

Highlights
VA Grant and Per Diem Program
New Awardee Call
March 19, 2008

Agenda items:

- The FY 2008 NOFA was announced on February 15th making available both capital and “per diem only” funding for community providers. This capital grant will be one of GPD’s largest, with \$25 million available for construction, renovation, and/or acquisition of facilities to provide services for homeless veterans

- The GPD Program announced new 2008 initiatives in an effort to continue to increase communications between the GPD Program and providers. The follow initiatives will be implement to facilitate project development:
 - Additional liaison positions are being reviewed; if budgets permit, new liaisons will be hired by the end of FY 2008.
 - Project development specialists will be hired by the GPD Program to assist organizations on an individual basis through the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation phase of project creation.

- Additional 2008 efforts by VA to assist homeless veterans
 - Contract funding may be available to local VA medical centers to establish transitional treatment facilities for homeless veterans. This funding will be for those programs that serve seriously mentally ill and have enhanced service level components; limits of stay will be 6 months.
 - VA is working with HUD in a collaborative effort to enhance the existing HUD/VASH initiative. This program combines HUD Section 8 vouchers with VA case managers to assist veterans find and keep affordable permanent housing.

The next schedule call is April 16th at 1:00 Eastern Time. Please call in at 1-800-767-1750; access code 58099.