

FLEXING BEDS BETWEEN NEW GPD GRANT AWARDS

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Welcome

- Today is a special call regarding flexing beds between new GPD grant awards
- Questions and comments should be focused on this topic.
- Our audience today are GPD operational grantees and VA staff assigned to oversee GPD grantees
- The call is in lecture mode for the benefit of all participants
- Those participating by Adobe connect can submit questions in the chat box at the end of our presentation
- Additional questions can be submitted to gpdgrants@va.gov
- We will be recording this presentation and posting for future access on the GPD provider web page: https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp



Polling Questions

- Polling Question 1
 - Are you a Grantee or a VA employee?
 - GPD Grantee
 - VA employee
- Polling Question 2
 - How would you characterize your new model implementation?
 - Fully implemented
 - Partially implemented
 - Not yet started implementing



Who Can Flex Beds?

- Who can flex beds?
 - Flexing beds only applies to agencies who have been awarded multiple FY18 grants for models that are located at the same VAMC.
 - However, if agencies plan to apply for additional models in the new FY18 NOFA, you may find this information helpful.
- For those applicants that were successfully funded for multiple models under the FY 17 NOFA, VA will allow without a change of scope, a flex of beds between the applicant's models at the same VAMC. This flex will be up to five (5) beds or 15 percent of the total awarded bed limit per medical center, whichever is greater.



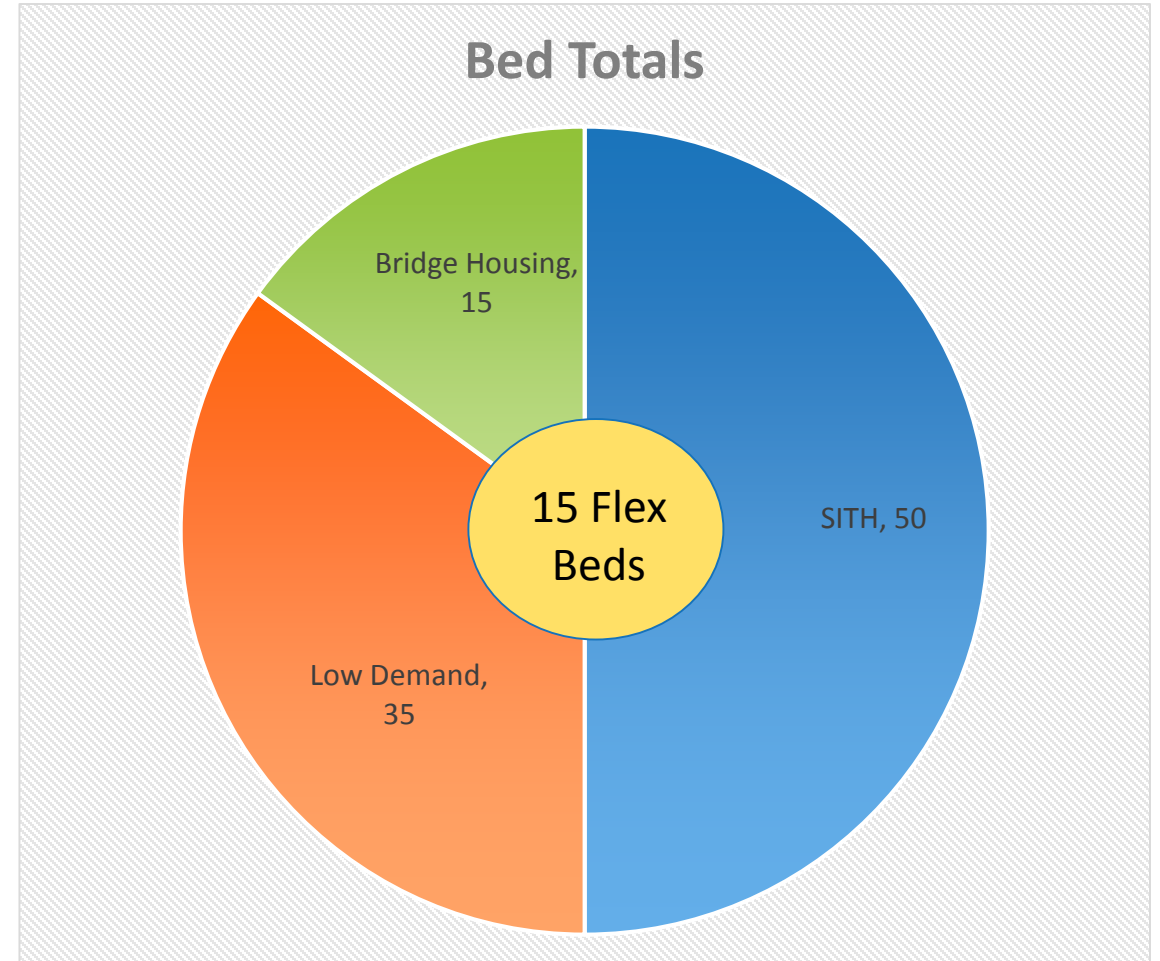
Flexing Beds Between New GPD Awards

- What is the maximum number of beds I can operate at any time?
 - An agency can only operate up to and not exceeding their total FY18 bed award.
- Where can I provide services using flex beds?
 - For VA to pay per diem under any grant award the service location must be on file as a site for that specific grant award.



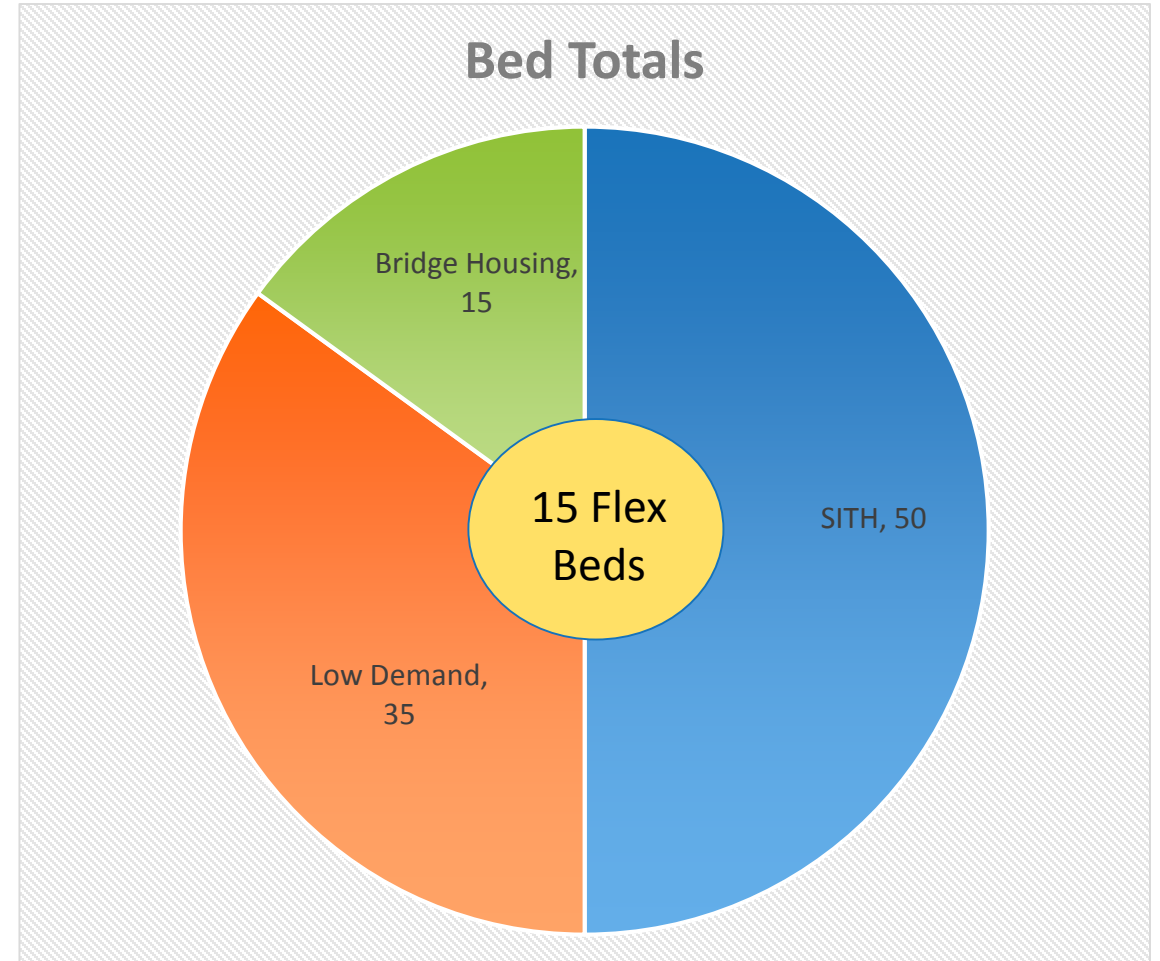
Bed Flexing Example

- Veterans Company, was awarded 100 beds under the supervision of the A-city VA Medical Center. These 100 beds break down into 3 different GPD grant awards
 - 50 SITH Beds
 - 35 Low Demand Beds
 - 15 Bridge Housing Beds



Bed Flexing Example

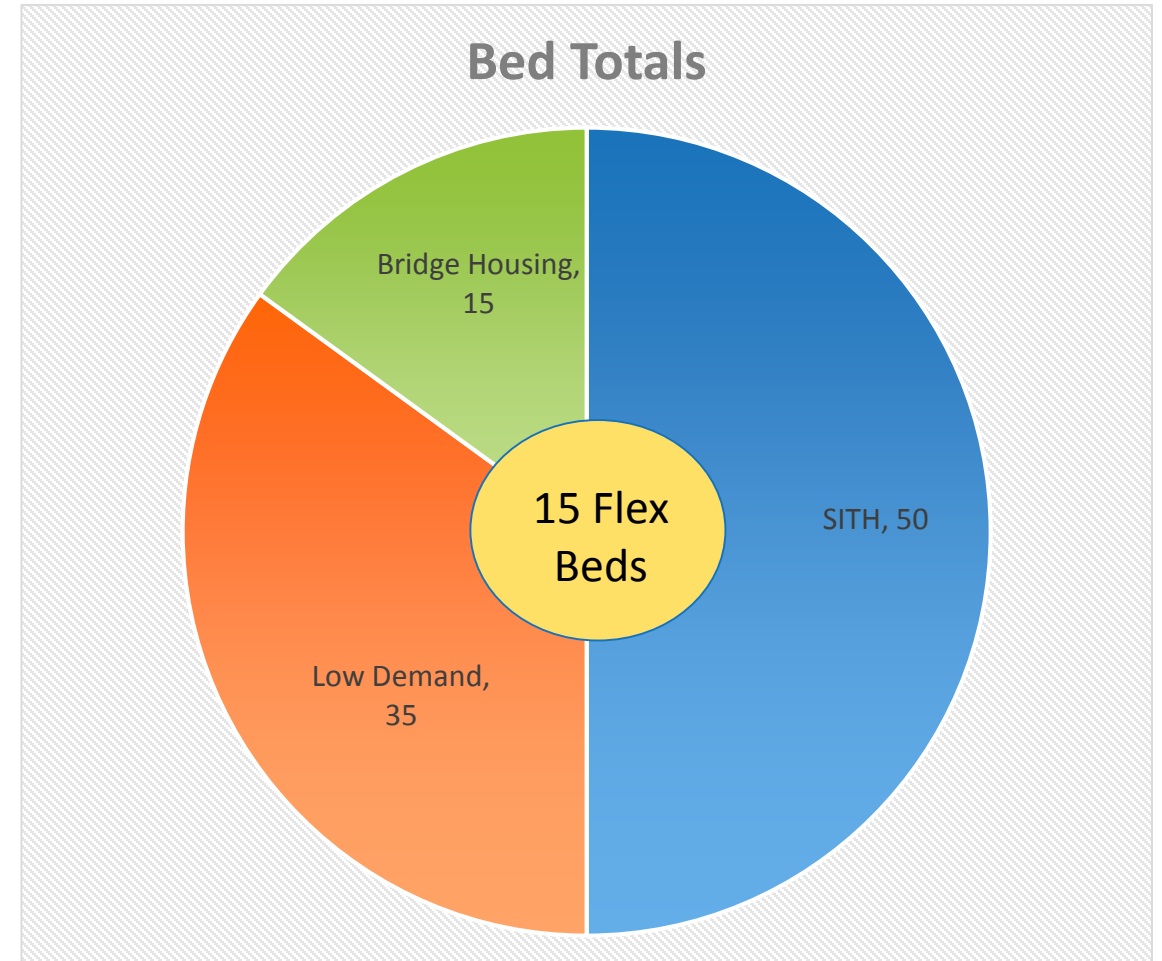
- **Step 1 – How many beds can I flex at one time?**
 - Up to 15 because....
 - 15% of 100 =15
 - 15 is greater than 5



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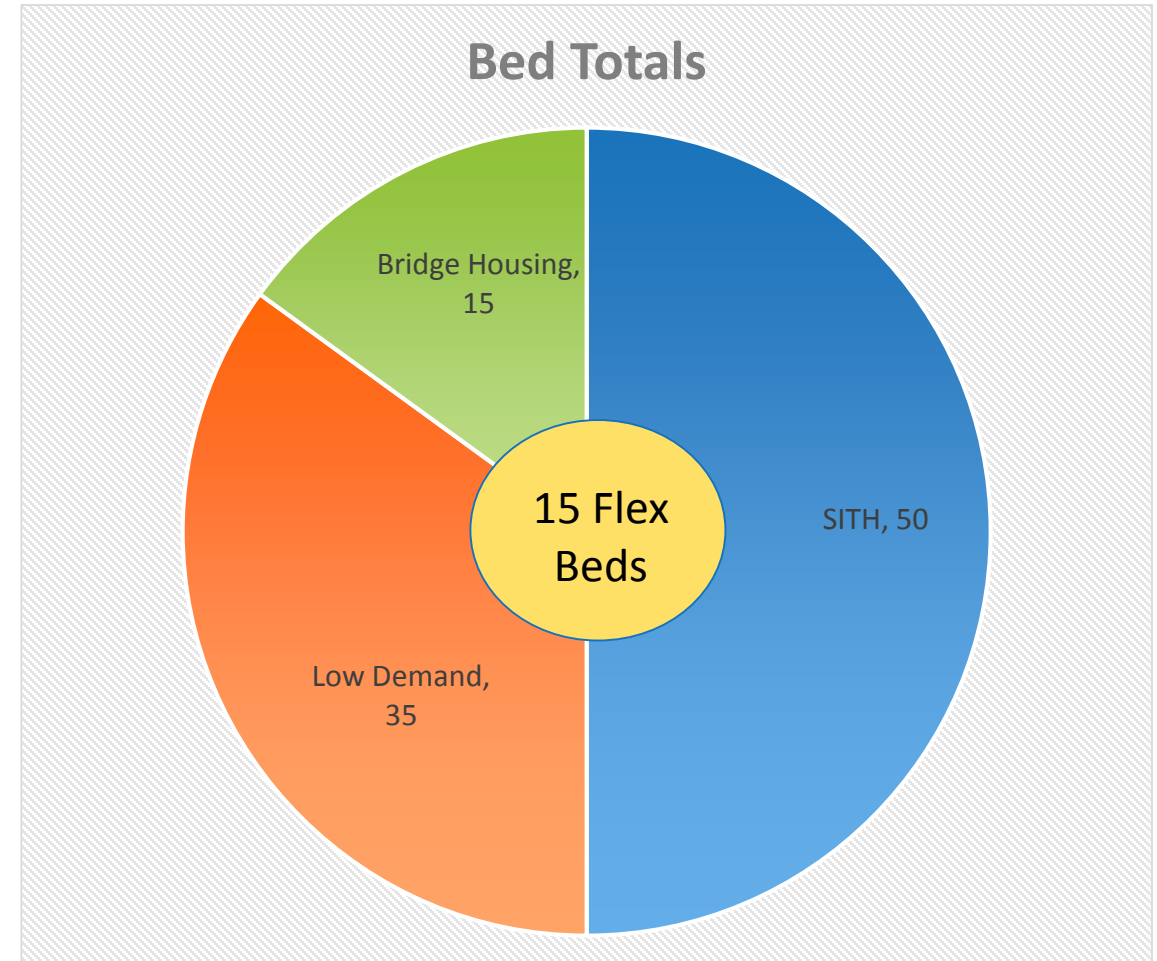
Step 2 – Where can I flex my beds from?

- Any of your newly funded awards so SITH, Low Demand, or Bridge
 - 50 SITH Beds – 15 beds = 35 SITH Minimum
 - 35 Low Demand Beds – 15 beds = 20 Low Demand Bed Minimum
 - 15 Bridge Housing Beds – 15 beds = 0 Bridge Bed Minimum



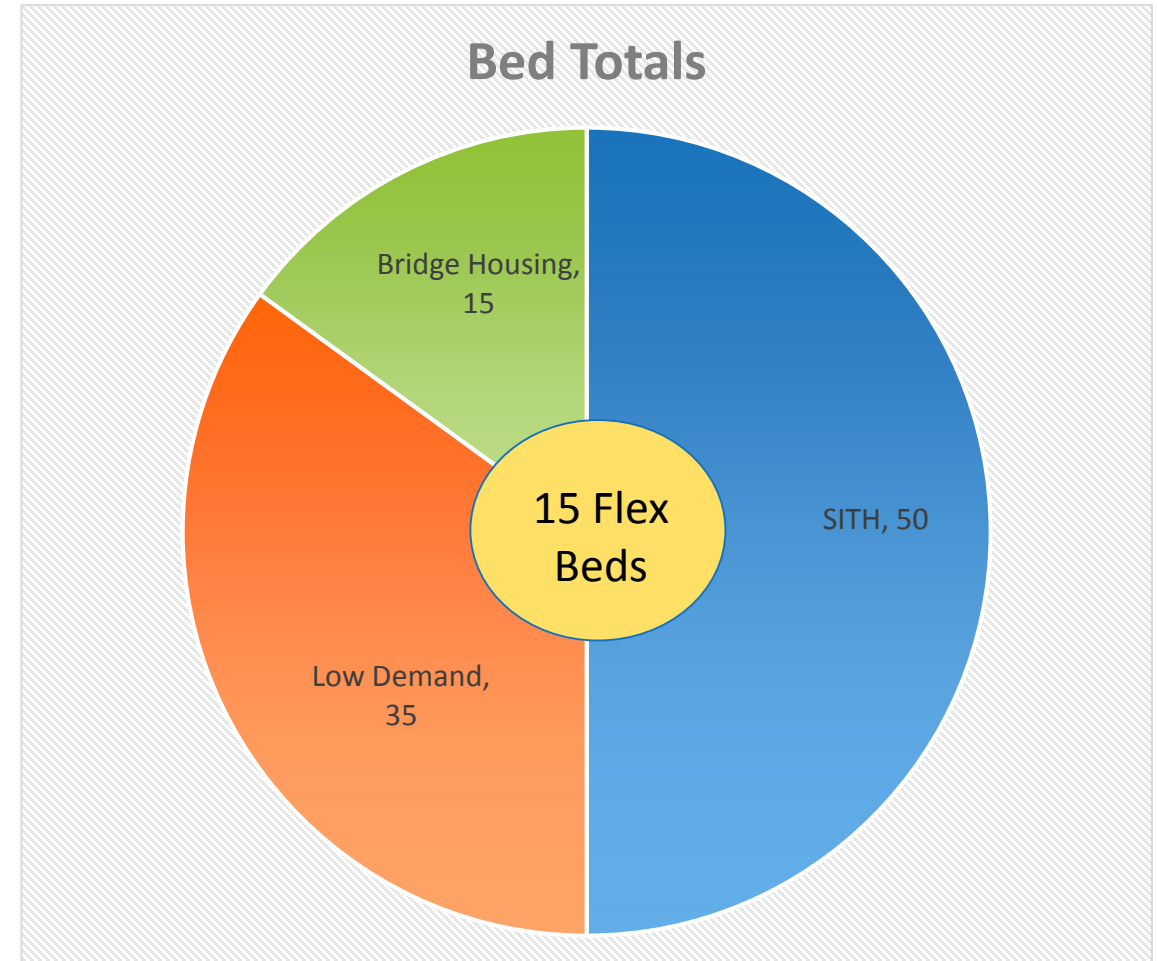
Bed Flexing Example

- **Step 3 – Where can I flex my beds to?**
 - Any of your newly funded awards so SITH, Low Demand, or Bridge
 - 50 SITH Beds + 15 beds = 65 SITH Maximum
 - 35 Low Demand Beds + 15 beds = 50 Low Demand Bed Maximum
 - 15 Bridge Housing Beds + 15 beds = 30 Bridge Bed Maximum



Bed Flexing Example

- **What is the maximum number of beds I can operate at any time?**
 - 100, Veterans Company can only operate up to and not exceeding their total bed award.



Bed Flexing Example

Grantee's Awarded Beds:

50 SITH Beds
35 Low Demand Beds
15 Bridge Beds
= 100 Total Beds
(flex up to 5 or 15%)

Flexing Option A:

$(50-15 \text{ SITH} = 35) + (35 + 15 \text{ Low Demand} = 50) + (15 \text{ Bridge}) = 100 \text{ beds}$

Flexing Option B:

$(50-12 \text{ SITH} = 38) + (35 + 5 \text{ Low Demand} = 40) + (15+7 \text{ Bridge} = 22) = 100 \text{ beds}$

Flexing Option C:

$(50-15 \text{ SITH} = 35) + (35 + 3 \text{ Low Demand} = 38) + (15+12 \text{ Bridge} = 27) = 100 \text{ beds}$



Tracking Flexed Beds

- As always...
- Grantees need to report Veteran admissions along with the corresponding FAIN under which the Veteran will be admitted to the GPD Liaison
- GPD Liaisons will then ensure that Veterans are entered into HOMES under the correct model and FAIN
- Grantees also need to ensure that they notify GPD Liaisons when Veterans discharge from the facility



Billing Flexed Beds

- Grantees and Liaisons must ensure that grantees:
 - Do not exceed the total amount of beds awarded to them under one VAMC
 - Only flex beds to awarded models
 - Do not exceed 5 or 15% whichever is greater without permission from the GPD National Office
- If an agency has flexed beds, the Per Diem Voucher could appear over census, this is okay.
- Grantees must bill per diem under the FAIN where the Veteran is receiving services



Things to Remember and Consider

- Only new grant awards under the FY17 NOFA from the same agency (EIN) at the same VAMC can be flexed between models.
 - TIP models & extended grant awards cannot be flexed.
- Grantees can flex up to five (5) beds or 15 percent of the total awarded bed limit per medical center, whichever is greater.



Flexing Calculator

A	B	F
VA GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM		
FLEX BED CALCULATOR		
	Awarded Beds Per Agency (EIN)	Desired Bed Distribution
1 Agency under 1 VAMC	Diem Activation Sheets	# of Beds To Be Occupied
SITH	40	10
Clinical Treatment	0	0
Hospital 2 Housing	0	0
Bridge Housing	40	55
Low Demand	40	50
Total Agency Beds	120	115
How many total Beds can I Flex?		18
<p>NOFA Reference: "A flex of beds between the applicant's models at the same VAMC. This flex will be up to 5 beds or 15% of the total awarded bed limit per medical center, whichever is greater".</p> <p>Beds can only be flexed across NEW GPD awards. Bed Totals are per agency (by EIN) with multiple projects under the same medical center.</p> <p>You may only edit cells in this color box. If a cell in column F turns RED then there is a problem with your bed allocation.</p>		

Polling Question

- Polling Question 3
 - How well do you now understand how to flex beds?
 - Fully
 - Somewhat
 - Not at all



Questions

