# **Grants and Resources for Veteran Serving Organizations**

Why should I think about having a Veterans Program in my organization?

- ➤ Approximately 29.5M people living in Texas as of July 2021
  - > Approximately 1.68M are Veterans of the Armed Forces
    - Of these, approximately 1.31M are combat Veterans
    - Of these, approximately 1.25M are age 55 and older



Source: US Census and Dept of Veteran Affairs National Center for Veteran Analysis & Statistics (2021)



#### **Homeless means:**

- 1. A person who is "literally" homeless
- 2. A person who is "at-risk" of literal homelessness (facing eviction); also called "couch surfers"

https://www.va.gov/homeless/



#### **Supportive Services** for Veteran Families

For very low-income Veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance.

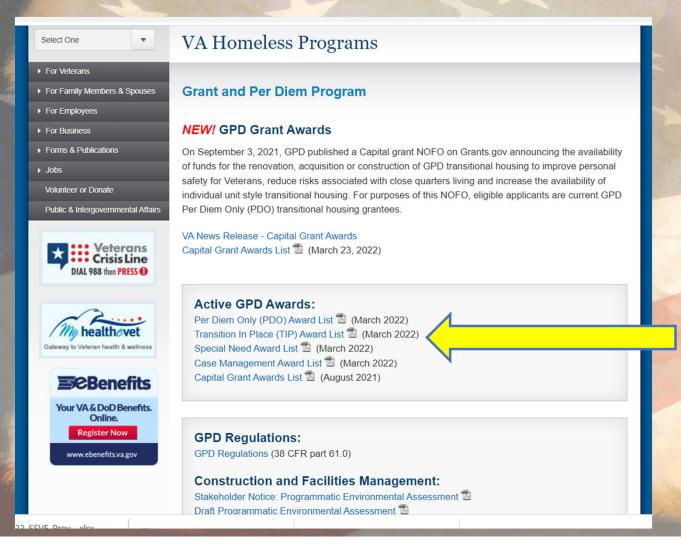


Learn More About SSVF

- Priorities: 1. Housing First
  - 2. Crisis Response
  - 3. Choice

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https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp

The Grant and Per Diem (GPD)
Program funds organizations providing services to Veterans experiencing homelessness

The Transitional Housing component promotes the development and provision of supportive housing and services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination

Homeless
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(HVRP)

Funded by the US
Dept of Labor

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

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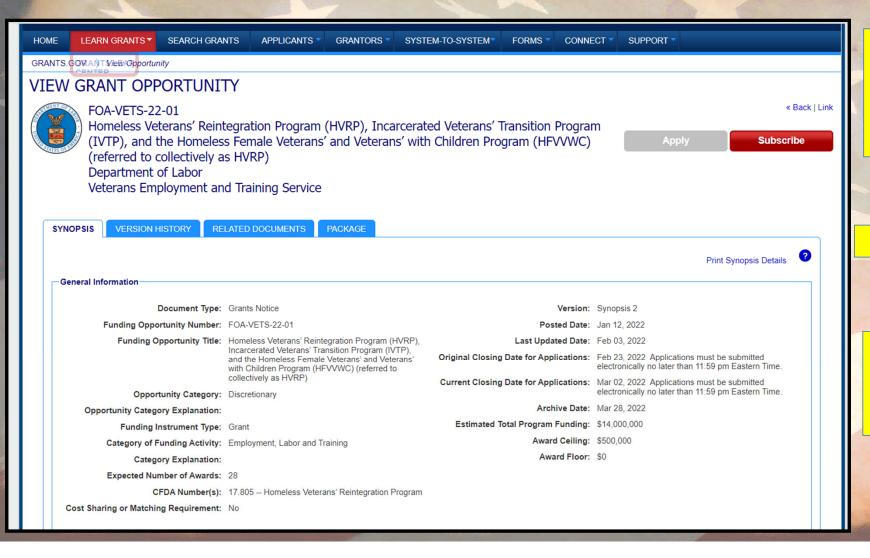
### Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program

#### Title 38 U.S.C. Section 2021

"...the Secretary of Labor shall conduct, directly or through grant or contract, such programs as the Secretary determines appropriate to provide job training, counseling, and placement services (including job readiness and literacy and skills training) to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force."



The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program¹ (HVRP) is an employment focused competitive grant program of the Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS), the only federal grant to focus exclusively on competitive employment for homeless veterans. Initially authorized in 1987 under Section 738 of Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, HVRP and its companion programs are currently authorized under Title 38 U.S.C. Sections 2021, 2021A and 2023.



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www.grants.gov

Employment support & assistance to Veterans

dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/StandDown

#### Stand Down

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, the Department of Labor (DOL), other government agencies and community-based homeless service providers.



#### **Funding Resources**

DOL's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) awards Stand Down funding through the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) on an annual basis, pending funding reauthorization.

This noncompetitive grant is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to support one day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively.

Eligible entities include:

- · state workforce agencies
- · state and local workforce investment boards
- · veterans service organizations
- · local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Applications for funds will be accepted from State and Local Workforce Investment Boards, Public agencies, non-profit organizations, including faith-based and community-based and neighborhood partnerships. Applicants must have a familiarity with the area and population to be served and the ability to administer an effective and timely program.

\*Note that entities organized under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code are not eligible to receive funds under this announcement. Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, Public Law 104-65, 109 Stat. 691 (2 U.S.C. 1611) prohibits instituting an award, grant, or loan of federal funds to 501(c)(4) entities that engage in lobbying.

Entities that are debarred or suspended shall be excluded from Federal financial assistance and are ineligible to receive a Stand Down grant.

Homeless Veteran Stand Down

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/StandDown





**Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance** 

https://www.tvc.texas.gov/grants/

#### **FUND FOR VETERANS' ASSISTANCE**

COORDINATING FUNDING TO SUPPORT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS TEXAS



The Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) grant program awards reimbursement grants to eligible charitable organizations, local government agencies, and Veterans Service Organizations that provide direct services to Texas Veterans and their families.

Since 2009, the Fund for Veterans' Assistance has administered over \$168 million in grant funding. These organizations have helped more than 300,000 veterans and their families with grant funding from the Commission.

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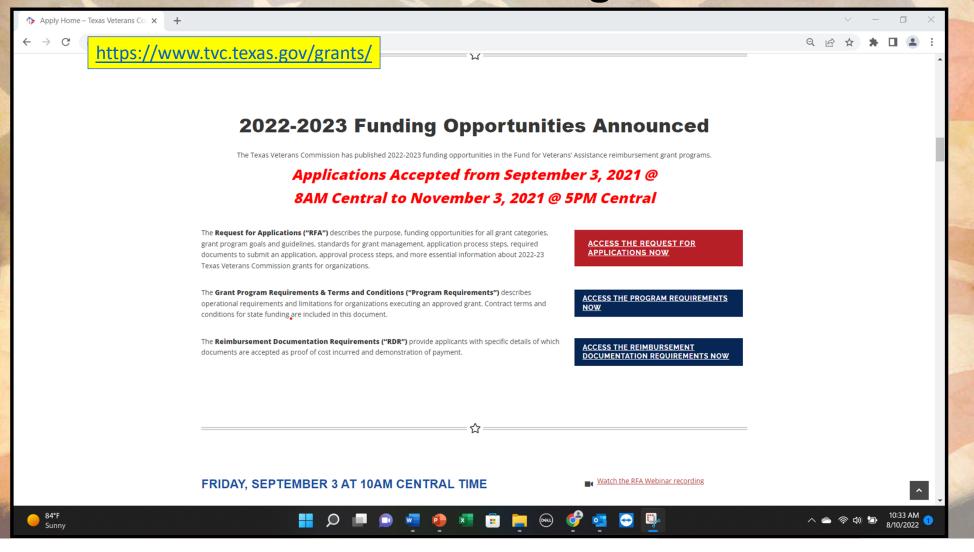
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#### **Eligibility To Apply For TVC Grants**

Is your organization eligible to apply for a grant from the Fund for Veterans' Assistance?

#### **ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY CHART**

Grant Name	Units of Local Government	501(c)3 Nonprofits	501(c)4 Veterans Service Organizations	501(c)19 Posts or Organizations
General Assistance (GA)	Eligible	Eligible if authorized to do business in Texas	Texas Chapters Eligible	Eligible
Housing For Texas Heroes (H4TXH)	Eligible	Eligible if authorized to do business in Texas	Texas Chapters Eligible	Eligible
Veterans Mental Health (VMH)	Eligible	Eligible if authorized to do business in Texas	Texas Chapters Eligible	Eligible
Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)	State certified courts only	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Veterans County Service Officer (VCSO)	County governments only	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Highly Rural Transportation (HRT)	Closed for 2021-2022	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Closed for 2021-2022

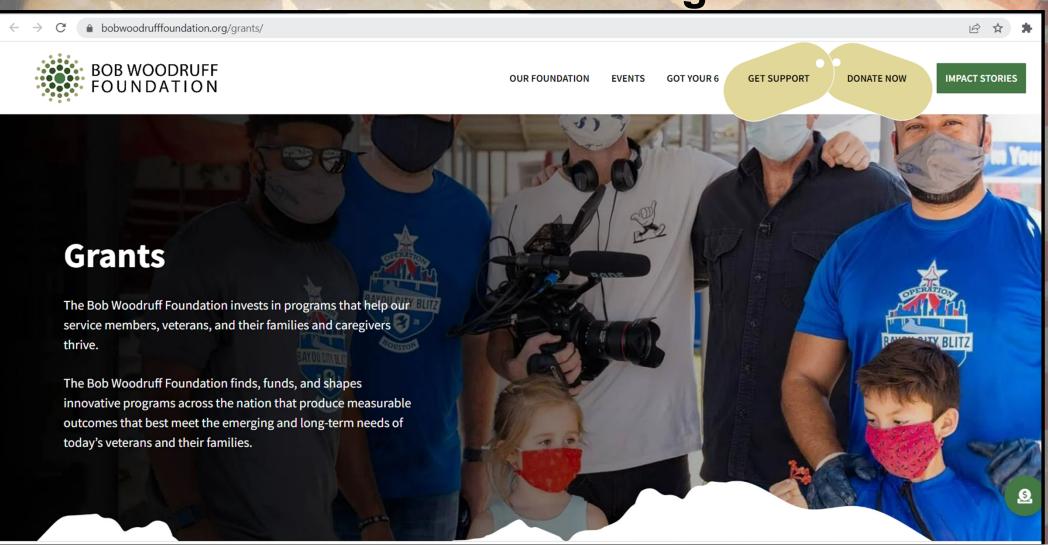
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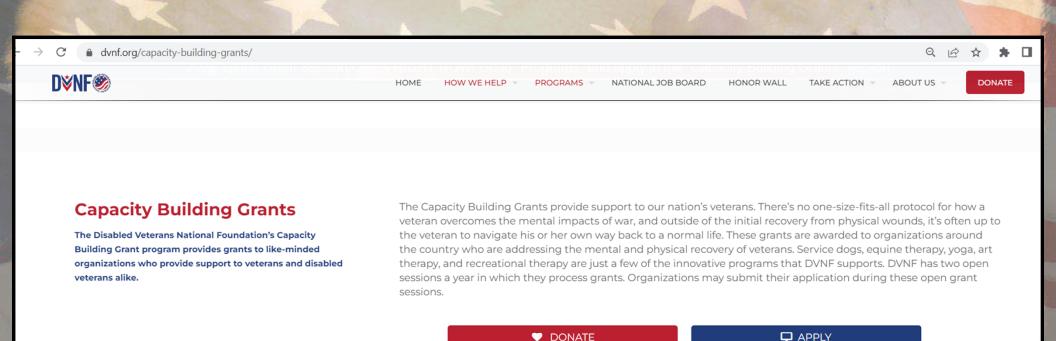
- × Individuals
- × For-profit entities
- Units of federal or state government, including state agencies, colleges, and universities
- Organizations that have not fulfilled or maintained all legal requirements to operate in the State of Texas
- Organizations that do not have current operations in Texas or a Texas-based chapter
- Organizations that were awarded (i.e., NOT renewed) for 2021-22 grant funding have an opportunity to meet renewal criteria for a 2022-23 grant, and therefore are ineligible to submit applications for the same grant programs. See Section III, paragraph K of the RFA for more information.

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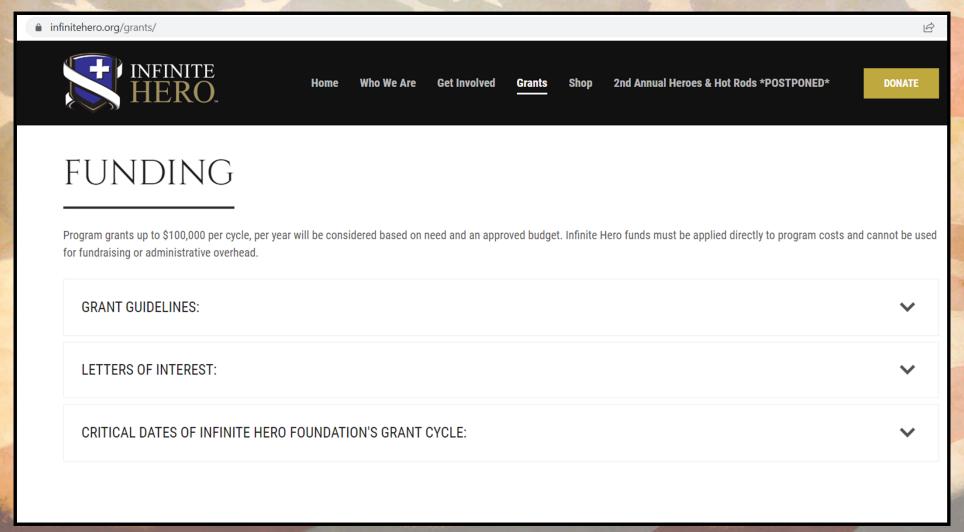
#### **Examples of programs previously funded for an ADRC / AAA / COG:**

- 1. Rural and urban transportation program for Veterans and their families
- 2. Emergency assistance program for Veterans and widows (rent, utilities, mortgage)
- 3. Home repair/modification program for Veterans with disabilities
- 4. Mental health counseling
- 5. Legal services

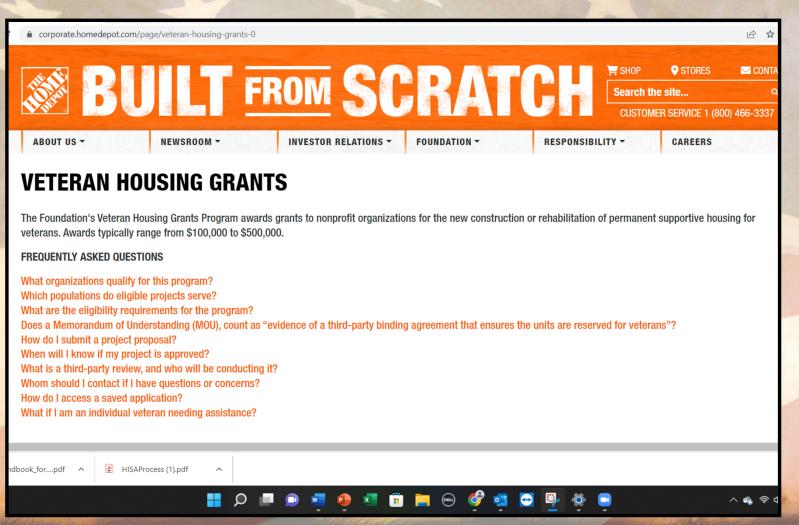








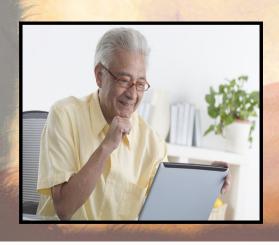












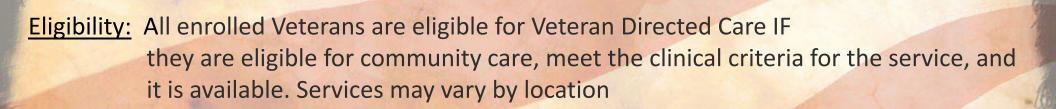




### **Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services**

Program for a new Veteran-directed approach to home and community services partnered by:

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System
- Administration on Community Living
- TX Dept of Aging and Disability Services
- Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas



## **Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services**

 The Veteran can recruit, hire, train and fire their own employees and backup employees (including family, friends or neighbors)

 The Veteran sets wages and benefits for the "employees" based on a service budget created with the help of the AAA VD-HCBS Consultant

 The Veteran sets schedules and submits time sheets for the employees to a Fiscal Management Agency (FMS)

### The AAA VD-HCBS Services

**AAA VD-HCBS Staff** assists the Veteran as a Service Consultant and provides activities that will:

- Assist the Veteran to develop a Service Plan appropriate for the Veteran's unique needs
- Orients the Veteran to become an "Employer"
- Assists the Veteran Employer in training and educating the employee's
- Provides support consultation services to the Veteran over length of approved services
- Provides linkage to Financial Management Services (FMS)

These services are provided for 20% of the Veteran's approved budget

# The services, supports and goods that a Veteran choose must:

- Help the Veteran meet their functional, medical and/or social needs;
- Help the Veteran to reach the goals "set for yourself";
- Not be prohibited by federal and state laws and regulations;
- Not be available through another VA source

#### **AND**

#### Do one or more of the following:

- Make it easier for you to do things that are hard because of your disability or health issues; OR
- Increase safety in the Veteran's home environment; OR
- Lessen the Veteran's need for other publicly funded services

### **Financial Benefits of VD-HCBS Services**

- 1. Contract for fee service with the VA
- 2. Fee is based on Veteran needs
- 3. You receive a one-time initial assessment fee from the VA per Veteran
- 4. You get monthly fee from VA for services rendered
- 5. Remaining Balance of Fees Earned after Covering Administrative Cost can support other ADRC or AAA activity

# Financial Benefits of VD-HCBS Services CTCOG Example

- # of Veterans Served: <u>56</u>
- Monthly Admin fees collected: \$29,610 (per month)
- Admin Costs: \$26,000
  - 2 FTE Case Managers
  - 2 PTE Billing Specialist
  - Fiscal admin fee of \$110 / Veteran / month
- Unrestricted funds available: \$3,610 (net per month)

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