Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Transformation

Fiscal Year 2017 Re-Application Notice of Funding Availability Preview
• In the interest all of all the listeners for the call today, the call will be lectured.
• Therefore we will not be able to take questions on today’s call.
  – There will be opportunities to ask questions in future calls, and we offer additional technical assistance via webinar.
• This presentation is available on the GPD provider webpage http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp
Background

• Approximately 97% of GPD funded transitional housing beds currently receive per diem payments “continuously”
  – As long as VA has funding
  – The grantee provides services as described in their grant application
  – Conforms with our regulations (38 CFR Part 61)
  – Pass annual inspections
  – No reapplication required
• Has provided stability in the past
• Need for change as part of GPD transformation is evident
  – Grant applications become out of date, not reflecting the needs and current resources of their community
  – Difficult to re-allocate/right size resources
  – Financially unsustainable in the long run
    • Per diem costs will exceed budget
The goal is to have all GPD funded awards become time limited

**Notice of Expiring Awards**

- “Continuously” funded awards would be notified that their awards would expire at the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017

**A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**

would be published to allow those expiring awards to apply for new awards

- To continue to receive per diem funding after October 1, 2017, organizations must apply under this NOFA
• The NOFA is currently under review, it is anticipated that it will be published in December 2016
• Only current operational GPD projects (including service centers can apply)
• New awards selected would go into effect October 1, 2017
  – One year award with two (2) one year options
• Waiver of recapture and real property disposition for unsuccessful applicants
• Once the NOFA is announced we plan to have several TA calls to provide specific information to the grantees about the NOFA

• We anticipate once published applicants will have 90 days to apply
• Applicants must declare the use of one or more of the following models of transitional housing or service center under this NOFA
  – Each model must have a separate application
    • Service center (only for those projects that currently have operational GPD service center)
    • Bridge Housing
    • Low Demand
    • Hospital to Housing
    • Clinical Treatment
    • Service Intensive
• **Bridge Housing**
  
  – Bridge housing is intended to be a short-term stay in transitional housing for veterans with pre-identified permanent housing destinations
  
  • Permanent housing intervention has been offered and accepted by homeless Veteran, but housing not immediately available
  
  • Overall, demands are kept to a minimum; however, services are available as needed. Goal is to establish permanent housing in the community while providing for the safety of staff and residents
**Low Demand**

- Low Demand housing is a program design using a low demand/harm reduction model to better accommodate chronically homeless veterans and veterans who were unsuccessful in traditional treatment settings.
  - Programming does not require sobriety or compliance with mental health treatment as a condition of admission or continued stay.
  - Overall, demands are kept to a minimum; however, services are available as needed. Goal is to establish permanent housing in the community while providing for the safety of staff and residents.
• **Hospital to Housing (Respite Care):**
  - Model currently operating on limited basis nationally in coordination with National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans
  - Respite care is a medical model to address the housing and recuperative care needs of homeless veterans who have been hospitalized
  - Coordinated efforts between GPD and local VA Medical Centers
• **Clinical Treatment**
  
  – Homeless veterans with a specific diagnosis related to a substance use disorder and/or mental health diagnosis; veteran actively chooses to engage in clinical services.
  
  – Clinically focused treatment provided in conjunction with services effective in helping homeless veterans secure permanent housing and increase income through benefits and/or employment.
• Service Intensive Transitional Housing
  – “Traditional/or General Purpose” transitional housing
  – Provides transitional housing and a milieu of services that facilitate individual stabilization and movement to permanent housing as rapidly as clinically appropriate
• Encouraging the development of specialized model through a funding priority

• VA will prioritize for funding one application for each of the following models:
  – Bridge Housing, Low Demand, Clinical Treatment and Hospital to Home at each VA medical center that has a GPD project.
• The highest scoring application for each of the four selected models, at each VA medical center that are legally fundable will be conditionally selected for funding first.

• VA will then continue to conditionally select applications from the remaining applications in their ranked order until funding is no longer available or the number of beds has been reached, whichever comes first.
• Planning repeated webinars about the NOFA

• Developing FAQ’s

• Special GPD email address specifically for questions about the NOFA
• VA is interested in high quality transitional housing services that meet the local community need
  – Community need, resources and coordination processes have changed since many of the original grant applications were written, but to keep this in mind

• Threshold requirements and rating criteria for GPD can be found in our regulations
  – 38 CFR Part 61.12-13
    • Our regulations can be found on our webpage http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp
• We are committed to keep you informed as information develops regarding the NOFA.

• We will devote time on a special follow-up call November 21st to provide any updates respond to questions from today’s presentation.
  – Send questions to GPDgrants@va.gov
  – Call November 21, 2016 @ 3pm eastern 800-767-1750 access code 17663.