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Homeless Providers Grant & Per Diem Special Need

Notice of Funding Opportunity

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I. Basic Information

Federal Agency Name

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Announcement Type

Renewal Grant

Funding Opportunity Title

Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Special Need
(SN) Grant

Funding Opportunity Number

VA-GPD-SN-Fiscal Year (FY) 2027

Assistance Listing Number

64.024, GPD Program

Funding Details

Approximately \$5 million per year for three years is available for 13 SN grants (approximately \$384,000 per award) under this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). 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.

Grants are expected to be for a period of three years starting on or around October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2029. Funding is not guaranteed. VA reserves the right in any year to adjust funding levels, services, locations, performance targets, dates, or other factors, as needed within the intent of this NOFO based on a variety of factors, including program priorities, availability of funding, and grantee performance. VA may provide funding for the entire project period at the time of award or may provide funding in increments (for example, annually). Payment details will be given to the grantee at the time of award.

Key Dates

Applications for grants must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, February 17, 2026.

In the interest of fairness to all applicants, the date and time of this deadline is firm. VA will treat any application received after the deadline as ineligible. Applicants should

submit materials early to avoid the risk of ineligibility, unanticipated delays, computer service outages, or other submission-related problems.

On time submission requires an Entity Identification Number (EIN) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) from the System for Award Management (SAM), and an active registration in SAM. For details, see also the Before You Begin section.

Executive Summary

VA's Homeless Providers GPD National Program Office anticipates awarding renewal grants to community-based organizations to provide SN supportive housing services to facilitate Veteran engagement in permanent housing. Awards are expected to be for three years starting on or around October 1, 2026. The goals and objectives of this NOFO are described in the Program Description section.

Ending Veteran homelessness requires multifaceted approaches. This NOFO is designed to be one such approach. This NOFO responds to the mounting need in communities to end homelessness in unique and targeted ways tailored to the needs of diverse populations of Veterans and to the unique skills and resources in different communities. Grants funded from this NOFO will increase housing stability for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who are in one of the five SN-targeted populations listed at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2023-title38/USCODE-2023-title38-partII-chap20-subchapVII-sec2061>: 1) chronically mentally ill, 2) frail elderly, 3) individuals who care for minor dependents, 4) terminally ill, or 5) women. This renewal funding will provide assistance to offset operational costs, including costs that would not otherwise be incurred, but for the fact that the recipient is providing supportive housing beds in private rooms with private bathrooms for a homeless Veteran population with SN. Eligible entities may apply for funding only if they

are a current GPD grantee receiving a SN award through opportunity VA-GPD-SN-FY 2025 are eligible to apply. For full details, see the Eligibility section. For program

information and requirements, see 38 CFR Part 61 at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-61>.

Agency Contact Information:

Questions may be emailed to GPDGrants@va.gov.

Ms. Chelsea Watson, Director VA Homeless Providers GPD National Program Office;
(202) 461-0056 (this is not a toll-free telephone number) or GPDGrants@va.gov.

Copies of the application materials and technical assistance resources are available on the GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>. You may use the QR code to access the GPD website.



GPD Website Scan Me

II. Before You Begin

The following steps may take several weeks.

Entity Identifiers

If you believe your organization is a good candidate for this funding opportunity, get your EIN, UEI, and SAM.gov registration now at <https://sam.gov/> registration. If your organization is already registered in SAM.gov, make sure the registration is active and up to date.

- *EIN.* Your organization must have an EIN from the IRS.
- *UEI.* Your organization must have a UEI from SAM.gov.
- *SAM.gov registration.* Your organization must have an active account with SAM.gov.
- Be sure to answer *Yes* to the *Financial Assistance Representation and Certification* item. For a sample, see the GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>.

Prepare these requirements immediately. They may take weeks to complete. Do not wait until you are ready to submit your application to start these requirements.

Incomplete requirements may prevent you from submitting your application on time.

Applications submitted without an active UEI may be rejected at threshold, meaning the application would be considered ineligible. For information about SAM, see also the Key Dates section, the Eligibility section, and the Submission Requirements and Deadlines section.

Registering in the Online Application System

For guidance on registering your organization in the online application system, see the How-To: Register a New Organization reference guide. Reminders: Applications are due before 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the date stated in the Key Dates section. Keep this NOFO with you when completing the application. It includes supplementary guidance for completing the application.

III. Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

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>. No other applicants are eligible to apply.

Applicants must propose to continue the currently funded GPD SN project. Adjustments to the project services may be proposed. However, VA will not consider completely different or new project populations.

Applicants must not be out of compliance with any reporting requirements or other requirements under any other GPD grant (e.g., outstanding Standard Form (SF) 425 Federal Financial Report (FFR), outstanding closeout requirements). At the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) instruction (2 CFR § 200.344(i)), VA will publicly report to the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System and enter or amend information in SAM.gov (Responsibility/Qualification) for any organization whose reporting is not completed within one year from the grant end date. GPD may decide not to provide a grant under this NOFO to an organization who is out of compliance with any VA, GPD, or other Federal, state, or local agency grants requirements. For additional information about eligibility, see the Eligible Participants section.

Entity Identifiers

Eligible applicants must have an EIN from the IRS, a UEI from SAM, and an active registration in SAM. Entities must maintain their active status in SAM throughout the application period. VA may not make a Federal award to an applicant if the applicant does not meet the EIN, UEI, and SAM requirements.

Organizations applying as a nonprofit must be Federally recognized by the IRS as a section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization. Successful applicants must maintain this status for the duration of the grant as a continuing condition of eligibility.

For additional information about SAM, see the Before You Begin section.

Cost Sharing

Cost sharing is not allowed for this grant program.

IV. Program Description—General

Purpose

Ending and preventing homelessness among Veterans is a priority for VA. VA's Homeless Programs Office constitutes the Nation's largest integrated network of homelessness, housing, prevention, and rehabilitation services for Veterans. These programs help Veterans live self-sufficiently and independently. They facilitate the delivery of supportive housing to ensure Veterans can end the cycle of homelessness.

Since 1994, the GPD program has provided Veterans experiencing homelessness with community-based transitional housing, supportive services such as case management, and more. These services assist Veterans in attaining and retaining permanent residence. VA offers several types of grants under the umbrella of the GPD program. The grants are designed to meet Veterans at various stages as they move to housing stability. Community organizations that receive the grants offer focused support through a variety of service models. The GPD program plays a vital role in the continuum of homeless services.

Ending Veteran homelessness requires multifaceted efforts. This NOFO represents one such effort. In response to the mounting need in communities to prevent homelessness, this NOFO focuses on upstream prevention approaches to reduce housing instability. Grants funded by this NOFO will help Veterans get and stay housed. VA is committed to supporting community-based organizations as they meet the challenge of ending homelessness among Veterans.

Funding Priorities

None.

Goals and Objective

The goals of projects under assistance listing 64.024, VA Homeless Providers GPD program, are to provide transitional housing and supportive services to Veterans experiencing or at risk for homelessness as they move toward and retain permanent housing. Grants awarded under this NOFO will contribute to the achievement of the goals and objective by making available approximately 13 SN grantees nationwide and supporting permanent housing retention by Veterans. Applicants for renewal funding must address the needs of the same homeless Veteran SN population identified in the previous SN application and approved in the grant agreement effective October 1, 2024, or in a subsequently approved change of scope. Changes to the SN population served through this renewal opportunity are not allowed. Applicants must demonstrate compliance with the SN population requirements in their renewal application and during the grant award period if selected for funding. Refer to 38 CFR § 61.41 for additional information on SN populations

Performance Metrics and Targets

GPD measures performance using key performance indicators (KPI). The KPIs for this grant at time of Veteran discharge from the SN program are the

1. Percentage of Veterans who exit to permanent housing;
2. Percentage of employed Veterans (if applicable); and
3. Percentage of negative exits.

To measure successful projects, VA establishes a target for each KPI (see table 1). VA may, at its discretion, update targets at any point before or during the award period.

Table 1: KPIs and targets per SN population-based model

KPI	Target
Chronically mentally ill	
Percentage of Veterans discharged to permanent housing	60% or greater
Percentage of Veterans discharged negatively	20% or less
Percentage of Veterans with employment at discharge	55% or greater
Frail elderly	
Percentage of Veterans discharged to permanent housing	65% or greater
Percentage of Veterans discharged negatively	20% or less
Percentage of Veterans with employment at discharge	n/a
Individuals who care for minor dependents	
Percentage of Veterans discharged to permanent housing	70% or greater
Percentage of Veterans discharged negatively	20% or less
Percentage of Veterans with employment at discharge	55% or greater
Terminally ill	
Percentage of Veterans discharged to permanent housing	n/a
Percentage of Veterans discharged negatively	n/a
Percentage of Veterans with employment at discharge	n/a
Women	
Percentage of Veterans discharged to permanent housing	70% or greater
Percentage of Veterans discharged negatively	20% or less
Percentage of Veterans with employment at discharge	55% or greater

Guidance for the Use of Funds

Funding applied for under this NOFO may be used to operate the SN transitional housing project. Funding may not be used to operate Case Management projects, Transition in Place projects, Service Centers, or other GPD transitional housing bed models offered under the Per Diem Only NOFO.

1. Funds requested for renewal grant activities should be calculated taking into consideration the occupancy rates and authorized per diem rates for FY 2025 and the first quarter of FY 2026. VA reserves the right to negotiate with grantees regarding funding requests as needed.
2. Per diem may be requested to offset the cost of operating the SN transitional housing project, minus other sources of income, including programmatic and administrative costs such as:
 - a. Operating costs as defined in 38 CFR § 61.1.
 - b. No separate payments for Veterans with minor dependents are allowable.
 - c. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) participation fees and related staffing costs associated with inputting data and monthly reporting (only if not available through other means at no cost to the grant).
 - d. Costs for outreach activities directly related to the grant.
 - e. Indirect costs, as defined in 2 CFR § 200.1 and prescribed in 2 CFR §§ 200.412-415, are allowable if supported by a Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or if the applicant is eligible for the de minimis rate of up to 15% of modified total direct costs as described in 2 CFR § 200.414. Otherwise, all requested costs must be direct costs.
 - f. Costs related to data and evaluation are allowed (2 CFR § 200.455(c)).
3. Funding under this NOFO may not be used for capital improvements or to purchase vehicles or real property. Vehicles, however, may be leased to facilitate required transportation within the community if needed. Costs for necessary gas, insurance and maintenance of the vehicle are allowable.

4. All Federal grant funds made available for infrastructure projects must include terms and conditions of award that maximize the use of goods, products and materials produced in, and services offered in, the United States. See PL 117-58; 2 CFR § 200.322. GPD transitional housing grants are not infrastructure projects. Therefore, generally, infrastructure costs are not allowed, including but not limited to costs for acquisition, renovation, construction or other changes to buildings or real property. However, consistent with Federal-wide initiatives (e.g., Executive Order (EO) 14005, OMB memos M-21-26 and M-22-11 and PL 117-58), if written prior approval is received from the GPD National Program Office for infrastructure costs, then GPD grantees must ensure domestic preference for those infrastructure activities (consistent with 2 CFR § 200.322 and with PL 117-58). Information about Made In America policies is available: <https://www.madeinamerica.gov/>.
5. Funds provided through this NOFO must not duplicate funding provided by any other GPD or VA grants and must not duplicate or replace funds from any Federal, state or local government agency or program to assist homeless persons (see 2 CFR § 200.405 for details about allocable costs).
6. VA reserves the right to fund only those projects or portions of projects based on the percentage of use by VA and based on the actual need as determined by VA. Those activities deemed outside the scope of this NOFO will not be funded.
7. Allowable costs are described for all Federal grants in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles.

Eligible Participants

Individuals who meet the definition of Veteran, as described in Appendix B, and experiencing homelessness who choose a supportive transitional housing environment that provides services prior to entering permanent housing are eligible for SN participation.

When eligibility questions arise, the VA's Health Eligibility Center makes determinations regarding Veteran eligibility. The GPD National Program Office does not determine

eligibility for individual Veterans. For details about applicant eligibility, see the Eligibility section.

Program Authority

The program authority is 38 U.S.C. §§ 2011, 2012, and 2061. VA implements this authority in 38 CFR Part 61. Funding is subject to other applicable laws and regulations, including those in title 2, CFR (such as 2 CFR Parts 1, 25, 170, 175, 180, 182, 183, 184, 200, 801, and 802). Organizations that carry out a Federal award as a recipient or subrecipient of this grant program including for-profit organizations are subject to 38 U.S.C. §§ 2011 and 2012, 38 CFR Part 61, and 2 CFR Part 200. This includes requirements for monitoring and examining records.

V. Program Description—GPD SN

Services

SN provides transitional housing and a milieu of services that facilitate individual stabilization, increased income and movement of the Veteran to permanent housing in the residence as rapidly as clinically appropriate.

Facility Specifications

The SN beds supported under this grant must be in private rooms with private bathrooms including the following characteristics:

1. 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.
2. The bathroom must include shower or tub, sink, and toilet.
3. Neither the bedroom nor the bathroom facilities may be shared (e.g., no shared sink area outside the toilet room).
4. 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.

Applicants must own or lease a facility(s) appropriate for the activities required under the NOFO. For example, an applicant for a transitional supportive housing grant who owns or leases a single-family home, an apartment building, Tiny Homes or other types of housing units may propose how the selected facility(s) is appropriate for the required activities.

Facility configurations must account for the privacy, safety, security, and dignity needs of Veterans.

Facilities must be in locations that are supportive to the goals of Veterans and the project. For example, a neighborhood's level of safety, sobriety, economic opportunity, transportation and inclusion can impact a Veteran's success in gaining or maintaining permanent housing.

Applicants who need to acquire, construct or renovate a facility(s) for use as GPD transitional housing or who do not include a clear plan for identifying a facility(s) in a timely manner will not be considered for award under this NOFO.

All facilities must meet the inspection standards outlined at title 38 CFR §§ 61.80(a)-(b).

Population Descriptions

Applicants must address the needs of one of the homeless Veteran populations identified in 38 CFR § 61.41 as summarized here.

1. **Chronically mentally ill.** Applications that include this population must show how the detailed application design will:
 - a. Help participants join in and engage with the community;
 - b. Facilitate reintegration with the community and provide services that may optimize reintegration such as life skills education, recreational activities, and follow up case management;
 - c. Ensure that participants have opportunities and services for reestablishing relationships with family;
 - d. Ensure adequate supervision, including supervision of medication and monitoring of medication compliance; and

- e. Provide opportunities for participants, either directly or through referral, to obtain other services particularly relevant for a chronically mentally ill population, such as vocational development, benefits management, fiduciary or money management services, medication compliance, and medication education.
2. **Frail elderly.** Applications that include this population must show how the detailed application design will:
- a. Ensure the safety of the residents in the facility to include preventing harm and exploitation;
 - b. Ensure opportunities to keep residents mentally and physically agile to the fullest extent through the incorporation of structured activities, physical activity, and plans for social engagement within the program and in the community;
 - c. Provide opportunities for participants to address life transitional issues and separation or loss issues;
 - d. Provide access to walkers, grippers, or other assistance devices necessary for optimal functioning;
 - e. Ensure adequate supervision, including supervision of medication and monitoring of medication compliance; and
 - f. Provide opportunities for participants either directly or through referral for other services particularly relevant for the frail elderly, including services or programs addressing emotional, social, spiritual and generative needs.
3. **Individuals who care for minor dependents.** Applications that include this population must show how the detailed application design will:
- a. Ensure transportation for individuals who care for minor dependents, and their children, especially for health care and educational needs;
 - b. Provide directly or offer referrals for adequate and safe childcare;
 - c. Ensure children's health care needs are met, especially age-appropriate wellness visits and immunizations; and
 - d. Address safety and security issues including segregation from other program participants if deemed appropriate.

4. **Terminally ill.** Applications that include this population must show how the detailed application design will:
 - a. Help participants address life transition and life-end issues;
 - b. Ensure that participants are afforded timely access to relevant services (e.g., hospice services, nursing services, palliative care);
 - c. Provide opportunities for participants to engage in activities of “getting things in order or other therapeutic actions that help resolve end of life issues and enable transition and closure;
 - d. Ensure adequate supervision including supervision of medication and monitoring of medication compliance; and
 - e. Provide opportunities for participants either directly or through referrals for other services particularly relevant for terminally ill such as legal counsel and pain management.
5. **Women.** Applications that include this population must show how the detailed application design will:
 - a. Ensure transportation for women, especially for health care and educational needs; and
 - b. Address safety and security issues including segregation from other program participants if deemed appropriate.

Staffing

Key Personnel

GPD designates the following role as the grant's key personnel role: Project Director. The applicant must identify this role, confirm the responsibilities of the Project Director, and list this individual as a key contact in the application (see the Overview section). The Project Director is the role on the grant that VA identifies as being accountable for achieving the expected performance results of the grant-funded project. The person filling this role takes responsibility for the success and failure of the project. When performance targets are not met, or other problems arise, the person filling this role is one of the primary people with whom GPD will negotiate to improve performance or to take remedies for noncompliance (for example, 2 CFR §§ 200.208, 200.339). This role is subject to prior approval requirements, such as those in 2 CFR §§ 200.308(f)(2)-(3). See also the Definitions section and the Performance Metrics and Targets section.

Applicants are encouraged to include, within the attachments section of their application, the position description(s) and corresponding minimum qualifications of staff identified as key personnel. This will ensure thorough description of each key role, facilitating a clearer evaluation during the application review process.

Other Personnel

Applicants may identify other personnel who will be involved in the project. Other personnel are not subject to prior approval requirements. Other personnel may be identified in the application as key contacts or as users at the applicant's discretion and according to the guidance in the Overview section.

Within the application, applicants may establish minimum education, experience, and training requirements for positions cited in the Ability Section of the Application. It is the role of the Project Director to ensure the grantee achieves the required performance results. Grantees are responsible for complying with any local requirements for licensure or certification.

See also the Definitions section and the Performance Metrics and Targets section.

VI. Application Contents and Format

To apply for a grant, applicants must use the online application system by following the instructions on the GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>. See also the Submission Requirements and Deadlines section of this NOFO. When an applicant completes the Acknowledgement part of the application (see the Overview section in Appendix A) and submits the application, the applicant provides an authorized electronic signature on the SF-424 and on the application. These signatures are legal and binding.

Pre-Application Materials

See the Before You Begin section.

Application Introduction

The numbered questions in Appendix A are required application components for a GPD grant. Applicants must include all required materials in their application submission. Submission of an incorrect, incomplete, inconsistent, unclear, or incorrectly formatted application package may result in a rejected application.

Any character count limits are suggested maximum limits. Most applicants will use less than the suggested limit. Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide complete responses while also being clear and concise.

VA may make a reasonable effort to confirm or clarify information in the application. VA reserves the right to consider ineligible or not to select any application with inconsistent information or information that cannot be readily confirmed or that leads to an unclear understanding of the proposed project.

This NOFO cannot predict all potential circumstances. VA expects applicants to propose plans within the requirements and guidance of this NOFO. When a specific situation is not explicitly addressed in this NOFO, applicants must use their judgment to propose plans that meet the intent of this NOFO and may explain how their choices align with the intent. All applications will be evaluated against the requirements and guidance of this NOFO.

Application Components

See Appendix A.

Pre-Award Materials

See the Review and Selection Process section.

VII. Submission Requirements and Deadlines

Address

This NOFO contains everything needed. No additional address information is necessary.

UEI and SAM

Eligible applicants must have an EIN from the IRS, a UEI from SAM, and an active registration in SAM before submitting an application. Entities must maintain their active status in SAM throughout the application period. VA will not award a grant to an applicant if the applicant has not complied with the EIN, UEI, and SAM requirements. For more information, see 2 CFR Parts 200 and 25 as well as SAM.gov at <https://sam.gov/>. Certain requirements also apply to subrecipients and contractors.

If an applicant is out of compliance with the EIN, UEI, or SAM requirements at the time VA is ready to make an award, VA may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and may use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant or for making a different funding decision.

If awarded a grant, applicants must maintain compliance with EIN, UEI, and SAM requirements for the duration of the grant as a continuing condition of eligibility.

GPD grants are Federal financial assistance as defined in 2 CFR §§ 25.400 and 200.1. Therefore, applicants must answer *yes* in SAM.gov saying they wish to apply for a Federal assistance project or program under the Financial Assistance Representation and Certification section. Then, applicants must certify the representations and certifications in SAM. For a sample, see the GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>.

Information is also available in the Before You Begin section.

Submission Instructions

See the Before You Begin section.

Applicants must submit applications electronically following instructions on the GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>. Applicants must not submit applications by email, mail, facsimile, or any other method.

The GPD National Program Office must receive applications no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the application deadline date stated in the Basic Information section.

Applications must arrive as a complete package. Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration and may result in a rejected application.

No case-by-case exceptions to the deadline are allowed even in the case of illness, death, computer difficulties, staff turnover, or other reasons. In the extremely rare event that a group exception is provided, a public notice would be posted on the GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp> or a modified funding opportunity would be posted on Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/> indicating the extended application submission deadline, if applicable.

In the event of errors, such as duplicate applications or multiple applications per EIN, per VA medical facility catchment area, VA reserves the right to select which application to consider based on the submission dates and times or based on other factors.

VA advises applicants to refer to this NOFO when completing the online application. NOFO content provides supplementary guidance for completing the online application.

For technical assistance, contact GPDgrants@va.gov. GPD commits to providing technical assistance to applicants who have procedural questions prior to the application submission deadline. Response times can vary. Applicants should plan accordingly and allow at least three business days to receive responses.

Submission Dates and Times

See the Key Dates section.

Intergovernmental Review

EO 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, was issued to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on state and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. Generally, GPD grants are not subject to EO 12372.

Funded grantees are also required to comply with all applicable EOs.

VIII. Application Review Information

Threshold

Pursuant to 38 CFR § 61.41, VA may provide special need funds to entities that are eligible to receive a capital grant. Therefore, an applicant must meet the initial threshold review requirements of 38 CFR § 61.41. Not meeting these criteria may result in the application being rejected at threshold and not being considered for award. The following sections summarize the threshold requirements. Please see 38 CFR § 61.41 for additional information.

Application is Complete

VA must receive all required application components in the required manner. See the Application Contents and Format section. If VA identifies discrepancies or concerns, including any signatures (for example, electronic or scanned signatures), VA reserves the right to request additional or revised materials (including a true ink signature). VA reserves the right to communicate with an applicant, as needed, prior to making threshold decisions.

Applicant is Eligible

The applicant organization must be an eligible entity. See the Eligibility section.

Activities are Eligible

Activities proposed in the application must be eligible, including:

- Applicants must provide transitional housing and a milieu of services that facilitate individual stabilization, increased income and movement of the Veteran to permanent housing in the residence as rapidly as clinically appropriate.
- Applicants must propose a three-year project period.

Merit Review Criteria

Criteria for Points

VA has instituted procedures for assessing the technical merit of applications to provide for an objective review of applications and to assist you in understanding the standards against which your application will be scored. Reviewers will award points based on the evaluation criteria described in 38 CFR § 61.40(b) as summarized below. For the evaluation criteria, see 38 CFR 61.13(b)-(g) at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-61#61.92>, as summarized in table 2.

Table 2: Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Points Range
Need (38 CFR § 61.13(e))	0-150
Outreach (38 CFR § 61.13(c))	0-100
Project Plan (38 CFR § 61.13(b))	0-300
Ability (38 CFR § 61.13(d))	0-200
Coordination (38 CFR § 61.13(g))	0-200
Completion Confidence (38 CFR § 61.13(f))	0-50
Total (38 CFR § 61.13(a))	0-1,000

Other Considerations

In the event of a tie score between applications, VA will determine at its discretion how to handle selection decisions (for example, selecting multiple applications for award, awarding for less than requested). VA will consider the goals and objectives of this NOFO. VA's discretionary funding decisions are final.

Review and Selection Process

A technical merit review panel will evaluate applications against the criteria stated in this NOFO. Applications may earn up to 1,000 points depending on the quality of responses. The final scores will serve as the primary basis for selecting applications for funding. The review panel will follow 38 CFR Part 61 and 2 CFR Part 200 for review guidance. To determine scores, VA may use information such as VA and non-VA historical program documents of past performance, including those from other Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as audits by private or public entities. When scoring applications, VA will instruct the review panel to consider

1. How the application demonstrates plans to maximize grant utilization to facilitate permanent housing placements; and
2. Past performance (for example, performance metrics).

The panel results are advisory in nature and not binding on the Grant Program Officer. 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. If sufficient funding is available, VA may make additional selections at its discretion. Funding is not guaranteed. Depending on factors such as the quantity and quality of applications received, the availability of funding, and past performance, VA reserves the right to make additional rounds of conditional selections from this NOFO, to reduce the amount of funding or scope of the award (e.g., beds, staffing, and site locations as applicable to the type of award), or to take other actions as appropriate.

VA may require conditionally selected applicants to submit additional information. Applicants will receive a deadline to submit such information. VA reserves the right to negotiate with applicants, at any point, including prior to award, an upward or downward adjustment to factors including, but not limited to, full-time equivalent employee positions per grant, services, project period dates, or dollar amounts, including adjustments that exceed the limits stated in this NOFO if needed to accomplish the overall goals and objective. VA will incorporate changes into the grant agreement.

If an applicant has not fully complied by the time VA is ready to make an award, VA may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award and may use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant. VA may elect to negotiate an increase to another conditionally selected applicant or applicants, to award additional applications, to publish another NOFO, or to take other actions based on factors such as program priorities, availability of funds, and quality of applications.

Due to the volume of applications received and in fairness to all applicants, individual application feedback is not provided.

Risk Review

Prior to making an award, and at any time post-award, VA will review any available information, including its own records and any Office of Management and Budget-designated repository of Government-wide eligibility or financial integrity information, such as SAM.gov at <https://sam.gov>. VA will comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Parts 180 and 801. VA will conduct a business risk assessment in accordance with 2 CFR 200.206. VA may ask applicants or grantees to submit additional information regarding their ability to manage Federal funds. The risk assessment may consider results of the applicant's eligibility (threshold review) or the quality of its application (merit review). If VA decides to make an award, VA may add specific conditions to the award corresponding to the degree of risk. Applicants may review and comment on any information in SAM.gov about their organization. If the applicant comments on any SAM.gov records, VA will consider the comment as part of the risk review.

IX. Award Notices

Although subject to change, VA expects to announce awards by approximately August 2026. VA reserves the right in any year to adjust the award (for example, to change funding amounts) as needed with the intent of this NOFO based on a variety of factors, including program priorities and the availability of funding.

The applicant's signature on the SF-424, including electronic signature, constitutes a binding offer by the applicant and constitutes agreement to the terms and conditions of award. VA may elect to award funds with or without discussions with the applicant. Applicants may review the general terms and conditions of award on the GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>.

Only a grant agreement with a VA signature is evidence of an award and is an authorizing document allowing costs to be incurred against the grant. Other notices, letters, or announcements are not authorizing documents. VA expects to provide a grant agreement with a VA signature through the online application system to the registered organizational contacts around October 1, 2026.

VA expects to notify unsuccessful applicants by email to the registered organizational contacts around October 1, 2026.

X. Post-Award Requirements and Administration

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The grant agreement includes the terms and conditions of the award and must be signed by VA to be legally binding. Applicants may review the general terms and conditions of award on the GPD website. VA places great emphasis on responsibility and accountability. VA has procedures in place to monitor grants provided under this NOFO. VA may impose specific conditions or remedies for noncompliance, including termination of the grant, at any point during the grant period (2 CFR § 200.208, 200.339). Termination and other performance matters may impact future award decisions (2 CFR § 200.206).

Conflicts of Interest

Consistent with 2 CFR § 200.112, grantees must disclose in writing any potential conflicts of interest to VA or to the pass-through entity immediately as conflicts arise and provide updates no less frequently than annually thereafter. The conflict-of-interest guidance for general procurement standards (2 CFR § 200.318) is hereby applied to other grant actions beyond procurement actions. Specifically, grantees must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of their employees or other personnel engaged in activities funded by the GPD grant. Activities include the selection, award, and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, agent, any member of the immediate family, a partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the involved parties, has a financial or other interest in, or a tangible personal benefit from, a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the grantee organization may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, grantees may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions for violations.

Suicide Prevention

Grantees must ensure they train grant-funded staff annually regarding suicide prevention and how to address situations in which Veterans demonstrate suicidal ideation. Grantees must develop standard operating procedures on suicide prevention in consultation with the local VA medical facility. VA training is available at Veterans Health Administration (VHA) TRAIN at <https://www.train.org/vha/welcome> which is part of the VHA Institute for Learning, Education, and Development (ILEAD) at <https://www.va.gov/VHALEADERSHIPDEVELOPMENT/index.asp>. The VA S.A.V.E. course is also available at <https://learn.psycharmor.org/courses/va-save>. The Veterans Crisis Line at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/find-resources/local->

[resources](#) provides a search tool for locating a Suicide Prevention Coordinator in your area for in-person training.

Health Care Engagement

The GPD National Program Office expects grantees to engage proactively with Veterans to maximize access to any applicable private or public health care services, including but not limited to VA, Medicare, Medicaid, and local or regional services.

Inspections

Grantees must pass a VA inspection. Grantees must receive an activation date from VA after each unit or facility passes inspection. Activation dates indicate the date on or after which a grantee may admit a Veteran into the inspected unit or facility. All projects must pass inspection and be able to start serving Veterans as of October 1, 2026, and no later than 180 days from the award start date (38 CFR § 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 CFR § 61.12(i)).

All units must be reinspected no less frequently than annually. VA reserves the right to withhold payments, reduce beds, terminate a grant or take other action as appropriate when inspection or reinspection requirements are delayed.

Grantees must report to the VA GPD liaison any sentinel, serious, or other critical incidents impacting VA-funded participants or occurring at a facility where VA-funded participants are receiving services, including the occurrence of these type of events affecting non-VA-funded participants on the grantee's premises. Additionally, grantees must report any adverse health or safety inspection results or similar findings made concerning the grantee's premises or operations by any non-VA oversight entity, such as a Federal, state, county, or local regulatory body. Some examples of sentinel events or critical incidents include Veteran injury, overdose, death, or damage to the grantee's facility where Veterans reside. Grantees should have an internal incident reporting system and must ensure that these incident reports are provided to the GPD liaison within 24 hours of the incident. If liaisons are not being informed by the grantee of critical issues affecting Veterans or the grantee's facilities, the VA medical facility

oversight team may conduct unannounced inspections, request a written communication plan, or take other actions necessary to protect Veteran health and safety, including immediately halting all new admissions to the GPD program.

Payments of Grant Funds

Payment Requests

Under this NOFO, VA will make payments in a method consistent with VA policy and other Federal fiscal requirements. Payment details will be given to the grantee at the time of award.

Payments are only for allowable costs, as specified under the Federal cost principles for grants (2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E) and for the activities outlined in this NOFO. Awards under this NOFO are dependent on funding availability and program authorization. Factors such as carry forward amounts, performance, risk assessments, or organizational financial stability and management standards may impact future year funding amounts.

Grantees will receive payments electronically as identified by VA (e.g., through the local VA medical facility, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Payment Management System, etc.)

1. Per-diem payments:
 - a. Payments for Veterans will be at a rate not to exceed what is allowed by regulation, which at the time of NOFO publication is not to exceed 200% of the current VA State Home per diem rate for domiciliary care as set by the Secretary under 38 U.S.C. § 1741(a)(1) and 38 CFR § 61.44(b)(2).
 - b. The per diem payment calculation may be found at 38 CFR § 61.33 and current maximum per diem rates are available on the GPD provider website at https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp.
2. Payment vouchers: Grantees are required to submit properly prepared and fully documented vouchers within 30 days of the end of each month. Grantees who are unsure if their submission is properly prepared and fully

documented should submit early to allow time for review and resubmission no later than 30 days after the end of each month.

3. EO 14332 does not allow for the grantee to draw down funds unless: To the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law, agency heads shall insert in future discretionary grant agreements terms and conditions that: (i) prohibit recipients from directly drawing down general grant funds for specific projects without the affirmative authorization of the agency; and (ii) require grantees to provide written explanations or support, with specificity, for requests for each drawdown.
4. Per diem rate monitoring: Grantees are required to monitor their per diem rate for accuracy monthly. It is essential to avoid accumulating significant unobligated funds due to overestimating the per diem rate, as this indicates a lack of internal controls (2 CFR § 200.303). If a grantee determines that their per diem rate does not accurately reflect the allowable and allocable costs incurred, they must submit a per diem rate modification immediately.
 - a. At any time, including prior to payment, VA reserves the right to request documentation for any item of cost.
 - b. Grantees are advised to keep careful records, including documentation of cost calculations (e.g., itemized invoices) and of cost reasonableness. Grantees are advised to keep documentation of having secured any voluntary leveraged funding from other sources if applicable.

Immediate Cash Needs

VA will make payments to reimburse grantees for amounts spent (38 CFR § 61.61(b)). VA does not provide advanced payments to GPD grantees. Grantees must maintain written procedures to minimize the time elapsing between drawing down funds from the Federal Government and disbursing the funds for grant costs. Also, grantees must maintain financial management systems that meet the standards for fund control and accountability as established in 2 CFR § 200.305. Grantees must limit payment requests to the minimum amounts needed. Grantees must time payment requests with

actual and immediate cash needs for carrying out the approved project. The timing and amount of payments must be as close as administratively feasible to actual disbursements by the grantee for direct project costs and the proportional share of any allowable indirect costs. Typically, *immediate* means within 3 business days, as articulated on the HHS website at <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/funding-request-formula.html>.

Cost Documentation

Grantees must support their request for payments with adequate fiscal documentation, including documentation of program income and expenses. VA advises grantees to keep careful records, including documentation of voluntary leveraged funding from other sources, and including cost calculations, such as itemized invoices and evidence of cost reasonableness.

Reporting and Monitoring

VA will oversee and monitor the grantee's services to participants. Monitoring will include financial and performance reviews. All grantees are subject to audits and fiscal reviews conducted by VA or its representative. See 2 CFR § 200.337. VA's pre-award and post-award risk assessment will determine, in part, the reporting requirements and monitoring cadence (bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually). All submissions are electronic.

Reporting

1. Quarterly performance reviews: VA will conduct quarterly performance reviews of each grantee. At minimum, grantees must provide information on their performance and their progress helping Veterans maintain stable housing, adequate income, and self-sufficiency as identified in the application. VA may also require grantees to provide information on financial and management activities to ensure compliance with Federal and VA requirements. Grantees must demonstrate adherence to the proposed project concept, as described in the application, as well as requirements defined by

regulation and this NOFO. For the targets associated with each metric, see the Performance Metrics and Targets section.

2. An annual SF-425 FFR is required to be submitted within 90 days of the end of each grant year. Grantees who do not submit on time are subject to being withheld from receiving payments temporarily pending receipt of the report. An FFR form is available on the GPD provider website at https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp or on www.grants.gov. Instructions for submission also are on the GPD provider website. Under this NOFO, VA will make payments in a method consistent with VA policy and other Federal fiscal requirements (e.g., EO 14332). Payments are only for allowable costs, as specified under OMB cost principles for grants (2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E), for the activities outlined in this NOFO. All payment specifics will be given to the grantee at the time of award. Grantees are subject to requirements of this NOFO, 2 CFR Part 200, 38 CFR Part 61, and other Federal grant requirements. A full copy of the regulations governing the GPD program is available at the GPD website at www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp. Grantees will be required to support their request for payments with adequate fiscal documentation, including program income and expenses.
3. For reporting requirements on matters of recipient integrity and performance, see the general terms and conditions of award on the GPD website.
4. If an option to request a modification to the project period or to request additional funding becomes available, VA will tell grantees how to make a request (notwithstanding 38 CFR § 61.61(b) and in compliance with 2 CFR § 200.308(c) and 200.309).

Monitoring

1. Grantees will work with a GPD Liaison from a nearby VA medical facility who will provide oversight and monitoring.

2. Grantees may not make significant changes to a project after a grant is awarded without written prior approval from the GPD National Program Office. VA reserves the right to disallow services provided by the grantee if VA determines that they are of unacceptable quality, in which case grant funds may not be used to pay for them.
3. Grantees must request written prior approval from the GPD National Program Office if they wish to receive per diem payments for more than the number of beds requested and approved as part of the grant application for minor dependents in the care of a GPD Veteran.
4. If additional time or funding becomes available, grantees will be notified about how to make a request (notwithstanding 38 CFR § 61.61(b) and in compliance with 2 CFR § 200.308(c) and 200.309).
5. Low bed utilization may result in bed reductions and may impact future award or option year(s) decisions.
6. Grantees are responsible for monitoring and managing their subrecipients if applicable (2 CFR § 200.331-333).
7. All grantees are subject to fiscal reviews or audits conducted by VA or its representative.
8. Monitoring may include a review of the agency's income and expenses as they relate to this project to ensure payment is accurate and to ensure compliance with program requirements.

Closeout

1. The final SF-425 FFR is due within 120 days after the project period end date. Grantees who do not comply are subject to public reporting on Federal websites, such as SAM, for material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of award (2 CFR § 200.344).
2. Grantees must promptly refund any balances of unobligated funds not authorized to be retained. Any funds paid to the grantee more than the amount to which the grantee is finally determined to be entitled under the

terms and conditions of award are a debt to the Federal Government (2 CFR § 200.346).

3. For other closeout requirements and ongoing requirements after closeout, including audits and record retention, see the general terms and conditions of award on the GPD website at https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp.

Record Retention

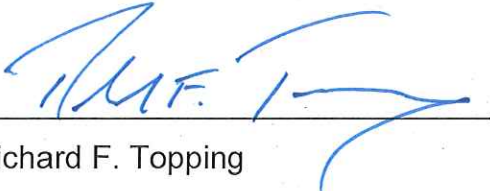
Grantees must follow Federal records retention guidelines, which require that grantees maintain and provide access to all records pertaining to grant activities for a period of at least three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report. See 2 CFR § 200.334-338 for more specific information, including information about the start of the record retention period for awards that are renewed quarterly or annually and when the records must be retained for more than three years.

XI. Other Information

VA is required to ensure compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and EOs when evaluating and awarding grants. In accordance with EO 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.

Signing Authority

The VA Secretary has delegated authority to the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, to approve this document and authorizes the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register and/or www.grants.gov for publication electronically as an official document of the VA.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R.F. Topping', written over a horizontal line.

Richard F. Topping
Assistant Secretary for Management
Chief Financial Office
Department of Veterans Affairs

12-12-2025
Date

XII. Appendices

Appendix A. Application Components

Overview

The numbered questions below make up the Special Need (SN) renewal application that all applicants must complete. Applicants must include all required documents in their application submission. Submission of an incorrect, incomplete, inconsistent, unclear, or incorrectly formatted application package may result in the application being rejected.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may make a reasonable effort to confirm or clarify information in the application. VA reserves the right to consider ineligible or not to select any application with inconsistent information or information that cannot be readily confirmed or that leads to an unclear understanding of the proposed project.

Organization Profile (Eligibility)

1. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).
2. Employer Identification Number (EIN).
3. Organization Name.
4. Organization Address (including city, State, postal code and congressional district).
5. Indirect Cost Rate (percentage). In the External Attachments tab, upload a copy of your agency's current Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) or your Certification of De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate, at https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/GPD/FiscalResources/Certification_of_De_Minimis_Indirect_Cost_Rate.pdf supporting the stated indirect cost rate, if applicable. Note: Applicants who do not request to charge for indirect costs, as described in 2 CFR § 200.414, are not required to upload a NICRA or Certification of De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate.
6. System for Award Management (SAM) expiration date. Note: Applicants are required to be registered in SAM before submitting an application and must maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during

which they have an active Federal award or an application under consideration by a Federal awarding agency. Refer to the Funding Actions section of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and 2 CFR Part 25 for more details.

Overview

1. 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.
 - a. Amount requested year 1
 - b. Amount requested year 2
 - c. Amount requested year 3
2. Station number of the VA medical facility whose catchment area includes the proposed area to be served in this application (select one).
3. Veterans Integrated Service Network (select one).
4. Continuum of Care (CoC) (select all that apply).
5. Federal Award Identification Number of the current Grant and Per Diem (GPD) SN grant.

Application

1. SN population proposed (must be the same as previously approved for the grant period starting on October 1, 2024).
2. Total number of Veteran beds for which your agency is requesting per diem in this application (must be the same or less than previously approved for the grant period starting on October 1, 2024).
3. Site address(es), to include (note, all sites must fall within the same VA medical facility catchment area):
 - a. Complete address, city, state, zip code + four-digit extension, county, congressional district.

- b. The total number of beds, and the number of GPD-funded beds, per site address.
- c. Identify the various demographics that will be served per site address (i.e., men, women, minor dependents, families, registered sex-offenders, justice-involved Veterans, other).
- d. Per location, a description of how the facility's participant living space will be configured. Include the square footage of the room, confirmation that each SN bed is in a private room with a private bath, and other details about the private and shared spaces in the facility for these Veterans.

Abstract

1. In approximately 500 words, provide a brief abstract introducing and summarizing the proposed project. Abstracts may elaborate on information provided elsewhere and may provide necessary context about the intent and impact of the project. As applicable, include a discussion of multiple sites, multiple CoCs or other information relevant to an understanding of the overall project.

Detailed Application Design

This is the portion of the application that describes the proposed project. VA reviewers will score the application based on how the *Detailed Application Design* section addresses the areas of need, outreach, project plan, ability, and coordination in relation to the selected SN population. Proposed projects are expected to continue with the same general application design that was approved for the previous grant period starting on October 1, 2024, or in a subsequently approved change of scope, with minimal changes. These sections are compliant with 38 CFR Part 61.

NOTE: Certain questions require applicants to discuss the proposed SN population explicitly as part of the response. Other questions do not specifically require the SN population to be discussed, but applicants are encouraged to do so, as appropriate, to provide a full understanding of the applicant's activities that would not otherwise be

undertaken but for the fact that services are being provided to homeless Veterans with SN (refer to 38 CFR 61.41(c)-(g) for population-specific requirements).

Need (see 38 CFR § 61.13(e))

1. Need 1 – In approximately 500 words, discuss the overall need for this grant in your community. Responses must include:
 - a. How this project is tailored to the particular needs of the selected SN population in your community and fits with the strategy of the CoC(s) to end homelessness.
 - b. Community level data that supports your assertions regarding need.
2. Need 2 – In approximately 500 words, discuss how your organization determined the number of eligible Veterans within the selected SN population in your community in need of the proposed services. Responses must include:
 - a. How your agency's involvement with your local coordinated entry process and by-name list informed the current declared need for the number of SN beds requested in this application.
 - b. The specific local providers with whom your agency collaborated or will collaborate and from whom you will accept referrals.
 - c. Discuss the total number of Veterans served from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025, under their current GPD SN award and the average length of stay for Veterans served, if applicable, during this same period. Explain how this past experience informs the current declared need for the number of SN beds proposed.

Outreach (see 38 CFR § 61.13(c))

1. Outreach 1 – In approximately 500 words, describe your organization's plan to conduct outreach to the proposed SN population. Although communities and VA medical facilities may have referral systems in place for these resources, grantees also must address how they will outreach directly to Veterans particularly when occupancy rates are low. Responses must include:

- a. The frequency with which your agency will directly outreach to unsheltered Veterans living in places not ordinarily meant for human habitation (e.g., streets, parks, abandoned buildings, automobiles, emergency shelters).
 - b. Where your organization will target and tailor outreach efforts to identify appropriate Veterans for this project. Discuss how you will outreach to other-than-honorably discharged Veterans.
 - c. How this project will be involved in the local coordinated entry process, by-name list efforts and community case conferencing meetings.
 - d. A discussion of how your organization's outreach plan fits into your CoC's plan to end homelessness.
2. Outreach 2 – In approximately 500 words, describe how same day access low-barrier principles will be applied to your agency's outreach efforts. Responses must include:
 - a. The process your agency will employ to ensure eligible, unsheltered Veterans have rapid access to services, including the timeline from referral to admission (i.e., same day access from the point of identification or referral to the GPD project).
 - b. A description of all eligibility requirements for this SN project demonstrating that barriers to accessing services are kept to a minimum.
 - c. An explanation of how your agency will orient Veterans to your project's processes and timelines prior to or upon initiating services.
3. Outreach 3 – In approximately 500 words, describe the SN facilities. Responses must include:
 - a. A description of the neighborhood(s) where the SN facility(s) will be located. Explain how the neighborhood(s) will support Veterans with their efforts to gain and maintain housing stability, adequate income support and self-sufficiency. Explain how outreach efforts will be more successful because of the type of neighborhood(s) proposed.

- b. A description of the configuration of a typical SN housing unit. Include the square footage, the number of beds in that square footage (if applicable), unit features, common areas and other descriptive information. Explain how the facility(s) or units will meet the requirements in the Facility Specifications section, which outlines the requirement for private rooms with private bathrooms. Explain how outreach efforts will be more successful because of the type of facility(s) proposed.

Project Plan (see 38 CFR § 61.13(b))

1. Project Plan 1 – In approximately 500 words, describe the specific process and criteria for determining which Veterans are appropriate for admission to the SN program. Responses must include (as applicable):
 - a. Discuss the process to ensure unsheltered Veterans are admitted to housing quickly (i.e., same day).
 - b. Applicants must eliminate barriers that delay the admissions process or access to services. Describe how those barriers are avoided or managed (e.g., minimizing delays due to background checks, reducing barriers created by tax credit properties).
 - c. If applicable, discuss any populations that will be considered ineligible for admission (e.g., those who have a history of sex offense, arson, violence, felony, inability to accomplish essential activities of daily living).
2. Project Plan 2 – Complete the table listing all the supportive services that will be provided to Veterans in the SN project (see Example 1). Successful applicants will be allowed to exceed the minimum standards during the grant period without need for written prior approval from the GPD National Program Office, but they

will not be allowed to reduce the standards.

Example 1:

Description of Service	Minimum Frequency	Total hours/month service will be offered for all GPD participants	Mode of Engagement	Housing model for which service is available	Job title and minimum credentials required	Service provider
Case Management	Weekly	320 hours (2 full-time equivalent (FTE), 40 hours/week)	In person	Frail elderly	Case Manager, LCSW, MSW	Agency staff
Budgeting and Financial Management	Monthly	5 hours	Virtual through video	Frail elderly	Bachelor's	Contractors
Recreational Therapy	Biweekly	10 hours	Hybrid - 75% in person and 25% video	Frail elderly	Recreation coordinator, no degree required, lived experience preferred	Community volunteers

3. Project Plan 3 – In approximately 750 words, describe how each of the supportive services identified in the table will support Veterans in ending their homelessness. Provide additional details about the services listed in the table. Responses must include (as applicable):

- a. How these services will incentivize Veteran engagement and ensure participants achieve residential stability, increase skill level or income and

become involved in making life decisions that will increase self-determination.

- b. Whether the services provided to SN participants will be available during flexible hours (e.g., accommodating participants who are employed).
 - c. Whether the minimum frequency cited in the table differs from the typical frequency. Note, “as needed” responses are unclear, so it is helpful to provide additional details to describe the quality of the proposed plan.
 - d. Whether services such as recreational therapy or access to legal services will be provided, including a discussion of how such activities will support Veterans’ efforts to gain and maintain housing stability and enhance self-sufficiency.
4. Project Plan 4 – In approximately 500 words, describe your plans for case management service delivery. Responses must include (as applicable):
- a. Descriptions of the specific individual case management services and groups that will be provided to Veterans (e.g., landlord engagement, housing navigation, assistance accessing benefits, support with resolving legal issues) and how these supports will be individualized to assist Veterans in (re)acquiring and retaining permanent housing.
 - b. The minimum and typical frequency and method of contact (e.g., home visit, video, phone) each Veteran will have with their case manager.
 - c. The proposed average caseload for each FTE case manager position.
 - d. How crisis intervention will be used to coordinate the resolution of medical, psychiatric and substance abuse needs to promote the attainment of permanent housing.
5. Project Plan 5 – In approximately 500 words, provide your agency’s individual service plan (ISP) methodology and the core items to be addressed in the ISP.

Responses must include (as applicable):

- a. How these services will support Veterans in understanding landlord/tenant rights and responsibilities and to be proactive in addressing issues that may have contributed to a loss of housing in the past.
 - b. A description of plans for various phases of the project, including identifying when Veterans are ready to transition to permanent housing and how this transition will be accomplished as quickly as clinically appropriate taking into consideration the individual needs of each Veteran.
 - c. An explanation of how, when and by whom participants' progress toward meeting their individual goals will be monitored, evaluated and documented. Include descriptions of how progress notes, case conferencing and supervision will be documented.
 - d. A discussion of how Veterans will be connected with necessary aftercare services (e.g., GPD Case Management, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Shallow Subsidy) to prevent returns to homelessness.
6. Project Plan 6 – In approximately 500 words, describe how you will aid Veterans in increasing their income. Responses must include:
- a. An explanation of how your agency will support Veterans who seek employment or job training. Describe any other grants or resources your agency has that will support these efforts e.g., Department of Labor (DOL) grants.
 - b. The strategies that will be used to support Veterans' income maximization goals through benefits.
 - c. Any other services that will be provided to improve financial management skills and ensure Veterans have the tools they need to maximize their ability to pay rent and live independently.
7. Project Plan 7 – In approximately 250 words, address how your agency will facilitate the provision of nutritious meals for the Veterans. This plan must ensure

Veterans have access to at least 3 meals per day, 7 days a week. Discuss if you will expect participants to provide meals on their own through use of a “soup kitchen” or offsite food pantry. Describe what your organization will directly provide versus facilitate (i.e., will you provide food and meals directly at the GPD site or will you expect participants to go offsite to a food pantry you recommend). Be specific. Be sure to describe how Veterans with little or no income will be assisted.

8. Project Plan 8 – In approximately 250 words, describe how you will facilitate transportation of the Veteran participants to appointments, employment and supportive services.
9. Project Plan 9 – In approximately 250 words, describe how the safety, security, and privacy of participants will be ensured. Include the process for making daily contact with Veterans and how you will comply with residential supervision requirements per 38 CFR § 61.80(b)(13). Applicants are encouraged to discuss how the provision of private rooms with private bathrooms contributes to the safety, security, and privacy of participants.
10. Project Plan 10 – In approximately 250 words, describe your policies regarding maintaining a clean and sober environment, including how participant relapses will be handled and how these policies will support continued Veteran engagement in services. Applicants are encouraged to discuss how the provision of private rooms with private bathrooms contributes to maintaining a clean and sober environment.
11. Project Plan 11 – In approximately 250 words, address whether the project will serve mixed sex populations. Provide a listing and explanation of any sex-specific services (as applicable). Applicants are encouraged to discuss how the provision of private rooms with private bathrooms contributes support serving mixed sex populations.
12. Project Plan 12 – In approximately 250 words, describe any applicable participant agreements and participant fees. Security deposits or application fees

are not allowable. Any fees charged must comply with the requirements of 38 CFR § 61.82. Responses must include (as applicable):

- a. An explanation of any policies and procedures regarding participant fees (a.k.a., “rent”) or extracurricular fees.
- b. A discussion of how participants will be informed of fees.
- c. Policies regarding participant agreements, including any leases and subleases, and how they conform to the requirements of 38 CFR § 61.82(f).

13. Project Plan 13 – In approximately 750 words, address whether the SN project will serve Veterans with minor dependents. Note, only SN grantees previously approved to serve Veterans with care of minor dependents will respond to these questions. All other applicants may enter “not applicable.” Responses must include (as applicable):

- a. A description of the case management services for minors.
- b. An explanation for how supervision of minors will occur, particularly while the Veteran parent/guardian is off premises.
- c. How transportation of minors will be provided, especially for health care and educational needs.
- d. How the health care needs of minors will be met, especially age-appropriate wellness visits and immunizations.
- e. A discussion of how safety and security issues including admission screening and segregation from other project participants, if deemed appropriate, will be addressed. Address considerations like weapons, contraband, State or local requirements, medication management and general childproofing (if necessary).
- f. An explanation of staff training on abuse or neglect reporting requirements mandated by state or local jurisdiction.

- g. A description of policies and procedures for reporting adverse events affecting minors and how your agency will define an adverse event.
14. Project Plan 14 – In approximately 250 words, describe how Veteran participants will have a voice and aid in operating and maintaining the facility(s) (e.g., volunteer time, paid positions, community governance meetings, peer support).
15. Project Plan 15 – In approximately 250 words, provide and describe the type of medication control system that will be used in this project (e.g., Medication Management, Medication Monitoring, individual storage).
16. Project Plan 16 – VA is committed to ensuring the fastest possible access to housing services. In approximately 250 words, describe how your organization will facilitate same-day access to GPD-funded services. Include details about how many days per week your staff will be able to perform intakes and if your ability to do same-day admissions varies by site location. If your organization has barriers to allowing same-day access (e.g., tax-credit property restrictions or other funder restriction requiring background checks), you must outline them here.
17. Project Plan 17 – In approximately 500 words, describe how permanent affordable housing will be identified, offered, documented and facilitated for participants at all points during service delivery, from initial encounter, through project exit or post-encounter.
18. Project Plan 18 – Grantees are encouraged to enter data into the (HMIS). Currently, using HMIS is not mandatory but may become a requirement in the future. In approximately 250 words, describe your organization's experience with the local HMIS (e.g., data entry, reporting, data analysis, formal or informal training, data quality approach, HMIS administrator and community relationships). For organizations without HMIS experience, describe your plan for gaining experience and expertise. Plans must be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timebound.

19. Project Plan 19 – In approximately 250 words, if your agency plans to use any subrecipient(s) or contractor(s) for operating the project or maintaining the facility(s), describe the responsibilities of the subrecipient(s) or contractor(s). For each subrecipient or contractor, include the name, EIN, UEI and activity to be completed. Information provided here must align with that which is provided in the Budget section.

Ability (see 38 CFR § 61.13(d))

1. Ability 1 – In approximately 500 words, describe your agency’s past performance with VA and non-VA projects. Responses must include (as applicable):
 - a. Current GPD SN grantees must discuss their performance under their SN award from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025. Include how many Veterans were served, and as applicable, average length of stay, number and percentage of Veterans that discharged to permanent housing, number and percentage of negative exits, number and percentage of Veterans employed at discharge (as applicable).
 - b. Discuss any current and past projects pertaining to the activities proposed in this application, including VA, non-VA, Federal, state, local and private grants or contracts and how this experience demonstrates your agency’s ability to successfully execute the proposed project.
 - c. Current GPD SN grantees must discuss whether they have received any written corrective action plans from their VA medical facility directors, or designee, during the entire period of the current award. Include an explanation of any corrective action plans or performance improvement activities your agency has undertaken and the outcome(s).
2. Ability 2 – Complete the staffing plan table section of the application for this project (see Example 2). Successful applicants will be allowed to exceed the minimum standards during the grant period without the need for written prior approval from the GPD National Program Office, but they will not be allowed to

reduce the standards. Position descriptions for up to four key positions may be attached. **Do not** include resumes.

Example 2:

Job Title (Do not name specific names) (Agency, Contractors, Sub-contractors)	Brief (1–2 sentence) description of responsibilities (key personnel, key contact, general operations)	<u>Minimum</u> required educational level	Hours per week allocated to the GPD SN project (40 hours equals full-time)	Number of FTE	Amount of annual salary allocated to the GPD SN project per year	Amount of salary, per job title, for the full-time equivalent position(s) per year
Program director	Key personnel: Supervisor accountable for achieving the expected performance results of the grant-funded project.	Master's degree	40 hours	1.0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Case manager	Key contact: Responsible for working with the Veteran to develop and monitor an individual service plan and to adjust the plan as needed. Coordinates support with other community agencies.	Bachelor's degree	60 hours	1.5	\$90,000	\$60,000

3. Ability 3 – In approximately 250 words, describe your agency’s ability to operationalize this project by October 1, 2026, in order to begin enrolling or serving Veterans as quickly as possible. Responses must include:
 - a. A discussion of the start-up activities, the timing involved and when the project will be fully operational.
 - b. An explanation of how your agency has already secured, or will secure, the facility(s) needed for the proposed number of beds or services.
4. Ability 4 – In approximately 750 words, describe your agency’s previous experience and ability to effectively assist Veterans experiencing homelessness. Responses must include:
 - a. An explanation of your experience with meeting past performance goals.
 - b. Previous experience evaluating the progress of individual participants and overall project effectiveness using quality and performance data to make changes.
 - c. Previous experience assessing the needs of and providing supportive services to Veterans experiencing homelessness including, but not limited to, entitlement benefits, job training, mental health services and legal services.
 - d. Previous experience using and receiving training in intensive case management services for Veterans experiencing homelessness. Applicants with previous experience in formal approaches such as critical time intervention, motivational interviewing, progressive engagement/progressive assistance or other formal approaches should include descriptions.
5. Ability 5 – In approximately 250 words, describe whether your agency is accredited or licensed to provide clinical services. If yes, describe your agency’s accreditation or licensure. If applicable, include specific details, such as training completion dates, training titles and training providers. Some

generally accepted accreditations include:

- a. Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities in Community Employment Services or in Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention Program.
- b. A 4-year accreditation from the Council on Accreditation's accreditation in Housing Stabilization and Community Living Services standards.
- c. A three-year accreditation in the Joint Commission's Behavioral Health Care: Housing Support Services Standards.

Coordination (see 38 CFR § 61.13(g))

1. Coordination 1 – In approximately 500 words, describe how your agency, prior to submitting the application, coordinated directly with relevant partners about the proposed project. Responses must include:
 - a. A description of coordination efforts with the VA medical facility Director (or the appropriate authorized representative, per the local practice). Clearly identify the VA points of coordination and discuss the outcome of past coordination efforts.
 - b. A demonstration of your agency's understanding of how to coordinate medical care, substance use care and mental health services for Veterans with the VA medical facility or external partners, as needed.
2. Coordination 2 – In approximately 500 words, describe how this project has been coordinated with the community. Responses must include:
 - a. A description of coordination efforts with the local CoCs. Include a discussion of how your agency coordinated with the CoCs in the past, as well as how the current need for the beds or services requested in this application fits into the overall community plan to end homelessness among Veterans.

- b. The community-based coordination activities your agency will continue to engage in as the project gets activated and as Veterans are enrolled or begin receiving services. Include how your organization is part of an ongoing community-wide planning process to end Veteran homelessness.
3. Coordination 3 – In approximately 250 words, discuss coordination strategies that your agency employs to support Veterans as they transition to permanent housing. This may include coordination with VA or non-VA programs (e.g., SSVF, DOL), aftercare services or other follow-up activities.

Letter(s) of coordination from the VA medical facility, CoC or other partners are not required but may be provided and may help substantiate information included in the application (see the External Attachments section at the end of the application).

Applicants are strongly encouraged to allow as much time as possible, but no less than 30 days, for letters of coordination. All application materials must be submitted together in a single package by the due date and time. Any materials arriving separately or late will not be accepted as part of the application.

Note: VA reserves the right to confirm with local VA medical facility staff or others any information related to an application. If information cannot be confirmed or if discrepancies are identified, VA reserves the right to adjust award decisions, to not select the application, to consider other application(s) in rank order or to make other remedies as appropriate.

Budget

In addition to the part of the application that is scored (i.e., the Detailed Application Design section), this part of the application (i.e., Budget) is not scored but is required for an application to be considered complete. The information provided may impact award decisions (e.g., award amounts, specific conditions of award). Applications that are not complete may be rejected at threshold and not be considered for award.

1. Budget narrative – In approximately 250 words, describe how you calculated the costs of services and staffing proposed in the application. Explain how the project costs can be supported within the available SN per diem rate limits. For current

per diem rate limits, refer to the GPD Provider website at https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp. Identify the amount(s) and source(s) of other funding (aside from the funding requested in this application) that would be used to support project costs. Explain how other funding, if any, impacted the cost calculations for the activities proposed in this application. The narrative must demonstrate an understanding of and compliance with the guidelines in this NOFO, 38 CFR Part 61, Federal cost principles (2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E) and other applicable funding requirements.

- a. If an applicant plans to provide pass-through funding to a subrecipient or to a contractor, the applicant must discuss cost calculations for each subrecipient or contractor. Applicants must comply with Subrecipient Monitoring and Management requirements in 2 CFR § 200.331-333. The information provided here must align with that which is provided in the Project Plan section.
 - b. See the Guidance for the Use of Funds section for details about indirect costs. Information provided here must align with that which is provided in the Organization Profile section.
2. Assessment of Management Systems – In approximately 150 words, provide a description of your organization’s financial stability, the quality of management systems, your ability to meet the management standards described in 2 CFR Part 200 and 38 CFR Part 61 and your ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities (such as the requirements in 2 CFR § 200.206(b)(2) and 38 CFR § 61.12). Applicants who have received training on Federal grants management practices or who have registered for such training to happen in the near future may include the dates, titles and providers of the training.

Organization Leadership

1. Complete the organization leadership table. At minimum, this table must include the positions with the following titles or equivalent titles: Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Project Director. The table also must include a complete list

of the current Board of Directors. For each position include name, title, phone number and email address. See also Conflicts of Interest section.

Example 3:

Name	Title	Phone number	Email address
Thi Nguyen	Executive Director	111-222-3333	email@address.org
Anisa Osman	Chief Financial Officer	111-222-3333	email@address.org
Marco Aguilar	Project Officer	111-222-3333	email@address.org
Angel Banmeke	Chair, Board of Directors	111-222-3333	email@address.org
Lei Yang	Treasurer, Board of Directors	111-222-3333	email@address.org

External Attachments

When submitting an attachment in spreadsheet or table format, applicants are encouraged to convert to portable document format (PDF) prior to submission. Applicants who submit materials in PDF are encouraged to submit a native PDF (i.e., a machine-readable PDF, not an image only nor a scanned PDF), if possible.

1. Applicants may provide required and optional materials as attachments, including:
 - a. Standard Form (SF) 424 Application for Federal Assistance. (required)
 - b. Current 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.
 - c. Letter(s) of coordination. (optional)

- d. Position descriptions for up to four key positions may be attached. Do not include resumes. (optional)
- e. Other. (optional)

Standard Form

Provide as an attachment the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standard form Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424). The SF-424 must be signed by a person at the applicant organization who is authorized to make legal commitments on behalf of the organization. The 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. VA reserves the right to communicate with an applicant, as needed, prior to making threshold decisions. A signature on the SF-424 form indicates the applicant agrees to comply with all SF-424B Non-Construction Assurances and terms and conditions of award.

Applicants do not need to submit the SF-424B form with the application. Instead, the applicant agrees to the assurances by maintaining an active registration in SAM. For awareness, however, applicants may refer to the GPD website for a list of assurances and for a sample standard terms and conditions of award.

Certifications

1. By signing and submitting this application for Federal assistance, I agree to the following:
 - a. The applicant organization commits to implementing a low barrier approach to providing services to Veterans, which generally means service occurs on the same day from the point of identification or referral to the GPD project, as described in the Definitions section of this NOFO.
 - b. The applicant commits to engaging in the local coordinated entry process and the by-name list, as appropriate.
 - c. The applicant commits to having written standard operating procedures on conflicts of interest (see Conflicts of Interest section later in the NOFO).

- d. The applicant commits to ensuring staff supported by grant funds are trained annually regarding suicide prevention and commits to having written standard operating procedures on suicide prevention developed in consultation with the local VA medical facility.
- e. The applicant organization commits to complying with all applicable requirements for the grant including, but not limited to, 38 CFR Part 61, 2 CFR Part 200, Federal cost principles, terms and conditions of award, requirements in this NOFO, performance measures and reporting requirements.
- f. The applicant does not have any past due SF-425 Federal Financial Report, is not delinquent in a debt to VA or another federal agency, or any other outstanding requirement under any GPD grant.

Appendix B. Definitions

The regulations for the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program are codified in 38 CFR Part 61. Definitions of terms used in the GPD program and in Federal grant programs that are applicable to this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) are available in 38 CFR Part 61 and 2 CFR Part 200. See 38 CFR § 61.1 for the definitions. Selected and additional definitions are highlighted here for purposes of this NOFO:

- Continuum of Care (CoC): According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a CoC is a program designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and state or local governments to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): A locally administered web-based data system used to record and analyze both project and client information at the local CoC level. HMIS is used by Federal partners, including VA, to measure project performance and participate in benchmarking of the national effort to end homelessness.
- Key contact: A role or roles identified by the applicant as being primary to the proposed grant-funded project. VA identifies the minimum roles required to be key contacts in the Overview section.
- Key personnel: A role or roles that VA identifies as being accountable for achieving the expected performance results of the grant-funded project. Key personnel are subject to prior approval requirements, such as those in 2 CFR § 200.308(f)(2)(3). Grantees must identify the person filling this role as a key contact in the online application system staffing plan table (Ability 2). For details, see the Overview section.

- Low barrier: For Veterans who are determined to be appropriate for the project, “low barrier” refers to a general approach to admissions in which there are no or minimal requirements for entry. A low-barrier approach encourages Veterans experiencing homelessness to seek resources by eliminating obstacles. It also means expediting the time it takes for an eligible Veteran to be admitted into housing (i.e., same day access from the point of identification or referral to the GPD project).
- Negative exits: Those exits from a GPD program for a violation of program rules, failure to comply with program requirements or leaving the program without consulting staff.
- Veteran: A person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, regardless of length of service, and who was discharged or released therefrom. The term *Veteran* excludes a person who received a dishonorable discharge or was discharged or dismissed by reason of the sentence of a general court-martial, determined by VA (38 U.S.C 2002).

Appendix C. Relevant Resources

1. Federal Grant Systems Hub (beta) at <https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjojYTMyZGUwNzktNGlwZi00NWQ2LTIIZTQtYmNhYTFlNGIwYzA1IiwidCI6ImQ1OGFkZGVhLTUwNTMtNGE4MC04NDk5LWJhNGQ5NDQ5MTBkZiJ9> and also *available soon via Grants.gov*
2. Federal Service Desk (FSD) at https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp
3. GPD HMIS Management Guide at https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/GPD/providers/GPD_CM_HMIS_Management_Guide.pdf
4. GPD program regulations at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-61>
5. GPD provider website at https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp
6. GPD website at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>
7. Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/>
8. SAM.gov at <https://sam.gov/>
9. Uniform Guidance for Grants at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200>