

# GRANT & PER DIEM NATIONAL PROGRAM OPERATIONAL GRANTEE CALL

February 14, 2023

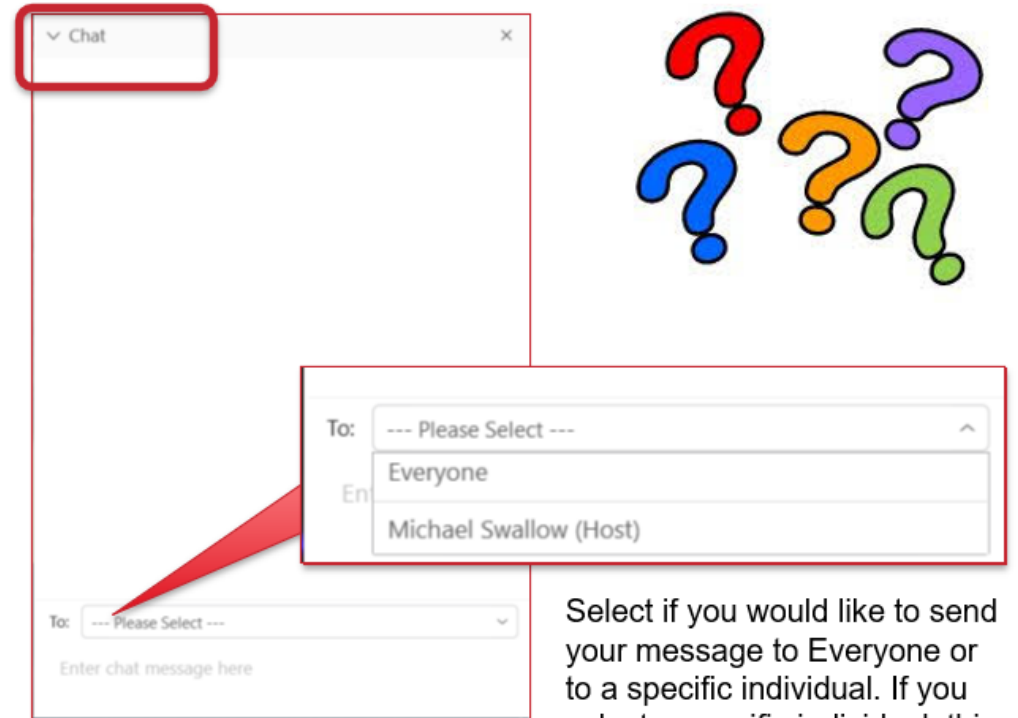
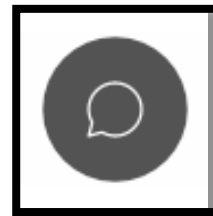
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# AGENDA

- **Monica Diaz, Executive Director, VHA Homeless Programs**
- **Announcements**
  - Welcome new GPD program office program specialist, Angela Smittie
  - Public health emergency declaration
  - GPD Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) update
  - Federal Financial Report (SF-425)
- **National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV)**
- **Office of Business Oversight (OBO) – Omar Ochoa**
- **Questions**

**MONICA DIAZ**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VHA**  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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# WELCOME, ANGELA SMITTIE



Please join us in welcoming Dr. Angela Smittie to her new position with Grant and Per Diem Program as Program Specialist. Angela will be responsible for working directly with VA medical center and VISN teams to ensure the success of GPD grantees and to promote best practices among all teams. She joins Janine Griggs and Melissa Meierdierks as the third GPD Program Specialist.

Dr. Angela N. Smittie began her VHA career in 2010 in the Substance Dependence Program at Cincinnati VA Medical Center, specializing in Dual Diagnosis and Buprenorphine treatment before moving to the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) team. In 2015, she transitioned to the role of Grant and Per Diem Liaison. Dr. Smittie then served as the acting program coordinator for GPD, HCHV, and SUD. In addition, she was the Special Emphasis Program Manager for the CVAMC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Dr. Smittie is passionate about community service and is active in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta where she was selected as the Ohio Alumnae Soror of the Year in 2019 for her community service efforts. She has earned her Doctor of Social Work degree with a focus on administration and leadership and is a graduate of VISN 10 Clinical and Executive Leadership Development Institute Program.

Personally, Dr. Smittie also enjoys spending time with her family and friends and is an avid runner and walker.

# PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY STATUS UPDATE

- President Biden declared the [public health emergency will expire on May 11, 2023](#)
  - Note: some states have enacted their own emergency status provisions
  - Per diem rates are **expected** to return to their statutory maximum (115% of the State Home for domiciliary care rate)
- At the end of 2022, there was legislative energy around allowing GPD grantees to permanently request double per diem (200% of the State Home rate)
  - **Double per diem was not ultimately included in the legislation in the last Congress**
    - See the Cleland-Dole Act, part of the Omnibus Appropriations Package
- **VA recognizes GPD grantee challenges and will continue to look for opportunities**
- Our office will give **more guidance** as the Federal declaration draws to a close

# REMINDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY-RELATED FLEXIBILITIES

- Comparison of enhanced per diem with what we **anticipate** the per diem rates to be effective on May 12, 2023
- **Changes may occur between now and May 12<sup>th</sup>**
- Our office will keep all informed

Type of GPD Grant ( <a href="#">see also 38 CFR 61.33</a> )	During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (CARES Act, P.L.116-136)  <i>March 2020 – May 11, 2023</i>	Anticipated After the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency  <i>May 12, 2023</i>
<b>Per Diem Only</b>	Maximum of three times the State Home rate	Maximum of 115% of the State Home rate
<b>Transition-in-Place</b>	Maximum of three times the State Home rate	Maximum of 150% of the State Home rate
<b>Service Center</b>	Maximum of three times the State Home rate	Maximum of 115% of the State Home rate
<b>Special Need</b> ( <a href="#">see also 38 CFR 61.44</a> )	Maximum of three times the State Home rate	Maximum of twice the State Home rate



# GPD NOTICES OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- October 27, 2022, GPD published 2 grant opportunities:
  - [Transition in Place \(TIP\)](#) – due 4:00 p.m. ET on January 30, 2023
  - [Per Diem Only \(PDO\)](#) – due 4:00 p.m. ET on February 6, 2023
- Reviews are underway

# CASE MANAGEMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- On February 3, 2023, VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD) published a **new funding opportunity** ([Case Management](#)) for organizations to help formerly homeless Veterans maintain their independence and housing stability as a part of ongoing efforts to prevent and end Veteran homelessness.
- VA anticipates awarding 100 Case Management grants for up to \$300,000 each to support approximately 150 case manager positions nationwide.
- Awards will fund two years of operations, **starting on Oct. 1, 2023, and ending Sept. 30, 2025.**
- This funding opportunity will give organizations the funding they need to hire case managers, who will help Veterans search for, obtain, and successfully transition to permanent housing; troubleshoot challenges and barriers to maintaining permanent housing; connect with services to address issues such as poor credit history, rent arrears, and legal issues; and more.
- Additional information is posted on the [GPD website](#)

# CASE MANAGEMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- This is not a renewal and eligible entities may apply.
- Eligible entities, as described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), may apply for these Case Management Grants. Grant applications must be received by the GPD Program Office by **4 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, May 4, 2023.**
  - The VA GPD National Program Office team highly recommends that any interested and eligible applicant begin planning and coordination with their local VA medical center points of contact as soon as possible.
- The Case Management NOFO is available on our website, <https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp>, grants.gov, and the Federal Register.
  - Please carefully review the information on our website, which includes instructions on how to access the electronic grants management system (a.k.a., eGMS) GPD uses to receive grant applications, as well as specifics about the grant.

# FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT (SF-425)

- All grantees are required to submit a [Federal Financial Report \(SF-425\)](#) documenting actual costs incurred during fiscal year (FY) 2022.
  - Reporting period is from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022.
  - A separate report must be submitted for each FAIN.
  - Submission of these reports is a condition of these awards and a requirement to receive Federal funding.
- SF-425's will be reviewed by VA's Office of Business Oversight (OBO).
  - Submit the SF-425 via the [Electronic SF-425 Submission Portal](#) **and** email the completed form with supporting documentation (general ledger) to [GPD425@va.gov](mailto:GPD425@va.gov).
- SF-425 submissions **due no later than Monday, January 30, 2023.**
  - Time is of the essence—these are past due.
  - GPD will issue a withholding of payments for any grant projects that have not submitted a properly completed SF-425 and general ledger by the due date.

The form is titled "Federal Financial Report (Follow form Instructions)" and includes the OMB Number: 4040-0014 and Expiration Date: 02/28/2022. It is divided into several sections:

- 1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted** (Yellow box)
- 2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)** (Yellow box)
- 3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code)**
  - Recipient Organization Name: (Yellow box)
  - Street1: (Yellow box)
  - Street2: (Yellow box)
  - City: (Yellow box) County: (Blue box)
  - State: (Yellow box) Province: (Yellow box)
  - Country: USA: UNITED STATES (Blue box) ZIP / Postal Code: (Yellow box)
- 4a. DUNS Number** (Yellow box) **4b. EIN** (Yellow box) **5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)** (Yellow box)
- 6. Report Type**
  - Quarterly
  - Semi-Annual
  - Annual
  - Final
- 7. Basis of Accounting**
  - Cash
  - Accrual
- 8. Project/Grant Period** From: (Yellow box) To: (Yellow box)
- 9. Reporting Period End Date** (Yellow box)

**10. Transactions** (Table with Cumulative column)

Transactions	Cumulative
<i>(Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)</i>	
<b>Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR attachment):</b>	
a. Cash Receipts	0.00
b. Cash Disbursements	0.00
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)	0.00
<i>(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)</i>	
<b>Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:</b>	
d. Total Federal funds authorized	0.00
e. Federal share of expenditures	0.00
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations	0.00
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)	0.00
h. Unobligated balance of Federal Funds (line d minus g)	0.00
<b>Recipient Share:</b>	
i. Total recipient share required	0.00
j. Recipient share of expenditures	0.00
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)	0.00
<b>Program Income:</b>	
l. Total Federal program income earned	0.00
m. Program Income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative	0.00
n. Program Income expended in accordance with the addition alternative	0.00
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m or line n)	0.00

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- **Federal Contractors:**
  - Trilogy, BDO, RMA & Associates
- **Upcoming Fiscal Reviews:**
  - Area Congregations Together, Inc. – February 20 - 24, 2023
  - United Counsel Human Services – February 20 - 24, 2023
  - The Salvation Army, Alabama Coastal – February 27, 2023, to March 1, 2023
  - Volunteers of America Southeast, Inc. – March 2 - 3, 2023
  - Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, Inc. – March 13 - 17, 2023
  - Volunteers of America of Massachusetts, Inc. – March 13 - 17, 2023
  - Opportunity Center for the Homeless – March 13 - 17, 2023
  - Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. – March 13 - 17, 2023
- **OBO Hot Topics:**
  - SF-425s were due on 1/30/2023
    - 31 remain outstanding
  - Grantee FY23 Best Practices
    - Internal Controls
    - Document retention
    - Must seek approval for expenses greater than \$5k (Liaisons cannot approve expenses)
    - Budget monitoring
  - High Risk Grantees
- **OBO Annual Training:**
  - March 8-9, 2023

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**Next Call:** Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm ET



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