

# Grant and Per Diem Operational Call

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# GPD Operational Call Agenda

# AGENDA



- Announcements
  - Testing protocol-webinar
  - FY21 Grants Update
  - Per Diem Rate Requirement
  - Contact Requirement
  - Inspections
- Upcoming
  - Case Management Grant
  - Special Needs Grant
  - Possible Capital Grant
- Office of Business Oversight (OBO)
- 425s
- CPR Guidance
- Q and A

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## GPD Announcements-VA COVID-19 Testing Protocol

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- VHA distributed a memo to VA medical centers to establish testing protocols for Veterans entering GPD and HCHV
- We will be recording a webinar for GPD and HCHV grantees/contractors this month
- Link for webinar will be distributed to GPD through GIFTS

# Covid-19 Update



## GPD Staff Update

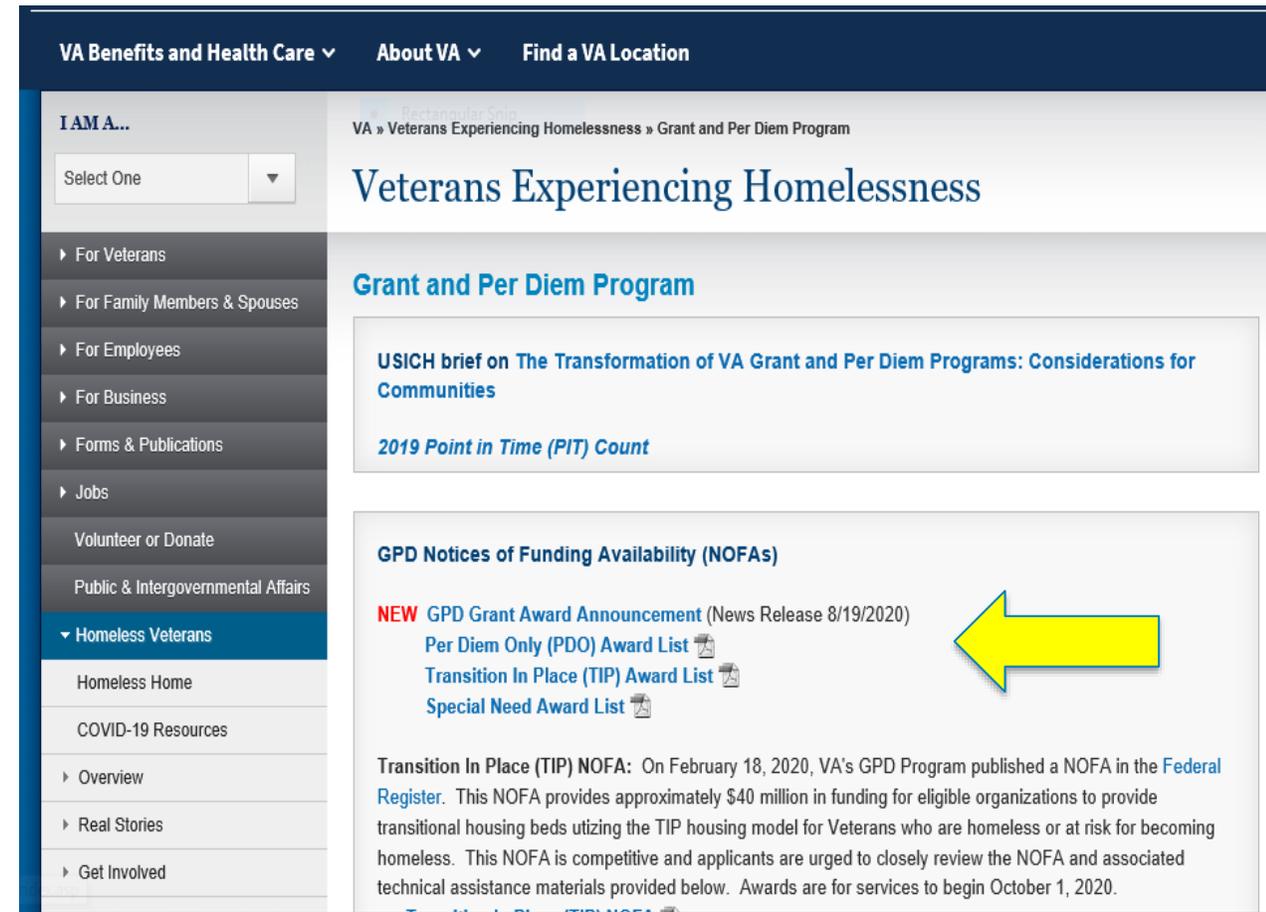
Welcome Erin Johnson  
Clinical Program  
Specialist

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# GPD Program Office Announcements and Updates: NOFA Status

- Per Diem Only, Special Need and Transition in Place NOFAs have been officially awarded
- The list of FY21 GPD grant awards are found [here](#) on the GPD website



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## Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

### Grant and Per Diem Program

[USICH brief on The Transformation of VA Grant and Per Diem Programs: Considerations for Communities](#)

[2019 Point in Time \(PIT\) Count](#)

#### GPD Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs)

**NEW** [GPD Grant Award Announcement](#) (News Release 8/19/2020)

- [Per Diem Only \(PDO\) Award List](#)
- [Transition In Place \(TIP\) Award List](#)
- [Special Need Award List](#)

**Transition In Place (TIP) NOFA:** On February 18, 2020, VA's GPD Program published a NOFA in the [Federal Register](#). This NOFA provides approximately \$40 million in funding for eligible organizations to provide transitional housing beds utilizing the TIP housing model for Veterans who are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless. This NOFA is competitive and applicants are urged to closely review the NOFA and associated technical assistance materials provided below. Awards are for services to begin October 1, 2020.

# GPD Program Office Announcements and Updates: NOFA Status

- Current grantees whose awards will be ending September 30, 2020
  - Instructions included in email notification sent through GIFTS
  - Work with GPD liaison to transition Veterans prior to September 30, 2020
- Grantees were offered one-year extension to continue to serve who were admitted prior to October 1, 2020
  - Allowed to complete Veterans' episode of care
  - Must be requested in writing to GPD Office through [gpdgrants@va.gov](mailto:gpdgrants@va.gov) by September 20, 2020
  - Per Diem will not be paid for any Veterans admitted after September 30, 2020

# GPD Program Office Announcements and Updates: Per Diem Waiver Requests



- The GPD Program Office will continue to have CARES Act funding available in FY 2021 to support the per diem rate waiver authorized by the Secretary.
  - All grantees (extensions and new awardees) may continue to receive the higher GPD per diem rate during FY 2021, so long as funding is available.
  - When CARES Act funding is no longer available and/or the Secretary rescinds the waiver, your per diem rate will automatically revert to a maximum of the State Home per diem rate (or lower if requested).
- Grantees will need to complete a new per diem activation requirement under their new FAIN award that will begin 10/1/20.

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# GPD Announcements

## **Fiscal Year 2021 Inspections**

- Liaisons will be reaching out to you to schedule these soon
- Veterans cannot be placed in new sites until inspection is passed
- Please work closely with your liaison to inform them of status of readiness to pass inspection

## **GIFTS Contact Requirement**

- A contact requirement was sent to your GIFTS account holder last week
- Please review the [GPD Grantee GIFTS User Guide](#) to understand how contacts work in the GIFTS system
- It is important that the GIFTS contact designees disseminate information received from the GPD National Office to the necessary parties within your agency

# GPD and SSVF Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA)

- March 31, 2020, distributed guidance whereby GPD grantees may work with SSVF grantees so that Veterans could “pause” their GPD stay and access SSVF EHA funds
  - Per this guidance, per diem payments were required to **stop** if Veterans were utilizing SSVF EHA
  - Access to SSVF EHA funds under this option was time limited with an intended return to GPD

# GPD and SSVF Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA)

- April 28, 2020, cap was lifted from GPD per diem payments
  - Grantees can now directly support motel stays, as needed
  - Dual enrollment in SSVF EHA and GPD from this point was not necessary but, GPD/SSVF recognized the need to allow for a transition period and align Veterans with appropriate resources
- At this point, no GPD Veterans should be dually enrolled in SSVF EHA
- If Veterans are still enrolled in both programs:
  - GPD, SSVF and medical center staff should work quickly to align the Veteran with the housing resource (GPD or SSVF) that best meets the needs of the Veteran



**COMING**  
*Soon*

## FY 2021 GPD Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

- GPD Office working on plans for FY 2021 NOFO
  - Case Management
  - Special Need
  - Capital Grant
- As NOFO approved, details and technical assistance will be provided by GPD Office

# FY 2021 GPD Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

- Case Management Grant-supporting housing retention for formerly homeless Veterans and Veterans at risk for homelessness
  - Refer to 38 CFR 61.90 for information



# FY 2021 GPD Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

- Special Need Grant- targeted grant to serve populations
  - women,
  - frail elderly,
  - terminally ill,
  - chronically mentally ill,
  - or individuals who have care of minor dependents
  - Refer to 38 CFR 61.40, 41, 44 for additional information



# Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 GPD Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

- Exploring Capital grant for existing grantees with goal of reducing the number of congregate living beds in our transitional housing
  - Funding would be used to create individual living units in transitional housing
    - Reduce risks associated with Veterans living in close quarters
  - Would not result in an increase in transitional housing beds
  - Allowable activities would include renovation, acquisition and construction

# Office of Business Oversight

- **Federal Contractors**
  - Gentech Associates, Inc. and KPMG
- **Upcoming Fiscal Reviews**
- **Upcoming GPD Grantee Training– October/November 2020**
  - Cost Principles
  - Financial Management
- **CAARES ACT Oversight**
  - Funds will be reviewed in FY21

# SF 425 Submission Process Change

Annual SF425s will now be submitted through GIFTS, you will no longer email these to [GPD425@va.gov](mailto:GPD425@va.gov).

- This will begin with your FY20 fiscal activities, period 10/1/19-9/30/2020. Due 12/31/20.
- A requirement to submit your annual SF425 will be sent to your Agency Holder through GIFTS.
- Requirements can be retrieved when the Account Holder logs into their GIFTS account.
- There will be several numerical fields that will need to be copied from the SF425 form into the GIFTS requirement.
- The SF425 needs to be submitted as an attachment along with the GIFTS requirement.

The SF-425 Federal Financial Report can be found at [https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD\\_Fiscal.asp](https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_Fiscal.asp). There are additional resources on this page related to Indirect Cost Rates, Allowable Costs, and an SF425 Training presentation.

Questions related to the completion of your SF425 should be emailed to [GPD425@va.gov](mailto:GPD425@va.gov)

# CPR GUIDANCE

- American Heart Association (AHA) published guidance related to performing Basic Life Support with Suspected or Confirmed COVID -19 Cases
- Includes guidance for lay rescuers performing CPR in the out of hospital setting
- Based on the AHA guidance, recommendations for out-of-hospital CPR include:
  - Wear face mask or cloth covering (both rescuer and patient if possible)
  - Don additional PPE when available (e.g., gloves, face shield/eye protection, gown)
  - Perform hands-only CPR if willing and able
  - Use an AED when available





# Final Thoughts

- Watch your email for an information on a webinar about VA COVID-19 testing protocols
- Next Operational call October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Eastern
- Distribution of executed grant agreements after October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Check out the updated GPD Provider Website [GPD Provider Website](#)

Q&A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers