VA LEGAL SERVICES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND VETERANS AT-RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS (LSV-H) GRANT PROGRAM

MONTHLY GRANTEE WEBINAR DECEMBER 4, 2024





AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. VA Health Eligibility Center (HEC): DD214 Review
- III. SQUAREs 3.0 Introduction
- IV. Compliance
- V. Provider Website
- VI. Operations



COMPLIANCE

- Q1 Reports
 - –Q1 Reports were due on November 30, 2024. If you have not submitted one yet please do so as soon as possible.

PROVIDER WEBSITE

Legal Services for Veterans: Provider Website: https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/LSV_Provider.asp

- Updates
- LSV-H Grant Veterans Survey
- How to Contact LSV Program Staff
- Regulations, Guides & NOFOs
- Fiscal Information
- Program Management & Operations
- External Systems (eGMS, SAM, SQUARES)
- National Calls & Webinars
- Resources and FAQs





OPERATIONS

LSV-H Grant Program – Final Rule Published

- Final Rule is published in the Federal Register: <u>Federal Register</u>: <u>Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grant Program</u>
- Executed LSV-H Grant Agreements will be honored throughout the current grant cycle (8/1/24-9/30/25)
- Changes to LSV-H Grant Program operations will be reflected in the upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity Changes based on Public Comments:
 - § 79.20(d) is revised to state the following: Legal services relating to criminal defense, including defense and resolution of, **and assistance with**, matters symptomatic of homelessness, such as outstanding warrants, fines, driver's license revocation, and citations.
 - § 79.20 will add a new paragraph (f)(6) to include legal services relating to requests for corrections to military records of a former member of the Armed Forces under 10 U.S.C. 1552.

Changes not based on Public Comments:

- § 79.10(c) to include non-profit private entities that meet the requirements of 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(6).
- §§ 79.25, 79.75 to reflect Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)
- § 79.25 to state that Office of Management and Business (OMB) has approved the information collection provisions
- § 79.80 to reflect regulations updating 38 CFR Part 50. Reinforce that faith-based organizations are eligible to participate in VA's grant-making programs on the same basis as any other organization. Remove the terms "Direct Federal financial assistance" and "Indirect Federal financial assistance" and their definitions in § 79.5 as the current Part 50 includes these definitions
- § 79.90(d) to state "Costs for administration by a grantee will be consistent with 2 CFR part 200."

This slide is merely some highlights. Each grantee is expected to review the Final Rule



OPERATIONS

LSV-H Grant - Survey for Veterans

- Purpose: To learn from Veterans ways to improve the LSV-H grant program to better meet their needs.
- Format: A brief survey, administered by a VAfunded evaluation team separate from the LSV-H grant program team.
- Request: Share an informational flyer with Veterans to whom you deliver legal services through the LSV-H grant program.
- Flyer available on the LSV Provider Website.



Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness (LSV-H)

A new VA program that gives awards to organizations to provide legal services to Veterans

More information about LSV-H is available at https://www.va.gov/homeless/isv.asp

For any questions or concerns, please call or text Samantha at (617) 963-6766

You are invited to complete a survey about the legal services you received

 Please consider completing a 10-minute survey to help the VA improve the new legal services program for Veterans (LSV-H).

You can access the survey online at https://vhaordfedramp.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ 6SxI2Hr0TMZ9R9c or scan this QR code:



- All of your answers are <u>confidential</u>. The LSV-H legal service organization that helped you with your legal needs will <u>not</u> be notified that you completed the survey.
- If you prefer to complete the survey by phone, please text or leave a message at (617) 963-6766 with the best phone number to reach you.
- A \$20 CVS gift card will be provided if you complete the survey and provide a mailing address.





REMINDERS

- Note due dates for mandated reporting
 - FY23 Grantees: SF 425 are past due (due by November 28, 2024)
 - FY24 Grantees: Q1 performance reports are past due (due by November 30, 2024)
- Note fiscal minimum milestones and payment limitations
- Distribute LSV-H Veteran survey information
- Share your Success Stories!
- Utilize <u>lsvgrants@va.gov</u> email
- Monthly LSV-H National Call
 - 1st Wednesday of each month
 - 2pm ET
 - Next scheduled call: February 5, 2025 **No January call**



Questions?



