

GRANT AND PER DIEM (GPD) PROGRAM

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) OVERVIEW:

SPECIAL NEED (SN) RENEWAL

APPLICATIONS DUE BY 4:00 PM EASTERN TIME ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview of the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program's **Special Need (SN) Renewal** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
 - Period of performance **beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 (October 1, 2026)**
- Participants will learn about the requirements of the SN NOFO.
 - Overview of NOFO Information
 - Funding opportunity description
 - Award information
 - Eligibility
 - Application and scoring information
 - Application review process
 - Award administration
- Participants will learn about the application process through GPD's electronic grants management system and where to access additional resources.
- The published **NOFO is the authoritative source for all information** and the official record
- In the event there is any question or discrepancy between information in this technical assistance presentation and the published NOFO, the published NOFO is the definitive resource
- **This presentation should not be used in lieu of careful reading of the NOFO or GPD regulations**

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- The GPD National Program Office has announced three (3) separate NOFOs.
- Ensure you complete the application for the correct type of NOFO.
 - Published NOFOs can be found on the [GPD website](#), and www.grants.gov.
- Submit your application well in advance of the deadline. Note that SN and TIP applications have a different due date than PDO applications.
 - Applications received after the deadline, for any reason, will be deemed ineligible.
- Applications must be submitted via [GPD's electronic grants management system](#) (eGMS).
- eGMS has controls to prevent the late submission of applications and timestamps all applications received to ensure clarity on whether they were submitted before or after 4:00 pm Eastern Time.

NOFO Type	Application Deadline
Special Need (SN)	Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 4:00 pm Eastern Time
Transition in Place (TIP)	Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 4:00 pm Eastern Time
Per Diem Only (PDO)	Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 4:00 pm Eastern Time

SN FUNDING OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

- As this is **renewal** funding, to be eligible, an applicant **must be one of the [13 current GPD SN grantees](#)** that meet program eligibility criteria.
- SN applicants will request funding to provide **transitional housing** with supportive services to one of the five SN-targeted populations:
 - 1) chronically mentally ill, 2) frail elderly, 3) individuals who care for minor dependents, 4) terminally ill, or 5) women
- Grants will be for up to **three (3) years** starting in FY 2027 on October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2029.
- GPD expects to fund approximately **95 transitional housing beds** nationwide.
- Grant awards are expected to be \$5 million per year for three years, **\$15 million total**.
- Grants are nationally competitive and there is no guarantee of funding.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- These grants support the President's priority to reduce homelessness and increase the excellence of and options for care, benefits, and services for veterans, as demonstrated in [Executive Order 14296 - Keeping Promises to Veterans and Establishing a National Center for Warrior Independence](#).
- In accordance with [Executive Order 14332, Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking](#), aside from the evaluation criteria published in this announcement, VA has discretion to remove from consideration any applicant VA deems does not demonstrably advance the President's or VA's priorities.
- VA will not fund activities that use racial preference for eligibility criteria or promote gender ideology.
- VA will not fund activities that promote or facilitate violations of immigration laws or are sources of waste, fraud, or abuse.
- VA will not tolerate activity or conduct by grant recipients that constitute acts of moral turpitude, are scandalous, or bring the recipient, the project funded by this grant, or VA into public disrepute, contempt, or ridicule.



ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant eligibility:**

- To be eligible, an applicant must be one of the 13 current GPD SN grantees awarded a grant with a start date of October 1, 2024, based on the FY 2025 Special Need NOFO published to Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352176> on February 2, 2024.
 - A list of active GPD SN grantees is on the GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>.
 - Current SN grantees must maintain their organizations eligibility as a **501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization, state or local government agency** or federally recognized **Indian Tribal government** that meets the requirements in [38 C.F.R. § 61.1](#).
- Applicants must propose to continue the currently funded GPD SN project. VA will not consider completely different or new SN populations.
- Eligible entities must have an active registration in the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#) and must maintain their active status throughout the grant award period.

- **Veteran participant eligibility:**

- For the purpose of GPD eligibility, “[Veteran](#)” is defined as “a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, regardless of length of service, and who was discharged or released therefrom,” excluding anyone who received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces or was discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces by reason of the sentence of a general court-martial. 38 U.S.C. § 2002(b).

BACKGROUND

- The [GPD Program](#) began in 1994 and is VA's largest transitional housing program for Veterans experiencing homelessness. The program's statutory authority has expanded several times and now includes 5 different types of grant awards (i.e., Per Diem Only, Transition In Place, **Special Need**, Case Management, Capital grants).
- SN grants are for transitional housing with wraparound supportive services. Services are targeted to unsheltered Veterans experiencing homelessness who are in one of the five SN populations.
 - Veterans may stay in the program up to 24 months, but the goal is to facilitate the movement to permanent housing as quickly as is clinically appropriate.
 - Current average length of stay in GPD, nationally, **is less than 6 months**.
 - Grantees employ strategies to outreach and engage Veterans in their community.
 - Grantees offer same-day access to housing and services eliminating barriers that may delay admission.
 - Services provided support Veterans with securing affordable permanent housing, as well as increasing their income through employment and/or benefits.

BACKGROUND

- The GPD Program is organizationally aligned under the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).
 - Grants are nationally administered with operational oversight provided by local VA medical facilities.
- VHA is organized into 18 regions called Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs).
- Every VISN has a Network Homeless Coordinator (NHC).
 - NHCs have a variety of leadership and coordination responsibilities related to homeless services within the network.
- Every VA medical facility with a GPD grant has a GPD liaison.
 - Approximately 280 nationally.
 - Provide oversight and monitoring of GPD grants.
- Find your VA medical facility: <https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>



SN MODELS

- SN transitional housing applicants must propose to continue providing services to their currently identified SN Veteran population (see NOFO Population Descriptions and [38 CFR § 61.41](#)):
 - Chronically mentally ill
 - Frail elderly
 - Individuals with the care of minor dependents
 - Terminally ill
 - Women
- Applicants **may not** apply for Transition In Place (TIP) and/or Per Diem Only (PDO) housing models under the SN NOFO.
 - TIP and PDO funding opportunities were published under separate NOFOs.

SN PERFORMANCE METRICS

- The **Homeless Operations, Management, and Evaluation System (HOMES)** is VA's primary platform for collecting intake, progress and outcome information for homeless Veterans as they move through VA's system of care.
 - HOMES entry and exit forms will be documented for **every** Veteran in GPD.
 - Individual grantee performance is available monthly.

	Chronically Mentally Ill	Frail Elderly	Individual w/ minors	Terminally Ill	Women
Veterans Discharged to Permanent Housing	≥60%	≥65%	≥70%	N/A	≥70%
Veterans Discharged with a Negative Exit (lower is better)	≤20%	≤20%	≤20%	N/A	≤20%
Veterans Discharged with Competitive Employment	≥55%	N/A	≥55%	N/A	≥55%

USE OF FUNDS

- SN grantees will draw down on their grant awards receiving a per diem payment for the bed days of care provided each month.
- SN per diem funding supports costs to operate the transitional housing project.
- The maximum allowable grant size is determined by the number of beds previously awarded and by each applicant's unique Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN).
- Applicants for renewal funding **may request up to the number of beds approved under their currently active GPD SN grant** (start date October 1, 2024).
 - Applicants may request fewer beds but may not request more.
 - Each application will be for **minimum of 5 beds** and a **maximum of 10 beds** per application.
- Funding under this NOFO may not be used for capital improvements or to purchase vans or real property.
 - Vehicles may be leased to facilitate required transportation.
- Allowable costs are defined for all Federal grants in [2 C.F.R. § 200 subpart E](#) - Cost Principles, as well as for GPD in [38 C.F.R. § 61](#). Costs must be treated consistently with the grantee's normal written standards.

FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

- Applicants must own or lease the facility(s) site addresses proposed in the SN application. Applicants leasing space must ensure the lease covers the entire 3-year period to ensure housing stability for participants.
- The SN beds supported under this grant **must be in private rooms with private bathrooms** including the following characteristics:
 - The minimum square footage for the private bedroom and private bathroom **combined is 120 square feet**.
 - The bedroom and bathroom do not need to be attached in which case the walkway would not usually count toward the square footage calculation.
 - The bathroom must include **shower or tub, sink, and toilet**.
 - Neither the bedroom nor the bathroom facilities may be shared (e.g., no shared sink area outside the toilet room).
 - Rooms with partial walls are not acceptable. **Walls must go floor-to-ceiling**.
 - Rooms must have a door and not involve unauthorized passage through another dwelling unit.

FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

- The SN grant does not support capital development work. Applicants should not propose sites that require capital work that will not be complete prior to the beginning of the award period, October 1, 2026.
- All facilities must meet the inspection standards outlined in [38 C.F.R. § 61.80\(a\)-\(b\)](#). This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with:
 - Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards and the **Americans with Disabilities Act** Accessibility Guidelines.
 - Current edition of the **Life Safety Code** of the National Fire Protection Association and all applicable State and local housing codes.

APPLICATION CONTENT

- Applications must be submitted via GPD's electronic grants management system
 - https://hmlsgrants-va.mod.udpaas.com/s_Login.jsp.
- The SN application is broken into sections:
 - Organization Profile – UEI, EIN, Indirect Cost Rate, SAM registration
 - Overview – 3-year funding request, VAMC, VISN, CoCs
 - Application – beds requested, Special Need population, site address(es)
 - Abstract
 - Detailed Application Design
 - Need
 - Outreach
 - Project Plan
 - Ability
 - Coordination
 - Budget Narrative
 - Organization Leadership
 - External Attachments (e.g., SF-424)
 - Certifications

APPLICATION CONTENT: SN FUNDING REQUEST

- In the Overview section of the application organizations provide funding request details.
 - Combined 3-year total amount requested (Year 1 + Year 2 + Year 3 = Total Amount Requested).
 - Given that this application is a renewal, annual and total funding requests should be formulated considering the occupancy rates and authorized per diem rates for fiscal year (FY) 2025 and the first quarter of FY 2026.
 - Amount requested year 1
 - Amount requested year 2
 - Amount requested year 3
 - **Example:** SN applicant requests 10 beds to serve Women Veterans. Current per diem rate is at the maximum of \$124.40 and their historical occupancy is 80%. For this upcoming grant round, applicant projects staying at the same per diem rate and occupancy.
 - Amount requested year 1: $10 \text{ beds} \times \$124.40 \times 365 \times .80 = \$363,248.00$
 - Amount requested year 2: $10 \text{ beds} \times \$124.40 \times 366 \times .80 = \$364,243.20$
 - Amount requested year 3: $10 \text{ beds} \times \$124.40 \times 365 \times .80 = \$363,248.00$
 - **TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$1,090,739.20, which would be rounded to **\$1,090,740.00**

APPLICATION CONTENT

- All applicants should identify at **least three (3)** different organizational points of contact in eGMS.
 - Organization Leadership
 - Fiscal Management
 - Grant Operations
- The person that completes and submits the SN application becomes the *owner*.
- [How-to Add or Update Grant Contacts](#)
- [How-to Register a New Organization in eGMS](#)

The screenshot displays the 'Per Diem Only' application interface. The 'GRANT CONTACTS' tab is highlighted in green. Below the navigation tabs, there is an 'Instructions' section with a green information icon. The instructions state: 'This section is to add grant contacts to your application. Use Invitations below to invite them to be a grant contact for this application.' It also includes a 'Grant contacts' section and a 'How to invite a grant contact' section. A red note states: 'NOTE: Under the Grant Contacts tab below, add a minimum of one organizational contact for each of the following roles: Grant Operations, Organizational Leadership, SQUARES POC, and Fiscal Management. Per role, organizations may identify a maximum of three contacts.'

The 'Grant Contacts' section features a search bar with a dropdown menu for roles and an 'Add Contact' button. Below this is a table with the following data:

#	Full Name	Title	Organization Name	Email	Role	Status
1	Erin E	Testing	GPD TESTING, INC	grantperdiem1@gmail.com	Organization Leadership	Active
2	Heather M	GM Specialist	GPD TESTING, INC	grantperdiem2@gmail.com	Grant Owner	Active

The 'Invitations' section is also highlighted in green and shows a table with the following data:

Prefix	First Name	Last Name	Email	Role	Status
C		Kuhl	grantperdiem1@gmail.com	Organization Leadership	Accepted

Buttons for 'Save Draft' and 'Request Deletion' are visible at the bottom of the 'Invitations' section.

APPLICATION CONTENT

- **NEED (see [38 C.F.R. § 61.13\(e\)](#)) - 2 questions**
 - Discuss and demonstrate the overall need for the beds and SN population requested.
 - Current grantees are encouraged to discuss occupancy rates and past performance under their current GPD SN award and how that experience has informed the current declared need for the number of beds.
 - Opportunity to provide data that supports your assertions and discuss involvement with the local coordinated entry process and by-name list.

- **OUTREACH (see [38 C.F.R. § 61.13\(c\)](#)) - 3 questions**
 - Discuss the frequency and method of direct outreach your agency will do to engage unsheltered Veterans.
 - Discuss how your project fits within your CoC's plan to end homelessness.
 - How will low barrier principles be applied so Veterans have rapid access to housing and services.
 - Discuss how admission processes will facilitate same-day access to housing and services.

APPLICATION CONTENT

- **PROJECT PLAN (see [38 C.F.R. § 61.13\(b\)](#)) – 19 questions**
 - List all the supportive services and the minimum frequency with which they will be provided.
 - Describe the plan for:
 - Case management
 - Individual service plans
 - Provision of meals
 - Transportation
 - Supervision
 - How will you support income maximization (e.g., access to benefits, employment, job training).
 - Describe any applicable participant fees, agreements, policies and procedures, or other program requirements.
 - Applicants providing services to minor dependents must answer the Project Plan 13 question.
 - Note, SN grants do not provide separate or additional per diem payments for minors as the maximum SN per diem rate is already 200% of the State Home domiciliary care rate.

APPLICATION CONTENT

- **ABILITY (see [38 C.F.R. § 61.13\(d\)](#)) - 5 questions**
 - Demonstrate your organization's ability to effectively carry out the grant as described in the application.
 - Provide a clear staffing plan
 - Discuss how the quantity and quality of staff is sufficient to provide the services discussed in the project plan section of the application.
 - Discuss past performance (e.g., utilization, performance metric outcomes).
 - Current GPD grantees discuss whether they have received any written corrective action plans from their VA medical facility directors.
 - Applicants may include in the External Attachments section position descriptions for up to four key positions.
 - **Do not** include resumes.
 - Organizations that operate other types of programs, must make certain that the staff referenced in the staffing table are dedicated to the GPD beds identified in this grant.
 - The table provides the opportunity for applicants to commit fractions of a position (e.g., 0.25 FTE, 10 hours/week).
 - Salaries/compensation must be reasonable ([2 CFR § 200.430](#))

APPLICATION CONTENT

- **COORDINATION (see [38 C.F.R. § 61.13\(g\)](#)) - 3 questions**
 - Attach any relevant letters of coordination from your VA medical facility and/or other community partners (e.g., CoC).
 - Ensure letters are **signed, dated, and attached to eGMS** application.
 - Can help establish need for your project and substantiate community collaborations.
 - Demonstrate collaboration with local community efforts and with coordinated entry systems (e.g., documented involvement with case conferencing, by-name lists).
 - Demonstrate that you have discussed the details of your proposed project with the local VA and substantiate assertions regarding past performance.
 - **Request letters early** (give at least 30 days)
 - Describe how this project has been coordinated with VA and/or the local community.
 - Discuss coordination strategies that support transitions to permanent housing.
 - [Sample Coordination Letter](#)

Grant and Per Diem Program – VA Letters of Coordination

ATTACHMENT A: Sample VA Coordination Letter

[SUBMIT LETTERS ON VA MEDICAL FACILITY LETTERHEAD. SUBMIT LETTERS TO THE APPLICANT IN TIME FOR INCLUSION IN THE ONLINE APPLICATION BY THE DUE DATE AND TIME STATED IN THE NOFO. ANY MATERIALS ARRIVING SEPARATELY OR LATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION.]

Date:

Grant and Per Diem (GPD) National Program Office

RE: *[INSERT APPLICANT NAME]*

To Whom It May Concern:

The *[INSERT VA MEDICAL FACILITY NAME AND #]* in *[INSERT VASW #]* understands the above-noted entity is applying for a *[INSERT ONLY ONE GRANT TYPE: BDO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OR BDO SERVICE CENTER OR TRANSITION IN PLACE]* grant which, if selected for funding, would begin October 1, 2023.

The applicant consulted with our medical facility regarding the staffing, services, and overall scope of the project proposed within their GPD application. Our understanding is that the applicant is proposing the following activities:

Facility address(es) (if available)	Proposed model(s): Bridge Housing Clinical Treatment Hospital to Housing Low Demand Service Intensive Service Center Transition in Place	Proposed number of GPD beds (For Service Centers enter the number of hourly visits monthly)	Proposed number of beds for minor dependents of Veterans (if applicable)	Proposed number of beds, staffing and services will meet the needs of Veterans in the community (yes / no)

We have worked with the above-noted entity since *[INSERT DATE]*. This entity provides *[INSERT LIST OF SERVICES]* to Veterans in the above-noted area. VA has worked with this entity in the following capacity *[INSERT ROLES IN WHICH VA HAS WORKED WITH THE APPLICANT TO PLAN THE OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. INCLUDE THE DURATION OR FREQUENCY]*.

[INSERT ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO THE APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE PROVIDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OR SERVICES UNDER PROGRAMS SUCH AS GPD. INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF PAST PERFORMANCE IN RELATIONSHIP TO EXITS TO PERMANENT HOUSING, DECREASING NEGATIVE EXITS, EMPLOYMENT, AND BED UTILIZATION (AS APPLICABLE)].

[INSERT ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPLICANT AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN EFFORTS SUCH AS COMMUNITY-WIDE PLANNING, COORDINATED ENTRY, VA-SPECIFIC COORDINATION, EFFORTS TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS AND ANY OTHER COORDINATION ACTIVITIES.]

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,
[INSERT NAME, TITLE, PHONE, EMAIL]

APPLICATION CONTENT

- **BUDGET**

- Budget narrative asks applicants to describe how they calculated the costs of services and staffing proposed in the application. Explain how the project costs can be supported within the available [per diem rate limits](#).
- Organizations that will commit other sources of funding or in-kind resources should explain.
- Discuss if subrecipients or contractors will be involved in this project.
- Describe of your organization's financial stability, management systems, and your ability to meet the management standards described in [2 C.F.R. § 200](#) and [38 C.F.R. § 61](#).
- A per diem budget is **NOT REQUIRED** for the initial application submission. If conditionally selected for funding, applicants will submit a Per Diem Rate Request Worksheet.

APPLICATION CONTENT

- **EXTERNAL ATTACHMENTS**

- **Application for Federal Assistance:** SF-424 is required.
 - Must be signed by a person authorized to make legal commitments on behalf of the organization.
 - Signature on the SF-424 must be digital or hand-written. A blank signature field or a “signature” that is manually typed will not be accepted.
- **Indirect Costs:** Federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement or certification of de minimis indirect cost rate (required only if requesting indirect costs).
 - A copy of the [certification of de minimis indirect cost rate](#) is available on the GPD website.
- Letter(s) of coordination. (optional)
- Position descriptions for up to four key positions may be attached. (optional)
- Other attachments (optional)

APPLICATION REVIEW

- Threshold review requirements ([38 CFR § 61.41](#)).
 - Applications must be submitted on time, in the correct format, be complete, from an eligible entity and for eligible activities.
- Applications that pass threshold will be reviewed and scored by a panel of subject matter experts.
 - As this is a national competition, applicants **should not** assume that grant reviewers are familiar with their organization or local community homeless system.
 - VA may use historical program documents of past performance in determining scores.
- Applicants must receive at **least 750 points** (out of a possible 1000, per [38 C.F.R. § 61.13](#)) and must receive points under each category.
 - **Need** – maximum 150 points
 - **Outreach** – maximum 100 points
 - **Project Plan** – maximum 300 points
 - **Ability** – maximum 200 points
 - **Coordination** – maximum 200 points
 - **Completion confidence** – maximum 50 points
- Applications that receive the minimum score to be eligible for selection will be ranked and considered in score order until available funding is exhausted.

APPLICATION REVIEW

- In general, reviewers will consider the degree to which an applicant organization:
 - Commits to implementing a **low barrier** approach to providing services to Veterans
 - Whether they are able to provide **same-day access** from the point of identification or referral to the GPD project
 - Engages in the local **coordinated entry process** and the **by-name list**, as appropriate.
 - Demonstrates the declared need for the number of beds requested & SN population proposed in the application.
 - Proposes **private rooms with private bathrooms** for Veterans.
 - Proposes a comprehensive **scope of services** appropriate for the housing models requested.
 - Commits to providing **staff with demonstrated skills, experience and education** relevant to the scope of services and SN population.
 - Commits to a **sufficient quantity of staff** to support the number of beds requested.
 - Demonstrates coordination with the local VA medical facility and how this project fits within community-wide homeless system.
 - Demonstrates having currently available facility(s).
 - Has **past performance** that substantiates the grantees' ability and need for the proposed resources in the community.

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Generally, VA will provide funding to eligible applicants in score order as described in this NOFO until eligible applications or funding is exhausted.
- **Funding is not guaranteed**
- Conditionally selected applicants may be asked to submit additional information.
 - Applicants will be notified of the deadline to submit such information.
 - If an applicant is unable to meet any conditions for the grant award within the specified time, VA may non-select the applicant and may use the funding for another applicant(s).
 - VA may negotiate arrangements with conditionally selected applicants and will incorporate any changes into the grant agreement.
 - Prior to awarding a grant agreement, VA reserves the right to make upward or downward adjustments to factors including but not limited to hours, FTE positions, services, project period dates, or dollars amounts, including adjustments that exceed the limits of the NOFO, as needed within the intent of this NOFO.
- Adjustments may be based on a variety of factors including the quantity and quality of applications, the needs of the community, geographic dispersion, as well as the availability of funding.

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Conditionally selected applicants will submit a per diem rate budget and sign a grant agreement.
- Award decisions expected to be announced July/August/September 2026.
- All sites are required to pass inspection ([VA Form 10-10158](#)) and be able to start serving Veterans as of October 1, 2026, and no later than 180 days from the award start date ([38 C.F.R § 61.30\(c\)](#)). Failure to establish the grant within 180 days will result in termination of the grant and may impact future award decisions ([38 C.F.R. § 61.12\(i\)](#)).
 - New sites must pass inspection by the local VA medical facility and receive a project activation notification **prior** to the placement of Veterans and the initiation of per diem billing.
 - Current grantees with sites that passed inspection within the last 12 months will have until December 31, 2026.
 - All GPD sites are inspected annually between October – December, with ad hoc reviews throughout the year.
- Grantees must comply with GPD regulations ([38 C.F.R. § 61](#)) and OMB Uniform Guidance and Cost Principles for Grants (e.g., [2 C.F.R. § 200](#), [2 C.F.R. Subpart E](#)).

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- By law, the maximum per diem rate is up to 200% of the State Home domiciliary rate.
 - As of December 1, 2025, the maximum GPD per diem rate for SN awards is \$124.40 for transitional housing.
 - Scope of services and staffing proposed within the application must be supportable within those funding limits or including other funding sources your agency may be committing to the project.
- Per diem is billed monthly, based on the number of bed days of care provided.
- Grantees must maintain a detailed daily census of all participants.
 - Census must be submitted with monthly per diem billing as supporting documentation; also supports safety considerations.

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Per diem rates are based on the cost of care to provide housing, services and staffing described within the application.
 - Per diem may support **up to 100% of the cost of care**, minus other sources of income (e.g., resident rent, external funding sources that support grant operations).
 - Costs charged to the grant must be **allowable, allocable, and reasonable**.
 - Indirect costs ([2 C.F.R. § 200.412-415](#)) are allowable if supported by a Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) or if supported by a certification of de minimis indirect cost rate declaring a rate of up to 15% of modified total direct costs ([2 C.F.R. § 200.414](#)).
 - Otherwise, all requested costs must be direct costs.
 - **HMIS participation fees** and related staffing costs associated with inputting data and monthly reporting are allowable if not available through other means at no cost to the grant.

TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- **Do not wait until the last minute to submit your application.**
 - Deadline is firm as to date and hour.
 - **Submit early** to avoid the risk of unanticipated delays, computer service outages or other submission-related problems that might result in ineligibility.
- GPD commits to providing technical assistance to applicants prior to the application submission deadline.
 - Response times can vary.
 - Applicants should plan accordingly and allow **at least three business days** to receive responses.
- Ensure that your application is complete.
 - Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration.
- Be sure to fully answer all the questions.
 - Many narrative questions have several parts.
- Typographical and grammatical errors inhibit understanding of the project.
- Read the SN NOFO carefully as it is the official document regarding this notice of funding.
- Read the GPD regulations carefully ([38 C.F.R. § 61](#)).
- **Write your application as if the person reading it knows nothing about your organization... *because they don't!***

TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Use data to establish need for your specific project.
- Start early by having planning discussions with your local community and VA medical center.
- Discuss your past performance. If there were challenges discuss what proactive steps your agency took to address these issues and the outcome of those efforts.
- How will your proposed project meet community need?
- How is your organization tied to the local coordinated entry system in your area?
- Application narratives must align with GPD regulations.
 - For example, applicants may not state they will charge security deposits or application fees because this type of fee is not allowable, per [38 C.F.R. § 61.82](#).
- Review technical assistance materials on the [GPD website](#).

RESOURCES

- SN NOFO on the GPD website: <https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp>
- eGMS website: https://hmlsgrants-va.mod.udpaas.com/s_Login.jsp
- eGMS How-to Guides
 - Register new organization: https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/GPD/providers/UDPaaS_How-ToRegisterNewOrg_in_eGMS.pdf
 - Add or update contacts: https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/GPD/providers/UDPaaS_TutorialAddContacts.pdf
- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424 on Grants.gov):
 - <https://grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-family> or
 - https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/sample/SF424_4_0-V4.0.pdf
- Sample coordination letter:
 - <https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/GPD/VALetterofCoordinationsamplePDOTIPSNFY27NOFO.pdf>
- GPD regulations: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-61>
- GPD Provider Website: https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp

QUESTIONS

- Questions should be directed to the GPD team at GPDgrants@va.gov
- GPD Team
 - Chelsea Watson, Director
 - Nancy Hegel, Supervisory Financial Analyst
 - Erin Johnson, Program Analyst
 - Melissa Meierdierks, Clinical Program Specialist
 - Angela Smittie, Clinical Program Specialist
 - Jenny King, Grants Management Specialist
 - Coral Baker, Financial Management Specialist
 - Heather Monroe, Grants Management Specialist
 - Justin Dandois, Compliance Officer

THANK YOU

FINAL REMINDER: SN applications due Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 4:00pm Eastern Time

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