

# Grant and Per Diem Operational Call

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# Agenda

1. Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Announcements and Updates
2. Office of Business Oversight (OBO) Announcements and Updates
3. Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Overview and New Initiatives
4. Coordination Across GPD and SSVF Grants
5. Questions and Answers/Dialogue

# GPD Announcements: Option Year Agreements

- Option year signed grant agreements distribution
- Option year award period:
  - October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020

# GPD Announcements: Case Management Grant Updates

1. Grant Agreements Sent Via Email
2. Onboarding
  - Orientation Recording
  - Grantee Guide
  - Case Management Tracker Recording
  - Case Management Tracker
  - Tracker Quick Guide and FAQs
  - Tracker Definitions
3. Expectations and Next Steps

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## Homeless Veterans

### Grant and Per Diem Program: Provider Website

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**\*\* GIFTS Grant Portal \*\***

#### GPD Regulations and Guides

- 2018 Recipient Guide
- GPD Regulations (38 CFR Part 61)
- Case Management Regulations (June 2018)
- Final Rule - Veteran Definition and TIP Payment (November 2017)

#### Per Diem Rate Request Information

Current maximum per diem rate is **\$47.36**  
[Per Diem Request worksheet and instructions](#)  
[FAQ Sheet - Tungsten Network for Per Diem Billing \(July 2016\)](#)

#### Case Management Grant Resources

- Grantee Guide
- Caseload Tracking Tool Quick Guide
- Caseload Tracking Tool Data Definitions

#### Trainings

- SAMHSA SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) and Benefits Calculator
- GPD Option Year Funding - FY 2020
- SQUARES 2.0 Website Info Sheet
- New GPD Grantee Orientation (Sept 6, 2018)
- Flying Beds Between Awards, Payment, Recording, Calculator

# GPD Announcements: Tentative Plans for FY2020 NOFA

1. Per Diem Only (PDO) NOFA

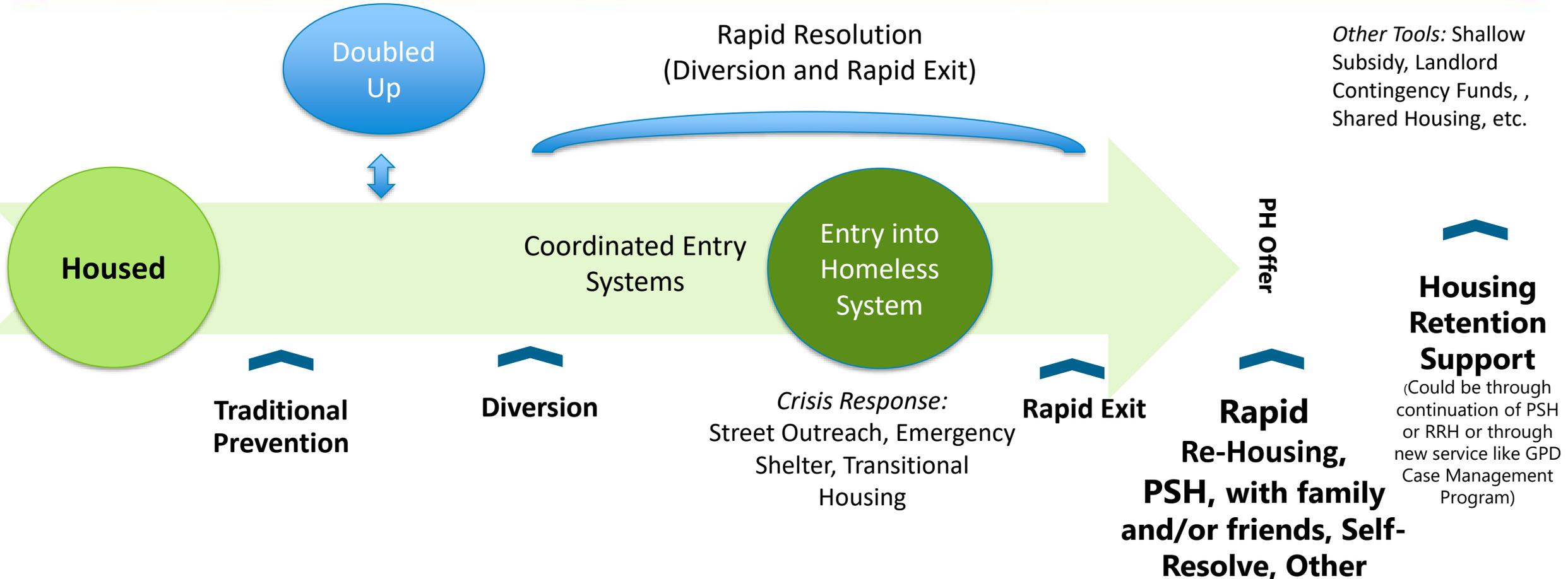
2. Transition in Place (TIP) NOFA

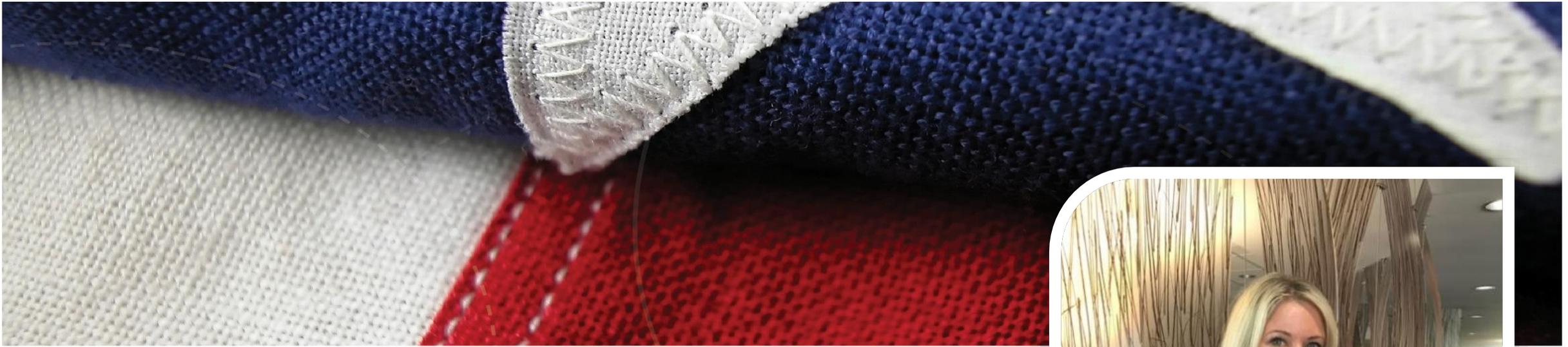
- Expect to publish sometime between November-January
- Monitor GPD website, national calls, and communications from GPD Office
- Be strategic, now is the time to work with your liaison, the other GPD grantees serving the area, the VAMC, the CoC, and community partners

# Office of Business Oversight

- **First Quarter (FY20) Site Visits**
  - Volunteers of America North Louisiana, Shreveport, LA – October 8-10, 2019
  - New Directions, Los Angeles, CA – December 17-19, 2019
- **Federal Financial Reports (SF-425)**
  - Review of SF-425s as of 12/31/2018 is complete.
- **Indirect Rate Agreements**
- **Training Item of the Month:**
  - SF-425 Federal Financial Report Training on October 9, 2019

# We Need a Variety of Tools in Communities





## Overview & New Initiatives of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program

Jill Albanese, LCSW  
SSVF Deputy Director



# SSVF Background

- Authorization under Public Law 110-387 Section 604 of the Veterans Mental Health and other Care Improvements Act of 2008
- Award grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives to provide supportive services to very low income (<50% Area Median Income) Veteran families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing
- Primary focus is to assist Veteran families with permanent housing needs through
  - Homelessness Prevention
  - Rapid Re-housing

The statutory authority for the SSVF Program is found at 38 CFR Part 62.

# SSVF Budget

- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will award approximately **\$426 million** in awards to **271 grant programs** for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
- This funding includes \$62 million in new SSVF awards that support outreach, case management and other flexible assistance to rapidly re-house Veterans who become homeless or prevent Veterans from becoming homeless.
- The grants will support SSVF services in Fiscal Year 2020. These awards stemmed from a Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) published in the Federal Register on December 19, 2018
- SSVF is currently located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

# SSVF's Two Missions

**Rapidly Rehouse Veterans Experiencing Homelessness and Their Families**



**Keep Veteran Families Imminently At-Risk of Literal Homelessness, Housed**



# SSVF Goals

- Prioritize literally homeless.
- Prevention is for only those with no safe place to go/diversion (not eviction prevention)
- Serve Veterans with high barriers to housing stability.
- Commit to Housing First as the approach most likely to end homelessness.
- Provide greater flexibility to shape services to meet local needs and available resources.
- Identify and emphasize services critical to successful intervention.

# SSVF Targeting and Eligibility

## ***Eligibility***

1. Veteran Status
2. Does Not Exceed 50% Area Median Income (AMI)
3. Housing Status
  1. Literally Homeless
  2. At Imminent-Risk (Additional Targeting)

- *Who?*
  - Helps the entire family. Particularly when it supports housing stability
  - Veteran defines their family
  - Targeting households <30% AMI, and meet the SSVF definition of literally homeless
- *How?*
  - Short-term or “progressive” crisis intervention
  - Treatment not required for housing

# SSVF Services: Using a Housing First Approach



Outreach



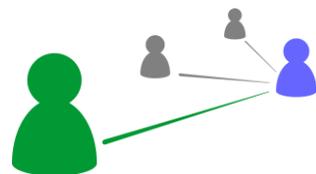
Housing  
Location/Search



Progressive Case  
Management



Income Maximization



Connection to VA and  
Mainstream Resources

# SSVF Services

- Assist in locating, obtaining, and retaining permanent housing.
- Case management
- Temporary Financial Assistance
- Outreach (street, community, landlords, etc.)
- Housing search and Identification
- Legal Services to assist in housing stability
- SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)
- Transportation to assist with locating housing or to increase housing stability
- Child care to assist with housing stability
- Employment services
- Focused approach > cannot pay for mortgage/homeowner costs, construction, health or mental health care, consumer debt, court-ordered fines, pets, entertainment

# SSVF Services – Temporary Financial Assistance

TFA Type	Time/Amount Limitation
Rental Assistance	Maximum of 10 months in a 2-year period; no more than 6 months in any 12 month period. For ELI: Maximum of 12 months 2-year period; 9 months in any 12-month period.
Utility Fee Payment Assistance	Maximum of 10 months in a 2-year period; no more than 6 months in any 12-month period. For ELI: Maximum 12 months in 2-year period; 9 months in any 12-month period.
Security Deposit or Utility Deposit	Maximum of 1 time in a 2-year period for security deposit; Maximum of 1 time in a 2-year period for utility deposit.
Moving Costs	Maximum of 1 time in a 2-year period
General Housing Stability	Maximum of \$1500 during a 2-year period
Child Care	Maximum of 10 months in a 2-year period; no more than 6 months in any 12-month period. For ELI: Maximum 12 months in 2-year period; 9 months in any 12-month period
Transportation	Tokens, vouchers do not have a time limit. Car repairs/maintenance – maximum of \$1200 during 2-year period.

# SSVF and Community

- Coordinated Entry
- Data driven community plans to efficiently and effectively use resources
- Identify supports needed to sustain housing
- Provide “wrap around services”

# SSVF New Initiatives

- Permanent Housing Conference in October and November
- Rapid Resolution National Roll Out in October
  - Grantees are receiving training on Rapid Resolution Interventions.
  - SSVF supporting with TA, Regional Coordinators, and monthly office hours calls.
  - Messaging to VA Medical Centers.
- Shallow Subsidy – will begin in 11 communities October 1
  - Offers shallow rent subsidy for up to two years in selected high rent areas.

# Conversation with Jill

- **SSVF and GPD Coordination**

- What is SSVF's guidance on coordination with GPD?
- Are there any parameters that GPD grantees should be aware of?
- Can you give us some examples of solid coordination both on the programmatic level and the community level?
- If GPD grantees in a community want to establish or perhaps enhance their coordination with SSVF grantees, what suggestions do you have?
- With newer work like coordinated entry and rapid resolution, how might GPD and SSVF work together?

# Closing

## **National GPD Operational Grantee Call**

- *Next Call*-Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Eastern/11am Pacific
- **GPD Questions?**
  - 1. Contact your GPD Liaison
  - 2. If you need additional assistance, please email us at [gpdgrants@va.gov](mailto:gpdgrants@va.gov)