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NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service and the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center hosted the Bidder's Conference for the upcoming **Program Year 2027 HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement**.

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program 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 provided a comprehensive overview of the HVRP program, the types of organizations and partners that are often successful, and steps your organization can take to prepare to submit a competitive application.

The recording, slides, and a questions and answers document are available on the **NVTAC website**.



Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Funding Opportunity Announcement Forecast

DOL/VETS has posted a **forecast for the next HVRP funding opportunity.** The forecast anticipates $12 million in total funding and 31 awards, ranging from $150,000 to $500,000 per award. Organizations interested in applying should begin preparing, review **current HVRP requirements**, and subscribe to updates on Grants.gov.



Training Opportunities to Strengthen Veteran Services

The National Veterans' Training Institute Schedule is Now Open—Register for Fall & Winter Classes

NVTI's 2026-2027 class schedule is live, with courses running through March 2027. Whether you're seeking specialized training in serving vulnerable populations or building skills in case management and communication, there's a course designed for your role.

Why These Courses Matter for HVRP Work

As a veteran service provider, you know that effective support requires both technical skills and deep understanding of the populations you serve. NVTI's upcoming offerings, from serving rural and justice-involved veterans to supporting those experiencing homelessness, address the specific challenges the veterans you serve face.

Upcoming Virtual Courses to Consider

Career Coaching for Special Populations

- December 2: **9610/VEHS: Serving Veterans Experiencing Homelessness**

Other Popular Virtual Courses:

- December 3: **9623: Presenting with Purpose: Communication Strategies for Impact**

In-Person Training in Dallas, TX

- **NVTI Travel FAQ**

Two 2.5-day course bundles offer intensive, networking-focused training:

- December 15–17: Career Coaching for Special Populations (Rural, Justice-Involved, and Homelessness focus)

Next Steps
Browse all the **Class Descriptions** and the **full class schedule**. Then **register** for your classes today—spots fill quickly.

The National Veterans' Training Institute Website

The National Veterans' Training Institute Class Schedule

NEWS



By the Numbers: Veteran Unemployment

The DOL reports that the **veteran unemployment rate** was 2.9% in October 2026, up from 2.7% the prior year. While many veterans are finding employment, national statistics do not reflect every individual's circumstance or the barriers faced by veterans experiencing homelessness.

For HVRP grant recipients, this underscores the importance of individualized employment services that help veterans overcome barriers, access training, connect with employers, and secure meaningful employment. Explore the latest data from **DOL VETS**.



Helping Veterans Access Food Assistance

More than 1.4 million veterans live in food-insecure households, yet many veterans who may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program do not participate. A recent **U.S. Government Accountability Office report** identifies several barriers, including stigma and misconceptions about eligibility, difficulty navigating applications, and challenges veterans experiencing homelessness may face when they lack stable access to mail, the internet, or a phone.

For HVRP grant recipients, this information can help strengthen conversations with veterans about food security as part of a broader employment and stability plan. Grant recipients can help veterans identify potential benefits and connect with appropriate federal, state, community resources while addressing common misconceptions about SNAP eligibility.

RESOURCES



Onboarding New HVRP Staff: Building a Strong Foundation

When onboarding new HVRP staff, set clear expectations, build confidence, and help new team members understand how their role fits into the overall program.

Case management experience may be one of the first things you look for when hiring, but strong HVRP staff can come from many different backgrounds. Think about the veterans you serve and look for staff who understand the community, connect well with people, and bring experience that relates to the needs of your participants. This might include work in domestic violence shelters, residential or home care settings, behavioral health, housing, reentry, workforce development, or other community-based services. Lived experience, military or veteran connections, an awareness of homelessness and trauma informed care concepts, and a genuine interest in serving veterans can also be valuable.

Transferable skills matter too. Sales and marketing experience can be especially helpful because outreach is such an important part of HVRP. Staff need to be able to explain HVRP to veterans, employers, and community partners and clearly communicate what the program can offer them.

Once someone is hired, give them a clear roadmap. An onboarding checklist can help cover program goals, performance expectations, HVRP eligibility and enrollment requirements, case management and documentation procedures, participant training and placement processes, and key community and employment partners. New staff should also understand how your team handles referrals, follow up, data entry, employment verification, and communication with partners.

Your National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center coach can support your team throughout the onboarding process. If you would like to request technical assistance, contact NVTAC at **nvtac@dol.gov**.



Connect Veterans to Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities

Registered Apprenticeship can give veterans a direct pathway to employment while they earn a paycheck, build occupation-specific skills, receive mentorship, and work toward a nationally recognized credential. The DOL's Office of Apprenticeship offers resources to help veterans explore apprenticeship opportunities, including the **Apprenticeship Job Finder**. DOL's Office of Apprenticeship also recently issued **Training and Employment Notice 05-26** on pre-apprenticeship, providing additional guidance for workforce partners supporting individuals who may benefit from preparation before entering an apprenticeship.

HVRP grant recipients can use these pathways as part of individualized employment strategies. Eligible veterans participating in approved apprenticeships may use **GI Bill benefits**, which can provide a monthly housing allowance while they continue to earn wages through the apprenticeship; the **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** also provides information on benefits for apprenticeship and on-the-job training. HVRP staff can help veterans identify appropriate apprenticeship opportunities, connect with employers or sponsors, and coordinate available workforce and VA resources to reduce barriers to employment.



Resources for Serving Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

The VA recently highlighted organizations in its **VetResources Community Network** that are helping veterans experiencing homelessness move toward stable housing and greater independence. Featured organizations offer a range of services, including transitional housing, individualized case management, workforce development, career coaching, employment assistance, benefits navigation, and connections to community resources. Several also provide peer support, legal assistance, and access to healthcare and other supportive services.

For HVRP grant recipients, these examples offer practical models for strengthening community partnerships and coordinating services that support veterans beyond employment. Learning how other organizations combine workforce development, housing assistance, and wraparound services can help grant recipients identify potential partners and expand referral networks in their communities. Explore the **VA article** to learn more about these organizations and their approaches.



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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