

HUD, VA Release Supplemental Report on Veteran Homelessness

Marks shift toward interagency data integration

The Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) have released *Veteran Homelessness: A Supplemental Report to the 2009 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress*. The report, released on Feb. 10, is the result of ongoing collaboration between HUD and VA to understand the extent and nature of veteran homelessness, and marks the shift toward interagency data integration.

The report determined that on a single night in January 2009, 75,609 veterans were homeless, and an estimated 136,334 veterans spent at least one night in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program between Oct. 1, 2008, and Sept. 30, 2009.

This estimate is different than the VA CHALENG report, which estimated 107,000 veterans were homeless on a given night in 2009 and twice that many experienced homelessness over the course of the year. The HUD one-year estimate was based on information from community Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), which prior to 2011 were not required to report veteran data. Beginning this year, all VA-funded homeless programs are required to report client data to their regional HMIS.

By establishing an information baseline acceptable to all the federal agencies working to end veteran homelessness, the report advances the implementation of the *Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. It includes demographic information, analysis of risk factors, and regional utilization of services by veterans. This document will guide development of effective intervention and prevention policies and programs, and help justify funding requests submitted to Congress.

For more information and highlights from the report, [click here](#).

To read the full report, [click here](#).

DOL Announces \$11.7 Million for Reintegration of Ex-offenders

Applications due March 17, 2011

On Feb. 10, the Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of approximately \$11.7 million in grant funds to serve adult offenders who are returning from incarceration to high-poverty, high-crime communities. The purpose of these grants is to provide an employment-centered approach to reintegration that improves long-term labor market prospects for ex-offenders. DOL expects to award approximately 10 grants of approximately \$1,170,000 each for a 27-month period of performance.

Authorized by the Workforce Investment Act, the grants will be awarded through a competitive

process open to nonprofit, faith-based and community organizations to provide pre-release and post-release services. Participants will be individuals ages 18 and older who have been convicted as adults under federal or state law, but who have never been convicted of a sex-related offense, with the exception of prostitution. Complete eligibility criteria are included in the solicitation for grant applications.

Applications must be received by **March 17, 2011, at 4 p.m. ET.**

To view the full solicitation, [click here](#).

For more information on DOL employment and training programs, [click here](#).