

Operational Call Highlights
November 10, 2008
VA Grant/Per Diem (GPD) Program

- The operational call is for those organizations awarded a GPD grant and are currently running a program funded under the grant. Those organizations with non-operational programs should attend the “non operational call” that is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 Eastern Time. Contact the GPD office for the dial-in number and access code.
- Awards have been announced for the 2008 capital and “per diem only” grants. Congratulations to those programs that were awarded. It is expected that the “per diem only” awarded agencies will be operational soon and joining this call within the next couple of months.
- VA will be enhancing outreach efforts to homeless veterans in FY 09. Representatives from homeless veteran programs at VA medical centers will be attending a conference during this month to discuss this topic.
- VA continues to implement the HUD-VASH program. HUD/VASH is a collaborative between VA and HUD to establish permanent housing for homeless veterans. Several sites on this call discussed how the HUD-VASH program has worked with their programs to assist participants secure permanent housing. Other sites on the call requested additional information.
- Please note that your programs will be inspected by the VA medical centers between January and March of next year. Program managers should review their grants and ensure data is available to show program objectives. Programs should also begin coordinating (if not done previously) with their designated city, county, or state Emergency Management Coordinator to establish an organizational plan that is in-line with the area emergency response. These plans will be reviewed in the yearly inspections.
- The next call is scheduled for December 8th, 2008 at 3:00 Eastern Time. You will receive a fax reminder of the call and the dial-in number.