

Conference Call Highlights
Grant and Per Diem Program Operational Call
March 11, 2013

1. Mr. Quarles mentioned that VHA Financial Assistance Office has contracted with Daniel Eke and Associates review of GPD program. They are contacting providers regarding the SF 425 report. They are doing budget reviews on selected Per Diem Rate requests.
2. Indirect Rate Agreement Overview. Robert Gegan is providing live meeting trainings on March 28 and April 4. There is a link for the training on the GPD Provider website.
3. Study of the Per Diem Payment process. The VA required this study and has established a charter and workgroup to review the current process. The report is due toward the end of August 2013. Any input from stakeholders including GPD awardees is part of the process.
4. Special Needs. We will not be offering a Special Needs NOFA this year. The current grants will expire September 30, 2013.
5. 2013 Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) is in concurrence.
NOTE: The information provided below is what is proposed to be included in the NOFA. Final concurrence is required prior to publication in the Federal Register and is subject to change.

- a. GPD will not be offering a NOFA to create new transitional housing beds this year. We currently have 14,500 operational beds. There are over 1,300 in development.
- b. Will be offering two funding opportunities this year.
 - i. Van. A grant for vans to facilitate transportation of homeless Veterans. One application per operational project number. Projects with over 50 beds can request up to two vans. The award will not exceed 65% of the cost of the van (maximum award per van is \$35,000).
 - ii. Rehabilitation. A grant to rehabilitate current facilities designed to meet safety, security, and privacy issues. Rehabilitation is expected to be complete within 18 months. The award will not exceed 65% of the total project cost- maximum award anticipated to be \$250,000. Applicants with multiple projects at the same facility need only to submit one application. Applicants with multiple facilities under a single project number should only submit one application. There will be three priority groups:
 - a) Funding Priority 1: Operational capital projects with minimum of 65% occupancy rate (10-1-12 thru 3-31-13) and have exceeded the operational time requirements in 38 CFR 61.67 (recapture)
 - b) Funding Priority 2: Operational PDO projects originally funded in 2002, 2003, and 2004 with minimum 65% occupancy rate and are willing to meet the seven year operational requirement associated with capital recapture requirements.
 - c) Funding Priority 3. Operational PDO originally funded in 2007, 2008, and 2010 with minimum 65% occupancy rate and are willing to meet the seven year operational requirement associated with capital recapture requirements.

c. ONCE THE NOFA COMES OUT - PLEASE READ THE IT CAREFULLY. THE NARRATIVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE IN THE NOFA.

6. We have new regulations posted on our website. Next month, we will review the changes.
7. The next GPD Provider Operational Call will be April 9, 2013 at 3:00 pm EST. Call in number is 1-800-767-1750; access code 17663. Our office does send a broadcast fax reminding Providers of the monthly call.