

Highlights
VA Grant and Per Diem Program
Provider Operational Call
March 10, 2008

Funding Announcements:

On February 15, 2008 NOFAs for both the Capital and Per Diem Only grants were published in the Federal Register and Grants.gov. Applications must be received by the GPD Field Office no later than April 9th at 4 pm Eastern. The NOFA's include information on funding priorities, application due dates and amount of funding available. If applying for either of these grants it is very important to review the NOFA, GPD regulations and the application carefully.

Inspections:

Programs will be inspected between the months of January and March. Please accommodate the medical center teams that will be visiting your facilities. This year, inspections will emphasize the goals and objectives of the program. In other words, those programmatic descriptions in the Project Plan of the initial proposal will be reviewed. Programs may not be meeting all the objectives, however, each objectives must be tracked and monitored. If objectives are not being met, then corrective actions should be in place or changes in scope should have been submitted to the GPD Office.

Per Diem Rate Increase:

The maximum per diem rate VA can pay is now \$33.01. Forms and procedures to request an alternate rate are on the GPD web site.

Reminders:

- Please make sure you notify the GPD Office of any changes in phone/fax numbers, addresses, contact information, etc.
- When submitting monthly vouchers, please make sure the project number and billing period are on the form. Also, please submit these forms on a timely basis.

Future Call:

The next scheduled conference call is April 14, 2008; 3:00 PM Eastern Time. The call-in number is 1-800-767-1750; access code is 17663.