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## **VA Announces \$12.8 Million in funding to Help the Homeless**

*Twenty Community Agencies to Benefit*

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald today announced \$12.8 million in renewal funding through the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program to 20 [community agencies](#) that currently provide transitional housing with supportive services for homeless Veterans under the Transition in Place (TIP) model.

As a key component of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) plan to eliminate homelessness among Veterans, VA's GPD program provides per diem payments to help public and nonprofit organizations establish and operate supportive housing for specific homeless Veteran populations, which includes the innovative TIP approach to assist homeless Veterans transition from homelessness. TIP encourages rapid movement from transitional housing to permanent housing which enables Veterans to live as independently, as possible, while increasing housing stabilization.

Today's awards follows an announcement [last week](#) of \$4 million in renewal funding through the GPD program to 21 community agencies that currently provide enhanced services for homeless Veterans with special needs.

More information about VA's homeless programs is available at [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless). Community organizations seeking details and/or more information, may contact the National Grant and Per Diem Program office at <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp> or by calling 1-877-332-0334.

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