VA Grant & Per Diem National Office

Webinar for Operational GPD Grantees
August 10, 2021

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VIEWING THROUGH WEBEX
AGENDA

• Announcements
• Office of Business Oversight
• COVID-19 Updates
• Regulation Revisions
• Future Planning – Capital Grant Round 2
• Next Month
SMARTSIMPLE CONTACTS

- Be sure to update your contact information in SmartSimple (grants management system)
- Urgent to ensure communication to your organization
OPTION YEAR AND NOFO UPDATES

- GPD Per Diem Only (PDO) Award Option year does not require application
- GPD sent option year 1 grant agreements to PDO grantees via email on June 24, 2021
  - Email would have come from no-reply@hmlsgrants-va.mod.udpaas.com
  - Agreement denotes VA’s intent to offer option year
  - Signed grant agreement must be returned by July 23, 2021 - Past Due
PDO Option Year Timetable

Option Year 1 Grant Agreement Sent to Grantees
June 24, 2021

Grant Agreements Completed and Returned by Grantee by
July 23, 2021

Communication from GPD Office Exercising Award

Grant Agreements Signed by VA on October 1, 2021

Copies of Agreements will be loaded into Grantee’s Smart
Simple Grant Record
Case Management, Capital and Special Need Awards
Final Stages of Approval

Coming Soon
ANNOUNCEMENTS-MINOR DEPENDENTS

• Reminder GPD now authorized to per diem for minor dependents under PL 116-315
  • Up to 50% of the approved per diem rate
• Requires a change of scope and minor dependents per diem rate request
• Refer to the June GPD Operational webinar on the GPD Provider Website
GPD Regulations and Guides

NEW! Grant Recipient Guide (December 2020)
GPD General Terms and Conditions of Award (May 2020)
GPD Regulations (38 CFR Part 61)
Case Management Regulations (June 2018)
Final Rule - Veteran Definition and TIP Payment (November 2017)

Transition In Place (TIP) NOFA
Special Need NOFA
Per Diem Only (PDO) NOFA
Case Management NOFA

Minor Dependents

Minor Dependents Overview
Director’s Memo Sample
Change of Scope Checklist
Per Diem Rate Request

GPD Provider Website
Upcoming Fiscal Reviews:
- City of New York – August 17-19, 2021
- The Salvation Army – North Division – September 14-16, 2021
- Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc. – September 21-23, 2021
- United Council of Human Services – October 12-15, 2021
- LifeMoves – October 19-21, 2021
- Cocaine and Alcohol Awareness Program, Inc. – October 19-21, 2021

Training in September – Allowable and Unallowable Costs
LATE SF-425’s – 180 DAYS LATE NOTICE
Training Item of the Month: Inaccurate SF-425 Reporting

Finding: We found the grantee has not filed their FY 2019 Single Audit. The grantee’s operating fiscal year ended on December 31, 2019, making the due date for the audit submission no later than September 30, 2020.

Criteria: 38 CFR 61 Per Diem Payments, 61.66 Financial management, states, “(a) All recipients shall comply with applicable requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, as implemented by OMB Circular A-133. (b) All entities receiving assistance under this part must use a financial management system that follows generally accepted accounting principles and provides accounting records, including cost accounting records that are supported by documentation.
• **Case Management Grantees:** Quarterly “Office Hours” Available

• **2pm Eastern; WebEx**

• **First Thursdays, Every Three Months**
  – August 5th
  – November 4th

• Please email **GPDGrants@va.gov** for invite as needed
  – [https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m7e42d7526badc4a922cb2dfc5256e79c](https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m7e42d7526badc4a922cb2dfc5256e79c)

• **Intention:** Less formal, practice sharing, open Q&A
  – Requests for specific topics may also be made in advance
Case Management grantees may now offer incentives to Veterans they serve
- Up to $150/Veteran in food, clothing, transportation, and household items incentives
- Cannot be in cash or gift cards
- Can be a one-time incentive or spread out
- Funds come from the grant award
- Grantee purchases items for the Veteran
- Keep your receipts

A suggested cost tracker is available on our Provider Training webpage

GPD Provider Training Webpage
https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_Provider_Training.asp

Case Management
Case Management Grantee Guide
- Case Management Quarterly Review Template
- Caseload Tracking Tool Quick Guide
- Caseload Tracking Tool Data Definitions
- HUD-VASH and GPD Collaborative Case Management Overview
- HUD-VASH and GPD Collaborative Case Management Application
- HUD-VASH and GPD Collaborative Case Management MOU Sample
- GPD Case Management Program and SSVF Referral Packet
- Case Management Incentives Tracker
- GPD Case Management and SSVF Coordination FAQs March 2020
- GPD CM Connect and Learn 3-5-20
CDC COVID Data Tracker  Thru August 2, 2021
COVID-19 UPDATE

- SARS-CoV-2 Testing Protocol for Veterans in VHA Homeless Programs: GPD and HCHV CRS are still in effect
  - [SARS-COV-2 Protocol Webinar](#) Password ;DxnmtP$9
- Reminder COVID-19 resource information on [GPD Program: Provider Website](#)

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**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

- SSVF & GPD Co-Enrollment Considerations and Guidance
- Webinar: COVID-19 Testing Protocol for Veterans in VHA Homeless Programs
- CPR Guidance
- Wellness & Symptom Checks - COVID Positive & Presumptive Positive Veterans In Hotels and Motels Webinar
- GPD CARES Act Implementation Guidance
- GPD Isolation Options for COVID-19
- GPD Guidance Regarding COVID-19
- CDC: Considerations for face coverings
- CDC: Interim Guidance For Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to COVID-19
- CDC: Prevention & Treatment
- CDC: Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations
- COVID-19 Planning Call for VA Homeless Providers 3-25-20
CDC COVID Data Tracker

- Site provides integrated, county view of key data for monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.
## COVID-19 UPDATES

### Total Vaccine Doses
- **Delivered:** 401,229,975
- **Administered:** 347,377,149

### Learn more about the distribution of vaccines.

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<th>People Vaccinated</th>
<th>At Least One Dose</th>
<th>Fully Vaccinated</th>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>192,120,576</td>
<td>165,081,416</td>
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<td>% of Total Population</td>
<td>57.9%</td>
<td>49.7%</td>
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<td>Population ≥ 12 Years of Age</td>
<td>191,896,753</td>
<td>164,951,543</td>
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<td>67.7%</td>
<td>58.2%</td>
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<td>Population ≥ 18 Years of Age</td>
<td>181,013,013</td>
<td>156,631,148</td>
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<td>70.1%</td>
<td>60.6%</td>
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<td>Population ≥ 65 Years of Age</td>
<td>49,219,060</td>
<td>43,836,081</td>
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<td>% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>80.1%</td>
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**165.1M People fully vaccinated**

CDC | Data as of: August 3, 2021 6:00am ET. Posted: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:36 PM ET
Vaccinated Veterans in GPD
Date range: 12/14/2020 to 8/3/2021

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<td>GPD</td>
<td>7,939</td>
<td>4,212 53%</td>
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COVID-19 UPDATES-
VACCINATION RESOURCE

- CDC Vaccine Toolkit:
  - Vaccinate with Confidence website
  - Strategies to reinforce confidence in COVID-19 vaccines
RENTAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCE

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) eviction moratorium order until October 3, 2021 in counties experiencing substantial and high levels of community transmission levels of SARS-CoV-2
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau website has resource information about federal rental assistance available
• A revision in the GPD regulations was published in the Federal Register June 25, 2021

• Regulations became effective July 26, 2021
What does this mean to GPD grantees and GPD liaisons?

• All organizations with an active GPD grant, or with an application under consideration, are required to be aware of and comply with the regulations (38 CFR Part 61).

• Some notable changes are highlighted on the next slides.

• In the event of any discrepancies, the published regulations take precedent, except in the case of new legislation.
Notable changes:

• **61.1 Definitions**
  • The definition of Supportive Housing, paragraph (2), has been changed to clarify that supportive housing is designed to be “as soon as possible and no later than 24 months.”

• **61.33 Payment of per diem**
  • Paragraph (f) “payments for absent veterans” now includes an ability to pay either up to 72 hours for scheduled or unscheduled absences, or up to 7 days for inpatient hospitalization.
  • The former section called: “Supportive housing limitation” mentioned “3 episodes of care” being a limit. This section is now removed.
Notable changes (continued):

- 61.80 General operation requirements for supportive housing and service centers.
  - Paragraph (c) includes several changes. Read paragraph (c) in full.
  - Paragraph (c) changes the terminology from “Corrective Action Plan (CAP)” to “Performance Improvement Plan (PIP).”
  - “PIP” will be used to refer to matters relating to GPD’s performance measures.
  - “CAP” will be used to refer to other matters relating to federal statutory and regulatory compliance (e.g. 2 CFR 200.208, 2 CFR 200.338 2 CFR 200.339).
  - Paragraph (c) sets the trigger point for initiating a PIP to 5% deviation from the performance targets (down from 15%) in any 2 consecutive quarters.
Additional resources:

• On the GPD main website you will find:
  • The final rule

• Coming soon:
  • Updated guidance about the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) process (formerly known as CAP) as it relates to GPD’s performance measures.
  • Updated guidance about the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) process as it relates to federal statutory and regulatory compliance matters.
GPD Final Rule 38 CFR Part 61, effective 07/26/2021

- Available on the GPD main website:

  https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp
DOWN THE ROAD

- Megabus Funds and American Recovery Plan (ARP) Funds
  - $50 million – Megabus
  - $75 million - ARP
- GPD planning another capital grant FY 2022-continued transformation of transitional housing
CAPITAL GRANT COMING

- Expect early NOFO publication
- Goal to continue to reduce shared living arrangements in GPD
- Increased funding available through American Recovery Plan
  - Increased potential award
  - Increased per bed cost
SEPTEMBER

• Operational Webinar September 14, 2021, 2pm eastern
• Watch for NOFO announcement and Technical Assistance
• [GPD website](#)