVRP participants through other grants/programs.
- Is there a limit on the type of career an HVRP participant can pursue through HVRP?
  - No. HVRP grant recipients use a veteran-centered approach in the delivery of individualized career services designed to develop comprehensive employment plans for participants and assist them in securing employment in accordance with those goals. The participant defines their goals, not grant staff.

Want to Spread the Word?

How to Spread the Word

- Refer interested organizations to the NVTAC Outreach Coach
- Request a meeting or presentation on HVRP
- Share information about HVRP among your network
- Invite colleagues and partners to attend HVRP Information Sessions

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Questions?

Thank you!

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