

NCHV eNewsletter

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NCHV Needs Your Input! Survey on PTSD's Impact on Veteran Homelessness in Your Community

Deadline extended, please complete the survey by July 29

NCHV Members and Partners in Service,

NCHV continuously seeks to better understand the challenges that lead to veteran homelessness. These challenges may be faced by the veteran, by the service provider, or even by your larger service network. By better understanding the local challenges, we can more successfully push for comprehensive solutions. We know that a large number of homeless veterans are impacted by trauma and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). We are asking for your help to more fully understand the needs associated with this issue. Please share your expertise and knowledge by [completing this online survey](#).

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. It is our goal to use the results of this survey to help community-based service providers improve how they address trauma and PTSD among homeless veterans. Thank you for your time and your work in service to veterans experiencing homelessness.

Please complete the survey by Tuesday, July 29.

The Home Depot Foundation Requests Proposals for Veteran Housing Grants

Deadline for proposals is Aug. 15, 2014

The Home Depot Foundation (THDF) is seeking opportunities to support veteran housing projects around the country. The Veteran Housing Grants Program was created to provide grants to nonprofits to fund the development and repair of housing for veterans. Projects may be new construction or rehabilitation and must be either in progress or about to commence within the next 12 months. The Foundation anticipates funding several projects, with awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

The Foundation will only fund 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that are in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service. Only proposals submitted through the online application process will be

considered for funding. Donation requests submitted by mail, phone or e-mail will not receive funding and will be directed to the online application process. The Foundation is placing priority on projects that:

- Serve the housing needs of women veterans with children.
- Serve the housing needs of post 9/11 wounded warriors.
- Provide permanent supportive housing for veterans with caregivers.
- Address the need for aging-in-place housing for senior veterans.
- Combine housing with job placement services.
- Combine housing with opportunities for involvement in community service activities.

To learn more about the qualifications for the Veterans Housing Grant Program and to apply for a grant from The Home Depot Foundation, [click here](#).

SBA Announces Boots to Business: Reboot **Free two-day entrepreneurship course for veterans**

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) will host [Boots to Business: Reboot](#), an entrepreneurship training course for veterans in 12 cities across the U.S. Each event, led by SBA Resource Partners and industry experts from Syracuse University's Institute for Veteran and Military Families (IVMF), will host up to 100 veterans for a two-day Introduction to Entrepreneurship class.

Boots to Business: Reboot will introduce veterans to the fundamentals of business ownership, and lead participants through the key steps for evaluating business concepts and developing a business plan. The program will also introduce participating veterans to a network of lifetime business support available locally across the U.S. by introducing them to SBA's network of [Veteran Business Outreach Centers](#), [Women's Business Centers](#), [Small Business Development Centers](#) and [SCORE Counselors](#).

Boots to Business: Reboot will adapt the curriculum from the SBA-sponsored [Boots to Business: From Service to Startup](#), a worldwide program offered as a component of the [Department of Defense's redesigned Transition Assistance Program \(TAP\) renamed Transition GPS](#). The curriculum, developed to introduce transitioning service members to business ownership and connect them to resources in their local communities, will now be available to more than 22 million veterans who have already transitioned into civilian life.

Following the two-day training, participants will also be eligible to register for "Foundations of Entrepreneurship," an eight-week online course led by instructors from IVMF that offers in-depth instruction on the elements of a business plan and techniques and tips for starting a business. After completing Boots to Business: Reboot, participants will have the tools and knowledge they need to identify a business opportunity, draft a business plan, connect with local resources and launch their small businesses.

The Boots to Business: Reboot events kicked off at the White House on July 11-12, 2014 and culminate Aug. 25-26, at the American Legion National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

For more information on the Boots to Business: Reboot trainings and how to register, [click here](#).

Mobile App Upgrade Provides Services to Ohio Veterans **Provides job and education information to veterans in the state**

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services is expanding its use of the latest technology to

communicate with veterans by launching an upgraded mobile app to bring more job and education information to those who've served. "We're making use of all the tools in the toolbox to reach out to Ohio veterans," Ohio Department of Veterans Services Director Tim Gorrell said. "The app has been a great success so far, and the upgrades we've added make it even more useful as a means to find out about benefits and how to get them."

The upgrade, officially Version 1.3.0, expands availability of the app to Windows device users. It includes additional resources to veterans looking for work, assistance to student veterans, and news of interest to the veteran community. These resources are added under both existing and new navigational buttons.

The app includes information on and a search function to locate the closest: Ohio One Stop Centers, Small Business Development Centers, Student Vet Centers in public colleges and universities, Ohio Department of Veterans Services resources, and links to the Department's social media pages.

The app is available, at no cost, from the Windows, Google Play and iTunes stores, by searching the key words "Ohio veteran." The department's web site, www.ohiovet.gov, contains a link to the stores. The app is compatible with Windows, Android and iOS devices.

Funding Opportunities

The Norfolk Southern Foundation invests in educational, cultural, environmental and human service organizations within Norfolk Southern's service territory to enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves. Grant requests are accepted between July 15 and Sept. 30 for funding in the following calendar year. For more information, [click here](#).

The Oak Foundation exists to promote economic self-sufficiency, increase the availability and supply of affordable housing, and prevent homelessness. Geographic focus for grant funding in these areas is currently on Boston, Philadelphia and New York. There are no deadlines for applications. For more information on how to apply, [click here](#).

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