

Stand Down Events

- A Stand Down is a local community event held usually for 1 to 3 days, where a variety of services and referrals for services are provided on-site to homeless veterans – mostly an all volunteer effort. An outreach effort that provides a “safe haven” for homeless veterans.
- Typical services include: temporary shelter, showers, haircuts, meals, clothing, health screenings, immunizations, legal services, benefits information, employment and training opportunities, etc.

Stand Down Activities

- The critical services provided at a Stand Down event are often the “catalyst” that enables homeless veterans to get back into mainstream society.
- Considered an “outreach” effort for HVRP purposes.
- USDOL – VETS encourages and expects grantees to get involved in local Stand Down events per the Solicitation for Grant Applications and Special Grant Provisions.

Stand Down Funding

- ✓ VETS allows all HVRP Grantees up to \$8,000 per year of their existing grant budget to support Stand Down efforts.
- ✓ VETS also awards up to \$8,000 upon request from various non-profit community based organizations in support of Stand Down efforts (non-HVRP grantees).

Stand Down Funding Requests

- If grantees did not plan on expending HVRP funds for Stand Down purposes:
 - Talk to your GOTR
 - Submit a request in writing for a budget line item deviation (including a revised SF 424A and budget narrative).
 - GOTRs are authorized to approve less than 5% budget line item deviations.
 - GOTRs send a copy of the request and approval letter to RO, Competitive Grants Manager in NO, and Grant Officer to place in grant file.

Allowable Expenditures

- HVRP funds in support of Stand Down activities must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities -or- to promote self-sustainment for homeless veterans.
- Examples: food items, prepared meals, bottled water, clothing (including shoes, boots, underwear, socks, coats) sleeping bags, hygiene care kits, eyeglasses, facility and tent rentals, transportation to and from Stand Down event, event posters, communications, outreach and public relations, and etc.

Disallowed Expenditures

- HVRP funds may not be used to purchase special monogrammed t-shirts, pen sets, specialty hats, (unless for cold weather use), military and veteran type patches, and memento gifts for staff members, visitors, or volunteers.

Reporting Stand Down Activities

- New VOPAR reporting effective July 1, 2005
- All HVRP grantees will report:
 - ✓ Amount of funding expended to support Stand Down activities (Not to exceed \$8 K per year)
 - ✓ Number of Stand Down Participants

More Information

- For more information go to our website at:
www.dol.gov/vets

Click on:

- Grants and Contracts -or-
 - Homeless Veterans
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- ✓ Also see VETS' Guide to Competitive and Discretionary Grants.