

Operational call highlights  
June 8, 2009  
VA Grant/Per Diem Program

Announcements were as follows:

**Per Diem Rates:** The current maximum per diem rate is \$34.40. Information on how to apply for a per diem rate change can be found on the Providers web page. Any questions should be addressed to Michelle Lewis at the GPD Program Office. In order to receive any per diem rate increases your agency must be current on all SF 269's for prior fiscal years.

**Review of the capital grant applications:** Conditional selection letters for FY 2009 capital grant applications were sent out May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Second submission packages are due to the GPD Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep in mind that conditional selection does not guarantee that the agency will be finally selected.

**Agency contact information:** Please ensure that all of your agency's contact information is current with our office; including address, phone number and fax number.

**Special Need Grants:** The GPD Program is working on finalizing the final selections for the 2009 Special Need Grants. This funding is through September 30, 2011 when the GPD Program legislative authority to offer this type of grant expires. The GPD Program would need new legislative authority to fund Special Need Grants beyond this date.

**Stimulus Funding:** Currently the GPD program has not received any stimulus funding.

**Per Diem Only Announcements:** At this point GPD Program Officials are not sure if a PDO round will occur the end of FY 2009. Interested organizations were advised to check on a regular basis the Federal Register, Grants.gov, and/or the GPD website.

Next Call is scheduled for July 13, 2009; 3:00 Eastern Time. Call in number is 1-800-767-1750; access code 17663.