What is the Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program?

The Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IV-TP), managed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), is designed to help ex-offender veterans who are at risk of homelessness to re-enter the workforce. The program provides direct services – through a case management approach – to link incarcerated veterans with appropriate employment and life skills support as they transition from a correctional facility into the community.

The primary objectives of IV-TP are:

- To provide services to assist in reintegrating incarcerated 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 ex-offender veterans.

What services are provided through IV-TP?

IV-TP provides comprehensive services for veterans with an employment focus. Employment services may include:

- Job search activities/counseling
- Job preparatory training
- Classroom training
- Job placement and follow-up services

Guidance for Clients

In addition to employment services, applicants who receive IV-TP funding will:

- focus on "in-reach" activities within a correctional facility to identify appropriate participants;

- coordinate and link clients with existing federal, state, and local entitlement, workforce development, veterans, and re-entry programs; and

- provide clients with necessary referrals for healthcare, counseling, treatment, and housing services.

Who Receives IV-TP funding?

Applicants familiar with incarcerated veterans populations and with demonstrated expertise in administering an effective employment and training program may receive IV-TP funding. VETS encourages partnerships among the public agencies, private non-profits, businesses, and faith-based or community-based organizations. Collaborators understand the barriers to employment for this population and possess capabilities to effectively provide necessary services. Eligible entities include:

- State and local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBS), as defined in Section 111 and 117 of the Workforce Investment Act.

- State or local public agencies. Note: A state agency may provide service to one or more of the potential jurisdictions located in its state.

- For-profit/commercial entities.

- Private non-profit organizations including faith-based and community-based organizations.

- Applicants must have demonstrated competence to manage grants and provide linkages to other service providers.

Who is Eligible to participate in an IV-TP program?

To be eligible to participate in IV-TP, an individual must be a veteran and within 18 months of release from a participating correctional institution or facility. The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable.

Other Requirements

- IV-TP grantees are required to use a case management approach to coordinate the services provided to previously incarcerated veterans.

- All IV-TP grantees are subject to monitoring by VETS' staff.

For More Information

For more information regarding the Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program and VETS' other programs and services, visit our website at: www.dol.gov/vets

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