If an event is scheduled for 10/4/14, can we request FY 2014 funds if all funds are expended by 9/30/14?

Please submit questions about funding to NCHV’s Vice President, Operations and Programs, Baylee Crone (bcrone@nchv.org).

If we aren’t applying for a grant, can we still contact the warehouse for surplus to use at our monthly Stand Downs in Reading, Pennsylvania (the poorest city in America)?

More information about requesting surplus is available on NCHV’s Stand Down webpage. Once on that webpage, look for a link to VA’s step-by-step instructions. If you have further questions, there is contact information for the National Stand Down Coordinator available within those instructions.

What is the average homeless veteran attendance at a Stand Down?

Stand Downs can look very different from one another. A Stand Down will offer services based on its community resources, homeless population profile, and partnerships with local organizations and the relevant VA Medical Center. Since there is no “one size fits all” philosophy applied to Stand Downs, it is difficult to attach an average attendance number to such events.

In regards to surplus military clothing, how necessary is it for us to limit the distribution to veterans only in a combined event?

It is important to remember that Stand Downs are designed primarily to assist homeless veterans. However, some events similar to Stand Down, such as Project Homeless Connect, do serve the broader homeless population. When requesting surplus from VA, you will notice that some surplus items (e.g. wallets, hygiene coolers, waterproof boxes, toothbrush kits) are labeled as “For Veterans only.”

(Participant comments from the survey indicated the need for clarification on acronyms relating to homeless veteran grants and programs. The following response provides the meanings behind some of those acronyms.)

CoC: Continuum of Care
DOL-VETS: U.S. Department of Labor-Veterans’ Employment and Training Service
DVOP: Disabled Veterans Outreach Program
GPD: Grant and Per Diem Program
HFVVWF: Homeless Female Veterans and Veterans With Families Program
HUD-VASH: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
HVRP: Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
LVER: Local Veterans Employment Representatives
SSVF: Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program
USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture
VJO: Veterans Justice Outreach
VWIP: Veterans Workforce Investment Program