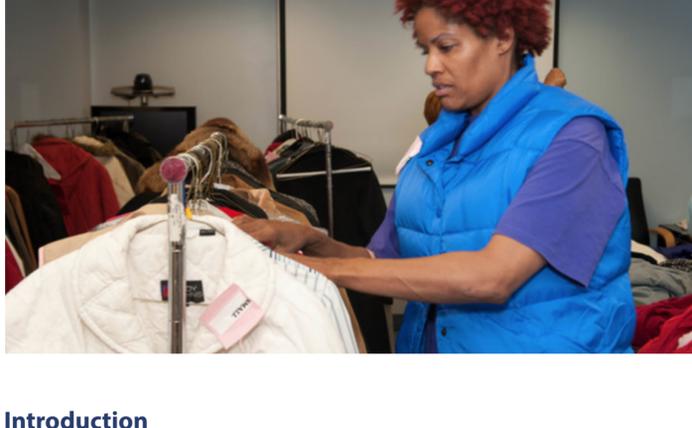


# VHA Homeless Programs Office

Working Together to Help Veterans Exit Homelessness

## Collaborating to serve every Veterans' unique needs



### Introduction

Welcome to this edition of the VA Homeless Programs quarterly newsletter! VA and its partners are working together to serve all Veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, especially those with unique challenges, including Veterans with families, women Veterans, and minority Veterans. Veterans and their family members have been permanently housed, rapidly re-housed or prevented from falling into homelessness as a result of VA's various homelessness programs.

In this issue, you'll learn about major homeless programs updates and upcoming events, tab through new and updated resources now at your disposal, and read stories of community partners who have made it their mission to help Veterans struggling with the transition to civilian life. We encourage you to spread the word about the continued need for partner organizations so we can work to drastically decrease homelessness in all communities and provide Veterans with the hand-up they deserve. While every community is unique, there are common best practices that can be tailored and applied to support homeless and at-risk Veterans in each community across the country.

For those wanting to get involved or learn more about how housing, employment, and community collaborations can help end Veteran homelessness, send an email to [HomelessVets@va.gov](mailto:HomelessVets@va.gov) or visit VA's Homeless Veterans [website](http://www.va.gov/homeless).

### Homeless Programs Major Updates

Homeless Programs and its Executive Director Monica Diaz would like to congratulate Ms. Lisa M. Pape, LISW, deputy chief patient care services officer for [Care Management and Social Work for the Veterans Health Administration \(VHA\)](http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5164), for being named the Meritorious Rank Recipient of the Presidential Rank Award! This is a prestigious honor presented to Senior Executive Service (SES) leaders by the President of the United States. Ms. Pape received the high honor in recognition of her excellent leadership of VA's efforts to end and prevent homelessness among Veterans from 2010 to 2016. To read more about the award and Ms. Lisa Pape's work, visit: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5164>.

Through Executive Order 13822, the VA, Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security are integrating and focusing mental health resources to ensure our transitioning service members receive the care and services they need and deserve at this critical time. For more information on the executive order, view the brochure at <https://www.va.gov/opa/share/UPDATED-EO-13822-Veterans-Brochure-March-2019.pdf>.

The Grant Per Diem (GPD) program released a Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) for which qualifying community organizations can apply. For more information on the NOFA and the parameters for applying, visit <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>.

### Community Highlights

Follow the links below for recent stories and highlights on community partners and local VA facilities who are doing great work and establishing promising practices to end homelessness among Veterans.



[Lexington, KY effectively ends homelessness among Veterans](#)



[VA recognizes elementary school students for role in ending Veteran homelessness](#)



[Storage unit company helps Veterans exiting homelessness by collecting donated items](#)

### In Case You Missed It

Follow the link below for a description and recording of the #ExploreVA Facebook Live Event featuring VA Homeless Programs Senior Advisor and Director of Community Engagement, Anthony Love.

[#ExploreVA Facebook Live Event on VA programs to end homelessness](#)

### On the Calendar

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events that will bring together key players and community decision makers to discuss homelessness among Veterans.

[2019 National Conference on Ending Homelessness and Capitol Hill Day](#)

Also, later this summer, we will host a webinar in partnership with Women Veterans Alliance on VA services available to Veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Please visit [VA's Homeless Programs Events page](#) for more information on this and other upcoming events.

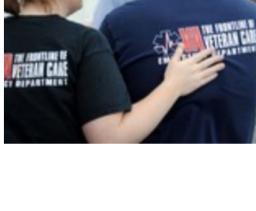
### Resource Highlights

The [VA Homeless website](#) has a library of resources and information about VA's homeless programs, ways to get involved, and shareable content. Please be sure to view the outreach tools, videos and web banners at the following links below.

[Outreach Tools](#)  
[Multimedia Outreach Tools](#)

### Spread the Word

Share information with your community on how to get involved in efforts to end homelessness among Veterans by using the social content below on your various social platforms. Also, follow VA's various social platforms and retweet or repost homelessness content.



#### Facebook Posts

Your organization can play a valuable role in the life of a Veteran experiencing homelessness through a partnership with the @U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Read success stories of partner efforts that have made a difference in the mission to end Veteran homelessness, then find out how you can get involved: <https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/successstories/partner.asp>

Volunteer with the @U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to help bring an end to homelessness among Veterans in every community. Find out about events you can get involved with near you: <https://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp>



#### Tweets

Your organization can play a valuable role in the life of a Veteran experiencing homelessness through a partnership with @DeptVetAffairs. Read success stories of partner efforts that have made a difference in the mission to #EndVeteranHomelessness: <https://urlz.com/1FWQ>

Volunteer with @DeptVetAffairs to help #EndVeteranHomelessness in every community. Find out about events you can get involved with near you: <https://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp>

### Communicate with Us

Solving homelessness among Veterans requires a collaborative approach with input and efforts from stakeholders at all levels. Knowing that, we want to hear your thoughts, ideas and feedback about VA's available programs and services supporting homeless and at-risk Veterans. We value your input and feedback as we know we cannot do this alone. Please share your thoughts, questions, and story ideas with us by e-mailing [HomelessVets@va.gov](mailto:HomelessVets@va.gov), or by using the "Contact Us" button on our [homeless website](http://www.va.gov/homeless). You can also visit your [local VAMC](#) or call the National Call Center at 1-800-273-TALK if you are a Veteran experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.