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## **VA publishes Interim Final Rule for Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program**

**WASHINGTON** — As part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' and national suicide prevention efforts, VA is publishing an Interim Final Rule March 10, 2022, implementing section 201 of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act, known as the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program.

Publishing this rule will specify grant eligibility criteria, application requirements, scoring criteria, and other elements necessary to implement this grant program.

The SSG Fox SPGP is a three-year community-based grant program that will provide financial assistance to eligible entities to provide or coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for eligible individuals and their families.

"Communities play an important role in ending Veteran suicide," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "This grant program will invest in and seek to strengthen local community capacity to conduct outreach to Veterans, other eligible individuals, and their families and provide them with suicide prevention services and resources."

VA anticipates publishing a Notice of Funding Opportunity in April with instructions on how to apply for a grant under the SSG Fox SPGP.

[Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide prevention grants](#) information.

The official version of this rule is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register March 10, 2022. However, the document is available for [previewing](#).

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