



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grant Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for more than \$26 Million in grants for entities to provide legal services to Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness as part of its new Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grant Program (LSV-H).

VA will award up to \$300,000 in grant funding for up to 90 organizations to provide legal services to eligible Veterans during a 14-month grant cycle.

Services That Can Be Provided by the LSV-H Grant Program

Allowable legal services covered under the LSV-H Grant Program include (with additional detail in 38 CFR 79.20):

- Housing law
- Family law
- Income support
- Criminal defense
- Discharge or Dismissal upgrades
- Other covered legal services as the Secretary determines appropriate

Eligible Veterans for assistance under the LSV-H Grant Program include those who:

- Served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable; and
 - Are homeless (as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and 38 CFR 79.15(a); or
 - Are at risk for homelessness (as defined in 38 CFR Part 79.15(b))

Eligible Organizations That Can Apply

The LSV-H grant may be awarded to both public entities and nonprofit private entities as defined in 38 CFR Part 79.10. The VA will prioritize grant applications from organizations based on three criteria: Priority 1 for those offering three or more eligible legal services directly to Veterans, Priority 2 for organizations serving underserved areas, rural communities, tribal lands, and Native Veterans, and Priority 3 for organizations focusing on providing legal services to women Veterans.

Additionally, for any fiscal year, no less than 10% of the amount authorized to be appropriated for these grants shall be used to provide legal services to women Veterans.

How to Apply

The grant application period is open now and will close on February 23, 2024. You can view the NOFO and the grant application at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/lsv.asp>.

If you have questions or want more information, email lsvgrants@va.gov.