

Grant & Per Diem (GPD)

Operational Call

Updates on Notice of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs), Grant  
Renewals and Bridge Housing Guidance

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# Housekeeping

- Today's call will be in lecture mode for the benefit of all participants



# Overview of Today's Call

- Status of current GPD NOFAs
- Status of GPD grant renewals (option year 1)
- Updated Bridge Housing Guidance



# GPD NOFAs Update

- Two NOFAs for GPD closed in February
  - Transition in Place (TIP)- February 21, 2018
  - Per Diem Only (PDO)- February 28, 2018
  - Both NOFA's were open to any eligible entity to apply
- GPD Office in the processing the current grant round.
- Next step will relate to notification to applicants



# GPD NOFAs Update

- Over the next couple of weeks correspondence will be sent to all applicants
  - Conditional selection notification
    - Not a guarantee of award but the applicant has reached the next phase of the process
      - Awards are not final until approved by SECVA and announced
    - Read the instructions of the conditional selection carefully
    - Grant agreements will be included with the notification, *sign them and return them on time*



# GPD NOFAs Update

- Not conditionally selected and rejected at threshold review notification
  - If you have a grant that was extended last year and are not selected or rejected at threshold review, your grant will end on September 30, 2018
    - We will be providing additional guidance to grantees and the field on transition
- Extended grants termination notification as of September 30, 2018
  - Reminder these extended grants end September 30, 2018
    - Did not apply
    - Applied and conditionally selected or non-selected



# Status of GPD grant renewals

- Grantees that will be eligible for Option Year 1 of their PDO award were required to submit their request for renewal and a progress report by May 1, 2018
  - This included requests for re-alignment of beds
- We are processing all those requests and send out notifications within a couple of weeks
  - This would include renewal grant agreements that must be signed and returned per the date noted in the correspondence.



# Updated Bridge Housing Guidance

- Making modifications in our guidance related to bridge housing
  - Goal to improve access and work with the logistics of coordinating the permanent housing intervention offer





# Updated Bridge Housing Guidance

- Homeless Veterans may be admitted to Bridge Housing GPD Programs if one of the following is true:
  - A Veteran has been referred to or has already been accepted into a permanent housing (PH) intervention such as HUD-VASH, SSVF, or a community PH or Rapid Re-housing (RRH) program.



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# Updated Bridge Housing Guidance

- In cases where the Veteran has *not yet been accepted* into the PH intervention, official acceptance must be more likely than not within 14 days of GPD admission.
  - For example, the PH program must have the *capacity to serve the Veteran at the time of the referral*, placing Veterans on interest lists does not constitute acceptance into a program. Veterans must also appear at initial evaluation to meet any criteria for admission to the PH Program.
  - If the Veteran is later found ineligible or declines the PH intervention then the GPD grantee is responsible for continuing to work with the Veteran under their BH grant until the Veteran is successfully exited to permanent housing.
    - » This would include ensuring the coordination with the community.



# Updated Bridge Housing Guidance

- If a Veteran is over income for RRH, permanent supportive housing or subsidized housing and the Veterans GPD stay is intended to be short (approximately 90 days or less) they may be admitted to GPD BH, providing that VA provides support in case managing the Veteran to ensure a speedy and positive exit to independent housing.
  - Example, a Veteran may present needing a 90-day transitional housing stay to provide time to save self-generated income to rent or buy a home.



# Updated Bridge Housing Guidance

- Important for GPD grantees to engage in dialogue with the Continuum of Care (CoC) and community partners regarding the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
  - GPD BH Grantees should ensure they establish clear communication plans with PH programs in their community including identifying the roles and responsibilities of staff to facilitate appropriate coordination of Veteran care



# Final Thoughts

- Read the conditional selection correspondence from the GPD Office closely
  - Complete and sign grant agreement and return them by the deadline
- If you receive a conditional selection letter it is not a final award, this is the next step in the process.
  - Final awards must be approved by Secretary before announcement by VA



# Final Thoughts

- Extended grants end on September 30, 2018.
  - If you did not apply under this recent NOFA or receive a non-selection letter you should begin to plan to wind down your grant
  - Work with your GPD liaison regarding the transition and we will be providing some additional guidance regarding this process



# Final Thoughts

- Grantees that submitted renewal requests for option year 1 of your grant award will receive separate correspondence
  - We anticipate that will come out in couple of weeks
  - Read that information closely and there will be a grant agreement that will also need to be signed.



- If you have questions direct to the GPD National Program Office
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