

Upcoming Opportunities & Available Resources

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I. Grant Opportunity

VA Grant & Per Diem Special Need Renewals Grant

Description: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of funds for **currently operational fiscal year (FY) 2009** VA Grant and Per Diem Special Need Grant Recipients in conjunction with their collaborative VA Special Need partners and currently operational VA Grant and Per Diem Special Need Grant Recipients not involved with collaborative VA partners. All current VA Grant and Per Diem Special Need Grant recipients will have the opportunity to reapply for assistance under the Special Need Grant Component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program.

The focus of this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is to encourage applicants to continue to deliver services to the homeless Special Need veteran population as outlined in their FY 2009 Special Need grant application. This Notice contains information concerning the program, application process, and amount of funding available.

Closing Date for Applications: Thursday, August 25, 2011 by 4:00 p.m.

This is a housing funding activity with 28 expected awards. The estimated total program funding: \$11,000,000.

Funding will be for a period beginning on October 1, 2011 and end on September 30, 2013.

Link to Full Announcement

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-08-08/pdf/2011-19948.pdf>

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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II. Resources

HUD Releases the HPRP Year 1 Summary

Description: HUD released the HPRP Year 1 Summary.

This report is intended to provide a national summary of the first year of HPRP – from the initial **implementation** in summer/fall 2009 through September 2010. The data comes from two sources:

1. **Quarterly Performance Reports (QPRs)** provide data on program performance and progress during three-month intervals – October to December 2009, January to March 2010, April to June 2010, and July to September 2010.
2. The first **Annual Performance Report (APR)** also tracks the accomplishment of HPRP grants and evaluates the effectiveness of the program, but includes detailed information on persons and households served. Each grantee was required to submit an APR covering the date HUD signed the grant agreement through September 2010, and will be required to submit one annually for the next two years until the program is completed.

Both of these reports were submitted using HUD's grants management system called *e-snaps*. To view the questions in each report, see the training guides available on HUD's Homelessness Resource Exchange. The data used in this summary is self-reported by grantees, as generated by their Homeless Management Information System and reported to HUD in *e-snaps*.

This summary includes the preliminary findings from this data. The information is examined further in the 2010 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (AHAR).

To read the full report, view: http://www.hudhre.info/documents/HPRP_Year1Summary.pdf

Permanent Supportive Housing: An Operating Cost Analysis

Description: Enterprise Community Partners and the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) conducted an operating cost study to address the question on the investment of supportive housing. There is a report documenting the study, which provides powerful evidence that supportive housing is a safe investment.

For your review, you can read the full report at:

http://documents.csh.org/documents/ProjectDevelopment/PSH_An_Operating_Cost_Analysis.pdf

Success in Targeting High-Need Families for Supportive Housing

Description: The Corporation for Supportive Housing and Harder & Company Community Research have been working with the San Francisco Human Services Agency to create a streamlined tool that targets the City's most vulnerable homeless families for permanent supportive housing with operating subsidies through a City-funded source – also known as the Local Operating Subsidy Program. Harder & Company recently released a report that documents the success of these efforts: [*No Place Like Home: Housing San Francisco's Chronically Homeless Families*](#)

The report concludes that supportive housing is a worthy public investment for these families with multiple, complex needs.

To read the full report, visit:

http://documents.csh.org/documents/Innovations/No_Place_Like_Home.pdf

A Progress Report on the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Description: On June 22, 2010, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) issued the Administration's federal strategic plan to end homelessness. *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* (the Plan) set the goals of ending chronic and veteran homelessness in five years and homelessness among families and youth in ten years.

The Plan proposes to achieve the goals by implementing the 52 strategies, which are grouped under five themes and ten objectives. The first section of this Progress Report, "Summary of Program Assessments," looks at the progress that federal agencies have made on the Plan's 52 strategies. The assessments made in this report reveal the following:

- Some progress has been made on 39 of the 52 strategies (75 percent) identified in the Plan and measurable progress has been made on 18 of the 52 strategies (35 percent).
- Two key objectives where more progress will be critical in order to meet the goals of the Plan are the objectives to "Provide Affordable Housing" and "Increase Economic Security."
- The most progress has been made on the objectives to "Promote Collaborative Leadership" and to "Strengthen Capacity and Knowledge." Considerable progress has also been made on the three objectives related to health care ("Integrate Health Care with Housing," "Advance Health and Housing Stability for Youth," and "Advance Health and Housing Stability for Adults").
- No progress was made on 13 of the strategies (25 percent).

Read the report at <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/4024>

The National Alliance to Ending Homelessness

Description: The Alliance wrapped up the 2011 National Conference on Ending Homelessness on Friday, July 15. Approximately 1400 participants from across the country congregated in Washington, D.C. to learn about emerging ideas and methods to end homelessness in the country. Workshop presentation materials are available and can be accessed online. To view workshop presentation materials, visit:

http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/_2011nationalconferencepresentations

HUD Secretary Encourages PHAs to Help Ex-Offenders Access Housing

Description: HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan recently sent a letter to directors of public housing authorities (PHAs) clarifying the agency's position on public housing eligibility for people with criminal records. In the letter, which was co-signed by Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing Sandra B. Henriquez, Secretary Donovan encourages PHA executive directors "to allow ex-offenders to rejoin their families in the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher programs, when appropriate."

To read the letter visit: <http://www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/announcements/hud-director-encourages-public-housing-authorities-to-grant-access-to-people-with-criminal-records>

Engaging Veterans and Families to Enhance Service Delivery

Description: The National Center on Family Homelessness recently released "Engaging Veterans and Families to Enhance Service Delivery: A Tool Kit for Community-Based Organizations." This Tool Kit discusses the impact of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). It also provides useful tools for veteran outreach.

This Tool Kit is a useful resource for all who serve veterans and their families. It is available for free download by the National Center on Family Homelessness at <http://familyhomelessness.org/resources.php?p=sm#veterans>. In addition, there are several other Military Cultural Trainings available online at <http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/View.aspx?id=51598> which are listed below:

- Department of Veterans Affairs National Center for PTSD: PTSD 101: Military Culture
- Essential Learning: Military Cultural Competence

To view the tool kit visit: <http://www.familyhomelessness.org/media/174.pdf>