

## What is the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program?

The Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) is a competitive grant program offered by the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) of the U.S. Department of Labor. VWIP-funded programs are intended to meet the workforce investment needs of veterans and to perform outreach and public information activities to develop and promote employment and job training opportunities. The primary objectives of VWIP are:

- To provide services to assist in reintegrating eligible veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force; and
- To stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing eligible veterans.

VWIP grantees provide a range of services directly or through linkages and partnerships with other providers focused on the end goal of enhancing the employability of eligible veterans. The following program features and activities are required for a competitively-funded VWIP program:

- Activities to enhance services provided to veterans by other providers of workforce investment activities funded by Federal, state or local government;
- Activities to provide workforce investment activities to such veterans that are not adequately provided by other public providers of workforce investment activities; and
- Outreach and public information activities to develop and promote maximum employment and job training opportunities.

To support eligible veterans as part of the process for addressing employment goals, VWIP grantees also provide supportive services and referrals to necessary treatment services, counseling, and other social services.

## Who is eligible to apply for VWIP funding?

Entities eligible to apply for VWIP grants include:

- **State and Local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBS)** as defined in Section 111 and 117 of the Workforce Investment Act.
- **State and State Agencies.** A state agency may propose in its application to serve one or more of the political subdivisions in its state. This does not preclude a city or county agency from submitting an application to serve its own jurisdiction.
- **Local public agencies.** Any public agency of a general purpose political subdivision of a state that has the power to levy taxes and spend funds, as well as general corporate and police powers. (This typically refers to cities and counties.)
- **Private non-profit organizations** including faith-based and community-based organizations that have operated a VWIP or similar employment and training program for veterans, have proven a capacity to manage grants, and will provide the necessary linkages with other service providers.

The organization must be familiar with its geographic area and the veteran population to be served and must demonstrate the ability to administer an effective program.

## Who is eligible to participate in a VWIP-funded program?

To be eligible for receipt of VWIP services, an individual must be a veteran: who has a service-connected disability; with significant barriers to employment; who served on active duty in the armed forces during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized; or who is recently separated (within 48 months of discharge).

The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

## Are there any other requirements?

- All VWIP grantees are subject to monitoring by VETS staff to ensure that program accomplishments and expenditures are consistent with the program goals and funding levels specified in the grant award.
- VWIP grantees are required to utilize a case management approach to coordinate the services provided to eligible veterans.
- VWIP grantees should partner with other providers serving veterans in order to promote a coordinated approach and to avoid unnecessary duplication of services.

## How do I apply for VWIP?

To announce the availability of VWIP grant funding, VETS issues a Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA). The SGA identifies eligible applicants and details the application procedures, and is the primary document that potential grantees use to apply for grant funds. Grant applications must be prepared and submitted based on the information contained in the SGA. Applications are generally due to the DOL national office within 30 days after the date of SGA publication.

### For More Information

For more information regarding the VWIP grant program and VETS' other programs and services, visit our website at: [www.dol.gov/vets](http://www.dol.gov/vets)

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The mission of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is to provide veterans and transitioning service members with the resources and services to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce by maximizing their employment opportunities, protecting their employment rights, and by meeting labor-market demands with qualified veterans.

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