

Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the CFDA number for the Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly rural Areas?

The CFDA number is 64.035

2. Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

The two eligibility entities that can apply for the grant are Veteran Service Organizations and State Veteran Service Agencies. A VSO means an organization that is recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38 Unites States Code.

3. What is the maximum grant award?

The maximum grant that will be awarded is \$50,000 per fiscal year per highly rural area. Note: All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modification or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

4. Is there a match requirement for this grant?

No

5. How do I submit my application?

Eligible entities will submit their application through www.grants.gov , only when a notice of funding is posted.

6. Do I have to get a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number?

Yes, a DUNS number is required for grants.gov registration.

7. Do I need to register with System of Award Management (SAM)? (Formerly Central Contractor Registry, CCR)

Yes, VA requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registration in the SAM database. Applicants must update or renew their SAM registration annually to maintain active status.

8. Can I omit a part of the application requirement?

No, applicants are strongly encouraged to review the application in its entirety.

9. Do I have to purchase a van with the grant?

No, this grant is looking at innovative transportation solutions.

10. What is meant by a Highly Rural Area?

An area consisting of a county or counties having a population of less than seven persons per square mile.

11. I do not see my county listed as a Highly Rural Area but I do see my county in the Rural-Urban Commuting Areas (RUCA). Can I apply based on the RUCA codes?

No, the current grantees will continue to use the Highly Rural definition. If there will be a change in any definitions, it will be posed whenever a notice of funding is posted.

12. Can I apply for a grant for counties that are not listed in a highly rural area?

No, grants will be awarded to those entities that will operate in the counties listed as highly rural areas.

13. Can I charge a veteran for providing transportation solutions through this grant?

No, veterans are not to be charged.

14. Do I have to complete the other standard forms as noted on the application?

Yes

15. Do I have to have an adequate accounting system to manage grant funds?

Yes, it is required.

16. Am I required to comply with additional legal requirements as indicated in the grant application?

Yes, applicants selected for awards must agree to comply with additional legal requirements upon acceptance of award. See 38 CFR part 49 and 38 CFR part 43.

17. Am I required to provide reports to the national program office?

Yes, progress reports and federal financial reports are required. Reports are considered being a part of program monitoring.

18. Can VA Medical Center's apply for HRTG funding?

No, the HRTG program grant funding is only for VSOs and State Veteran Service Agencies (SVSA).

19. Can a VSO or SVSA apply anytime for grant funding?

No, grant funding is for 1 year. There are currently 19 grantees that have expended all \$3 million allocated to the program. Grantees that were funded in FY 14 will have first priority for

grant funding in the 4th Quarter of FY 15. If any grant funding is left over from the \$3 million that is allocated then a Notice of Funding Availability will go out on www.grants.gov.

20. Can a VA medical center ask a grantee to transport a veteran that is not in an approved county?

No, only approved counties that are in the grantees application can be provided the service.

21. What is my responsibility as a mobility manager with the grantee?

To assist with Veterans getting into care. MMs may call a grantee to obtain transportation for a Veteran in an approved county.