Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session: Wednesday, October 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 veteran-friendly employers on October 14, 2026. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q1: Does HVRP provide eligible veterans experiencing homelessness with a place to stay? How does HVRP support participants through homelessness?

A1: Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) 02-26 specifies that participant support costs under HVRP may include assistance with housing only for veterans transitioning from certain institutions, if eligible, and payment for hotel stays up to three days in connection with the grant recipient's housing strategy for participants transitioning to emergency, temporary, transitional, and/or permanent housing through various community resources. Please note: **HVRP is an employment-focused grant**. HVRP funds may be used for housing in these limited circumstances, with specific requirements and for a specific category of veterans, but **it is *not* a housing grant.**

However, grant recipients must implement effective outreach on behalf of their participants to facilitate the delivery of effective job training, soft skills training, counseling, and other wraparound services, such as the provision of housing, as the means for expediting the reintegration of eligible veterans into the labor force. 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.

Q2: Are there requirements for the length of time an individual has experienced homelessness or will experience homelessness?

A2: Definitions of terms related to HVRP eligibility, such as "homeless veteran" and "veteran at risk of homelessness," including any requirements related to a certain length of time, are available in VPL 02-26, *Appendix: HVRP Definitions and Obtaining Documentation*. For example, to be determined eligible as at risk of homelessness, the veteran must meet one of the following eligibility categories (in addition to other requirements):

- Veterans who, at program entry, are at risk of homelessness within **15-60 days** (veterans who are at risk of homelessness within **14 days** are considered at "imminent risk" and are defined as homeless) (see 38 U.S.C. § 2021); OR
- Veterans recently released (within the last **18 months**) from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness.

See VPL 02-26 for more information.

Q3: If an individual qualifies as incarcerated, do they also have to qualify as a veteran to participate in HVRP, or does their justice-involved status alone qualify them?

A3: To qualify for HVRP services, an individual must meet the definition of a "veteran" as stated in VPL 02-26. Being justice-involved does not remove the requirement to be a "veteran" according to HVRP policy.