

Highlights
VA Grant and Per Diem Program
New Awardee Call
January 16, 2008

Agenda items:

- A new NOFA should be announced soon. We believe it may be published in the Federal Register sometime in February. Funding will be announced for both Capital and “Per Diem Only” funding. Stay in touch with the GPD Office for further information.
- The contact phone number for VA’s Construction and Facilities Management consultant, Dennis Hancher, was listed incorrectly in the GPD Grant Recipient Guide. The correct number is 202-565-6354.
- Please frequently visit the New Providers Web site for announcements and other information that is helpful regarding getting projects operational. The web site is: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=35>.
- Technical assistance is available for agencies that are trying to secure funding to assist homeless veterans and, to some extent, those agencies that have already been awarded grants through the GPD program. The technical assistance provider groups are listed on the GPD web site.
- It is important for those programs that are close to completion of the project to let the GPD Office know of the proposed operational date. Please refer to the GPD Grant Recipient Manual – it states that the GPD Office should be notified 90 days before project completion.
- Each provider should regularly refer to the Milestones Section of the grant application. If you are not reaching your Milestone dates, or if dates have changed, inform the GPD Office of date changes in writing. The GPD Office will review the changes and notify your agency in writing of approval.
- If providers are altering any financial structures of the project (match, project costs, funding mix changes), they should notify the GPD Office in writing of these changes. These changes will be reviewed by the GPD Office and approved or disapproved in writing.
- Post Award Training will be held in Tampa next month (February 4 and 5). There are no more openings for this training. The GPD Office will continue to offer this face-to-face training on a regular basis if you are unable to attend the February session.
- Please refer to the GPD web site regarding rules on “equal treatment.” These rules will be important once your program is operational.

The next scheduled call is February 20th at 1:00 Eastern Time. Please call in at 1-800-767-1750; access code 58099