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VA offers more than \$11M in grant funding to provide legal services for homeless Veterans

WASHINGTON — As a part of ongoing efforts to end Veteran homelessness, the Department of Veterans Affairs published a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for more than \$11 million in legal services grants for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The funds are available through VA's new [Legal Services for Veterans Grant Program](#) and will help Veterans in several ways, including:

- Providing representation in landlord-tenant disputes to prevent eviction.
- Assisting with court proceedings for child support, custody or estate planning.
- Helping Veterans obtain disability compensation and other benefits.
- Providing criminal defense services for certain issues that are symptomatic of homelessness, such as outstanding warrants, fines and driver's license revocation.
- Upgrading characterization of discharges or dismissals of former members of the Armed Forces.

“Veterans who face legal challenges are more likely to become homeless,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “Through these grants, VA is providing Veterans with the legal assistance they need to access the housing they deserve.”

This funding will be awarded in grants of up to \$150,000 to 75 eligible organizations, with at least 10% of funding being utilized for women Veterans. The [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) provides information about the grant program eligibility and award process. VA will host a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants in October. Monitor VA's [homeless LSV website](#) for webinar information and updates. Applications must be submitted by Dec. 30, 2022.

In this calendar year, VA has already placed more than 26,500 homeless Veterans into permanent housing — putting VA on track to meet its [goal of 38,000 permanent housing placements for homeless Veterans in 2022](#).

Learn more about [legal services for Veterans](#) or email lsv@va.gov.

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