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Jim, formerly homeless Veteran
Served 2004-2011

Transforming the Homeless Provider Grant and Per Diem Program

The United States (U.S.) Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) largest transitional housing program — the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program — is transforming so that VA and its community partners can more effectively serve Veterans. The transformation involves implementing a competitive, time-limited grant process that will require currently funded community providers to reapply for funding.

The transformation comes at a time when the number and range of other VA and federally funded housing services for homeless Veterans is greater and wider than it was over 20 years ago, when GPD was established. This means GPD is no longer the only source of grant funding provided to community partners. The new competitive process will give VA greater flexibility to allocate resources and the agility to respond to evolving best practices for homeless services and programs — to, ultimately, best serve our nation's Veterans.

With this transformation, **all current Homeless Provider GPD Program grants (except Transition in Place awards) will expire on Sept. 30, 2017, and grantees must reapply for projects and per diem awards for fiscal 2018.** VA anticipates publishing a Notice of Funding Availability with details of the application requirements by the end of the 2016 calendar year.

About VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD)

The GPD program allows VA to award grants to community-based agencies to create transitional housing programs and offer per diem payments. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income and obtain greater self-determination.

Program highlights through September 2016:

- VA's largest transitional housing program with over 13,800 beds nationwide.
- Over 25,000 Veterans entered GPD transitional housing.
- More than 16,500 homeless Veterans exited GPD to permanent housing.
- 402 Transition in Place model housing units operational.
- Average length-of-stay in GPD: **179 days** (lowest since FY 2009).
- 130 grantees have worked with VA to adopt bridge housing models.

More information: www.va.gov/homeless/GPD.asp



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