

SQUARES 2.0



WHAT IS SQUARES 2.0?

Just as SQUARES itself offered a host of new capabilities, SQUARES 2.0 will provide the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) grantees, contractors, and outreach staff working with homeless veterans with reliable, detailed information through an online system about Veteran eligibility. SQUARES 2.0 is focused on providing quicker and simpler access to care for homeless and at-risk Veterans. The SQUARES 2.0 upgrades include:

- Immediate eligibility confirmation, information about military service, and VHA enrollment
- Batch inquiries, allowing shelters, drop-in centers, and other community providers to easily identify Veterans among their population and refer them to appropriate health or homelessness services

With this new version, SQUARES offers SSVF and GPD grantees the ability to offer critically necessary services for homeless and at-risk Veterans without waiting for documentation or having to go to a VA Medical Center for the sole purpose of establishing eligibility.

HOW DOES SQUARES 2.0 WORK?

SQUARES 2.0 inquiries are performed entirely online. Care providers simply submit Veteran identification traits to the online portal. The system returns eligibility for homeless grant programs and VA healthcare.

WHO CAN ACCESS SQUARES 2.0?

VA staff or staff at organizations receiving VA homeless program grant funding (SSVF, GPD, CERS) are authorized to use SQUARES. Other community-based homeless service organizations may use SQUARES if they sign a data use agreement with VA governing use of the tool. A broader SQUARES user base means a more accurate service network for our homeless and at-risk Veterans. Find out more about SQUARES 2.0 at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/squares>.

WHEN IS SQUARES 2.0 TRAINING?

Training details and information are available at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/squares>.