Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Information Session: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Overview

The following Q&A document provides responses to questions posed at the HVRP Information Session intended for organizations serving the U.S. Territories and Possessions on September 2, 2026. Questions have been synthesized for clarity.

Q&A

Q1: How would HVRP work for a Public Housing Authority (PHA) that only focuses on housing vouchers? Does a PHA qualify to apply for a grant?

A1: A PHA can relate to HVRP in two distinct ways. First, as a grant recipient. Per the Program Year 2027 HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement Forecast, public housing authorities and Indian housing authorities are eligible to apply for HVRP. Regardless of the type of organization, grant recipients must have the ability to provide all required HVRP core services and perform all required functions of HVRP. A PHA focused on housing vouchers would need to build out employment-focused case management, job training, and job placement capacity. Grant recipients can also bring on a subrecipient/partner to contribute to the goals and objectives of the project by carrying out part of the federal award received by the pass-through entity.

Second, a PHA can work with HVRP as a collaborator to establish resource networks and bi-directional referral pipelines to connect individuals with vital services. PHAs can screen their participants for HVRP eligibility and refer them for additional services (if applicable) and work together to coordinate case management.

Q2: How does this presentation apply to Puerto Rico?

A2: Per the Program Year 2027 HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement Forecast, eligible organizations in Puerto Rico can apply to become HVRP grant recipients or collaborate with HVRP grant recipients in their area.

Q3: Can you provide a link to the Program Year (PY) 2026 HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)?

A3: The PY26 HVRP FOA is available on grants.gov.

Q4: Are for-profit small businesses eligible to submit applications for HVRP?

A4: Per the Program Year 2027 HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement Forecast, small businesses and for-profit organizations other than small businesses are eligible to apply for HVRP.

Q5: Are there a minimum number of veterans HVRP grant recipients are required to serve monthly?

A5: There is no minimum number of veterans that must be served per month that applies to every grant recipient. In their application for funding, each HVRP applicant must propose their own performance goals (including number of participants enrolled) based on the proposed budget, service delivery area (SDA), saturation rate/level of need in the SDA, and individual capacity. Awardees will be held to the performance goals submitted in their application and must report quarterly on the progress toward their cumulative goals throughout the three-year period of performance (PoP).

Q6: Is the collection and maintenance of demographic data one of the strategies required under the HVRP FOA?

A6: Certain demographic information is collected by HVRP grant recipients at enrollment. The demographic data collected can be viewed in the Program Year 2026 HVRP Participant Tracking Sheet.

Q7: Does VETS require a dashboard for data collection?

A7: HVRP grant recipients must submit a performance report to VETS quarterly on the progress toward their cumulative performance goals throughout the three-year PoP using the VETS Grantee Reporting System (VGRS).

Q8: What are the deadlines for submitting a proposal?

A8: Please subscribe to the Program Year 2027 HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement Forecast for information regarding deadlines for submitting an HVRP application.

Q9: Can financial assistance for buying a house, for example, closing costs, be part of participant support costs?

A9: No, per Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) 02-26 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Requirements and Functions Section VI.G., VETS does not allow the purchase of vehicles, buildings, nor the lease or purchase of land. HVRP is an employment-focused grant. A participant support cost may only be provided to participants to enable their participation in HVRP services and must be tied to a specific HVRP service; it is not intended to meet every need of the participant. A participant support payment is made to, or on behalf of, eligible participants for temporary assistance required to support the individual's employment plan.

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. For example, 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. For more information on allowable participant support costs, see VPL 02-26.

Q10: Are previous proposals for HVRP funding available for review?

A10: VETS may not provide a copy of a successful application since HVRP applications are competitive in nature. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), anyone can request access to federal agency records. Like all federal agencies, we must disclose records requested in writing, but we may withhold records in full or in part under one of FOIA's exemptions and exclusions. Since the HVRP applications are proprietary, the requester would receive a redacted version of the application.

Previous HVRP applications are only available for review via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Please see the DOL/VETS Freedom of Information Act webpage for more information.

Q11: Is HVRP grant recipient award data available online?

A11: For the most up-to-date information on current HVRP grant recipients, visit NVTAC's Active HVRP Grants webpage.