

SSVF Supplemental NOFA Targeted Community Funding Opportunity

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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

FUNDING PLAN

- 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).



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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

Compliance Considerations: Client Incentives Examples

For Consideration	Not for Consideration
Appliances (Microwave, Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Air conditioner, etc.)	Food
Furniture (Bed, Sofa, Dresser, Coffee Table, etc.)	Art/Antiques
Electronic Equipment (Computer, Television, Laptop, electronic reading device etc.)	Jewels and Gems
Rugs and Carpets	Collections
Recreational items such as bikes, sports or exercise	Weapons
Educational items such as books or items needed for Veteran household	Other items prohibited by law
Hobby materials such as crafts, games.	

Compliance Considerations: Landlord Incentives

- 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

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- 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



Questions

