

## NCHV eNewsletter

April 2014



### NCHV TA Center Training on HVRP SGA

April 21 (New Applicants) and April 23 (Returning Applicants and HVRP Staff)

On April 14, 2013, the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS) announced the availability of up to \$6 million to fund 24 or more Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants. Approximately 2,000 veterans will receive job training and related services to help them succeed in civilian careers. HVRP is the only federal program that focuses exclusively on the employment of veterans who are homeless. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards; local public agencies; and nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations. HVRP applications are due **May 13, 2014**.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) will hold two separate teleconferences to provide information on the Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) and HVRP. The first teleconference (April 21) will be for new applicants, and the second teleconference (April 23) will be for returning applicants and existing grantees.

Please see below for teleconference descriptions and registration information — each call is targeted to a different audience.

#### **"HVRP Program and Application: New Applicants"**

Monday, April 21, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. EDT

#### **"HVRP Program and Application: Returning Applicants and HVRP Staff"**

Wednesday, April 23, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. EDT

#### **1. HVRP Program and Application: New Applicants**

On Monday, April 21, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. EDT, NCHV will host a teleconference on the HVRP program and application process for new applicants. This introductory teleconference will focus on the objectives of HVRP, critical components of successful programs, and application requirements. Baylee Crone, NCHV Vice President of Operations and Programs, will lead this discussion.

Participants in this training are seeking an introduction to HVRP and to the application process and will likely include:

- Applicants that have not previously been awarded HVRP funds
- New applicants that have not previously applied for HVRP funds
- New staff members of current HVRP grantees
- Partners of HVRP programs, including SSVF, GPD, CoC grantees, and others

**TO REGISTER FOR CALL #1:** Please send the following information to [hvrp@nchv.org](mailto:hvrp@nchv.org):

Name:

Organization:

Organization Address:

E-mail Address:

You will receive an auto-response with the log in information.

## **2. HVRP Program and Application: Returning Applicants and HVRP Staff**

On Wednesday, April 23, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. EDT, NCHV will host a teleconference on the HVRP program and application process, focusing primarily on the changes to the SGA, for returning applicants and current grantees. This teleconference will give an overview of the necessary program components and application requirements. Baylee Crone, NCHV Vice President of Operations and Programs, will lead this discussion.

Participants in this training are seeking clarification on changes and program requirements and will include:

- Organizations with previous HVRP experience seeking updates on the program
- Current grantees that are re-applying as first year programs (after third year funding)
- Current grantees that will be re-applying as first year programs in the next 2 years
- HVRP community partners interested in learning about changes that can impact services
- American Job Center staff members interested in learning about possible service impacts

**TO REGISTER FOR CALL #2:** Please send the following information to [hvrp2@nchv.org](mailto:hvrp2@nchv.org):

Name:

Organization:

Organization Address:

E-mail Address:

You will receive an auto-response with the log in information.

For additional questions, please contact Baylee Crone at [bcrone@nchv.org](mailto:bcrone@nchv.org). Participants in this training are encouraged to review materials prior to the call, including:

- [HVRP SGA and associated documents](#)
- [Best Practices Profiles of Promising Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Grantees](#)
- [Homeless Female Veterans White Paper](#)
- [Resources from past NCHV HVRP trainings](#)
- [Best Practices for HVRP Grantees: Housing Services](#)

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## **VA Secretary Shinseki Confirmed Speaker at 2014 NCHV Annual Conference, Register Now!**

May 28-30 in Washington, D.C.

"Bridging the Gap" – May 28-30, 2014 | Grand Hyatt Washington | Washington, D.C.

To download the conference brochure, which includes schedule details and a list of sessions to be offered, [click here](#).

The Office of Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki has confirmed his participation in the 2014 NCHV Annual Conference, May 28-30, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. The conference theme is "Bridging the Gap," and will focus on how service providers working with homeless and at-risk veterans can better prepare for the "prevention" phase in the national campaign to end veteran homelessness.

With guidance from the VA, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, major cities are working to develop and implement "Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement Systems" to improve the referral of clients to the appropriate level of services they need community-wide, and to ensure placement in permanent housing as efficiently and rapidly as possible. Leadership teams in the participating cities include the VA Medical Center Directors, Public Housing Authorities, Continuum of Care officials, Health and Human Services Directors and public assistance agencies and nonprofits.

Several workshops will help organizations understand how to become fully involved in the newly launched 25 Cities Initiative, with technical and implementation leadership provided by Community Solutions, Atlas Research and the Rapid Results Institute.

Participants in the 25 Cities Initiative – Atlanta • Baltimore • Boston • Chicago • Denver • Detroit • Fresno • Honolulu • Houston • Las Vegas • Los Angeles • Miami • New Orleans • New York City • Orlando • Philadelphia • Phoenix • Portland • Riverside • San Diego • San Francisco • Seattle • Tampa • Tucson • Washington, DC

The Annual Membership Meeting and Public Policy Forums will offer attendees an up-close look at priorities in the NCHV Policy Strategic Plan, and the opportunity to weigh in on issues that will impact the transition from the "rescue mission" to the "prevention mission" in the campaign to end veteran homelessness. Increasing access to affordable housing, employment and health services are all on the table. And we will discuss the local angle to national policy issues – this is where service providers can be the most impactful in the advocacy arena.

During the NCHV Annual Awards Banquet the evening of May 29, The Home Depot Foundation and NCHV will present the first Peter Dougherty Award for Veteran Supportive Housing, named for the former VA Director of Homeless Programs and chief advisor to seven Secretaries of Veterans Affairs. Dougherty, now Sheriff of Jefferson County, West Virginia, will help present the award. The recipient organization will receive a \$50,000 grant from the Foundation to honor its contribution to creating supportive housing for homeless veterans and their families.

We will send out more information and updates as developments warrant. Registration for the conference is brisk, so don't wait to submit your registration form for the 2014 NCHV Annual Conference.

To register online, [click here](#). To download a registration form to return by fax, [click here](#).

To reserve your room at the Grand Hyatt for the discounted rate, [click here](#).

All of the latest updates and information can be found on the [NCHV Annual Conference page](#).

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**Webinar: Overview of the Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**April 18 from the Corporation for Supportive Housing**

The Corporation for Supportive Housing is hosting a webinar, "Overview of the Department of Veterans Affairs," on April 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. This one-hour webinar will provide an overview of the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist service providers working with homeless veterans. Shawn Dowling and Alina Fuller, both VA staff, will be presenting.

This webinar will be valuable for those working with homeless veterans who don't have a good understanding of military/veteran culture and VA services. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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## Last Week to Send Nominations for Annual NCHV Awards

To be presented at the Annual NCHV Awards Banquet, May 29 in Washington, D.C.

Each year, NCHV honors the commitment and service of a few of the many deserving organizations and individuals helping homeless veterans across the nation. We are now accepting nominations for the following awards:

- **Outstanding Member** - to an NCHV member organization whose programs, partnerships, and people combine to create extraordinary results
- **Partnership Award** - to an organization or individual whose work on building effective partnerships exemplifies creativity and collaboration
- **Public Policy Award** - to an elected official whose record shows strong commitment and action in measures to help homeless veterans
- **Unsung Hero Award** - to an individual whose efforts go above and beyond expectations, who expects nothing in return, and demonstrates a hero's heart for homeless veterans
- **Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Award** - to a Department of Veterans Affairs staff member who exhibits extraordinary commitment to homeless veterans and service providers
- **Department of Labor Staff Award** - to a Department of Labor staff member who exhibits extraordinary commitment to homeless veterans and service providers

Please submit a one to two page letter of nomination including the nominee's name, title, and which award you are nominating for by email to [rbrown@nchv.org](mailto:rbrown@nchv.org) no later than April 21, 2014.

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## Funding Opportunities

**The Avista Foundation**, a community investment program of Avista Utilities, provides funding to nonprofit organizations addressing the needs of communities and citizens served by Avista Utilities in eastern Washington, northern Idaho, portions of southern Oregon, as well as Sanders County, Montana. The Foundation's focus areas include education, vulnerable and limited income populations, and economic and cultural vitality. The next deadline for applications is April 30. For more information, [click here](#).

**The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation** is making two grants nationally for up to \$600,000 each to support innovations that provide care to vulnerable populations, including the economically disadvantaged, and other groups that encounter barriers to healthcare. Particular interest will be paid to maternal and child health, chronic illnesses, and care of the elderly. Institutions and care settings from across the continuum are eligible. The deadline for starting the application process is May 1. For more information, [click here](#).

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