SSVF Supplemental NOFA
Targeted Community Funding Opportunity

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Link to Audio
Session Length: 60 Minutes

Slides & handouts will be in the CHAT Section

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Submit questions in the question box or any time at ssvf@va.gov
Funding Overview

John Kuhn, SSVF National Director
NOFA PURPOSE

• Provide new authorities to address housing barriers.

• Supplemental funding to support new authorities.

• Existing awards are also expected to be used to support objectives.
NOFA KEY FEATURES

1. Augments housing navigation services for HUD-VASH

2. Creates landlord incentive worth up to 2-months rent

3. Creates tenant incentive of up to $1000

4. Increases AMI limit to 80%
1. HOUSING NAVIGATION

• SSVF hires navigators who embed in HUD-VASH teams
  – Supplements, does not replace, HUD-VASH navigation
  – These staff are fully dedicated to HUD-VASH for navigation support

• Veterans served are co-enrolled

• SSVF can use RRH placements as bridge to HUD-VASH to secure housing units. This will require
  – Coordination with HUD-VASH and PHA
  – Planning and strategic messaging with CoC
  – Awareness of HQS requirements

• Applicable only to Veterans co-enrolled in SSVF and HUD-VASH
2. LANDLORD INCENTIVE

• Up to 2-months rent equivalent payable to landlord
  – Only if necessary for placement
  – Grantees should work across the community to develop clear standards for how and when incentives are used
  – Must justify need for incentive in case file

• Veteran must be offered at least a 1-year lease (month-to-month lease does not qualify)

• Can be used for either SSVF or HUD-VASH placements

• Can be used in conjunction with double security deposit
3. TENANT INCENTIVE

• Available only after move-in for leases of at least 1-year

• In addition to GHA supports

• Meant to address quality of life, offering Veterans comforts most expect in independent living

• Purchase items or set up merchant account
  – No gift cards
  – No bulk purchasing that isn't tied directly to a Veteran household
4. SCOPE

- Can use augmented resources and authorities only in VAMC catchment areas listed in Table 1

- Income eligibility in target areas increased to 80% AMI
  - Prioritize, still use HP screener

- NOFA funded Housing Navigators exclusively for HUD-VASH

- All other new resources available to all SSVF enrollees served in Table 1 areas
4A. SCOPE

• At least 80% of funds must be used on literally homeless

• Coordinate budget with other SSVF grantees, get input from HUD-VASH. General expectations:
  – 40 to 50% housing navigator staff
  – 40 to 50% landlord and tenant incentive
  – Up to 10% admin

• Existing budget can be used for additional support
NOFA ELIGIBILITY

• Open only to existing SSVF grantees

• Must be serving area described in Table 1 of NOFA

• Simple application requires just an LOI and budget

• Grantees serving areas partially in Table 1 can apply, but augmented resources only used in Table 1 catchment areas
• 4-year non-recurring award

• Total award = FY 23 MOA (split over 4 years), pro-rated if also serving areas outside of Table 1
  – New FY 23 grants are **not** eligible

• Grantees funded by priority level
  – Unlikely all eligible in Table 1 will be funded
  – HUD-VASH voucher utilization, PIT important priority factors

• Funded through American Rescue Plan funds
END HOMELESSNESS. REDUCE TRAUMA.

- SSVF creates services in response to identified needs.
- Deploy resources, place and sustain housing placements
  - Integrate with existing services, including Shallow Subsidies
- Sustainable funding, President’s Budget appropriates
  $731M in FY 23 and $774M in FY 24 (AA).
Compliance Considerations

Rico Aiello, SSVF Compliance Officer
Compliance Considerations: Client Incentives

• Need verification of payment (receipt, invoice, acknowledgment of items received by Veteran.) Develop standards and process.
  • Ideal to establish relationship with local or online vendors to direct veterans for common items (appliances, TV’s etc.)
  • Documentation in Case File and TFA for accounting.
  • Items not considered with GHSA or GHA.

• Meant to address quality of life, offering Veterans comforts most expect in independent living
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• Clarify request and issuance process with internal finance department

• Train staff on incentive parameters and limitations, including justification of “high risk” and necessity for incentive to secure unit (include in case notes)

• Create plan to project finances and track expenses
Compliance Considerations: Client Incentives

– SSVF Program Office will further define and develop information for the Program Guide.

– Send your questions or thoughts for items to consider that were not included in this presentation to ssvf@va.gov
How to Apply

Jennifer Colbert
SSVF Regional Coordinator Supervisor
How to Apply

- Existing eligible grantees will use UDPaaS to apply for this funding availability.

- Use existing log in and look under “Grant Rounds”

- Budget template is available within the application as well as on the website.

- Complete application, upload budget template and submit.

- Application will show as “under review” and be visible under “My SSVF Applications”
How to Apply

• When identifying geographical service areas for this special application, ONLY select the areas you will serve based on this funding availability.

• Amount requested can be the full amount of your FY23 signed MOA (Box 9)
  – This may be prorated if applicants also serve other areas with their FY23 renewal grant that are not a part of this opportunity.
Technical Support
SSVF Support

• Direct contact with Regional Coordinator and Regional TA support as needed

• Upcoming cohort discussions to allow for cross training and support with VA, TA and Peers

• Ongoing office hours/webinars as needed to share ideas, best practices and evolving guidance

• Updated guidance and planning documents as needed
  – FAQ
  – Compliance
  – Shared examples from grantee communities