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VA Announces \$36 Million in Grants for Homeless Programs

WASHINGTON – Homeless veterans in 35 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico will get more assistance, thanks to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) grants providing \$36.7 million to community groups to create 1,526 beds for homeless veterans this year.

“These grants provide a helping hand to veterans who have served our nation in uniform,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. “Our partnerships with community-based organizations provide safe, temporary housing while these veterans return to productive lives.”

VA has identified public and community non-profit groups eligible to receive payments for housing and supportive services to homeless veterans, including 49 grants for vans that will transport homeless veterans to health care and training programs.

The grants are part of VA’s continuing efforts to reduce homelessness among veterans. VA has the largest integrated network of homeless assistance programs in the country. In many cities and rural areas, VA social workers and other clinicians working with community and faith-based partners conduct extensive outreach programs, clinical assessments, medical treatments, alcohol and drug abuse counseling and employment assistance.

VA’s Grant and Per Diem program helped reduce the number of veterans who are homeless on a typical night last year by 21 percent to about 154,000 veterans. VA also provides health care to about 100,000 homeless veterans, compensation and assistance in obtaining foreclosed homes and excess federal property, including clothes, footwear, blankets and other items.

More information about VA’s homeless programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.va.gov/homeless>. A list of recipients is attached.

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Recipients of VA Grants for Homeless Veterans

<u>State</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Program</u>
Ala.	Huntsville	Volunteers of America, N. America	\$514,475	50 beds
Ariz.	Tucson	Comin' Home	\$18,686	One van
	Tucson	Old Pueblo Community Foundation	\$270,000	12 beds
Calif.	Bakersfield	Calif. Veterans Assistance Foundation	\$19,500	One van
	Desert Hot Springs	Help for Future Leaders	\$8,872	One van
	Dixon	Fairfield-Suisun Community Action Council	\$332,150	12 beds, one van
	Fresno	WestCare Calif.	\$338,650	20 beds, one van
	Stockton	Dignity's Alcove	\$377,793	Renovation, van 20 beds
	Los Angeles	New Directions	\$61,425	Renovation, six beds
	Modesto	Salvation Army, Calif. Corp	\$250,250	Renovation, 20 beds
	Los Angeles	Volunteers of America, Los Angeles	\$317,450	25 beds for frail elderly
	San Bernadino	Salvation Army, Calif. Corp	\$150,0000	New construct, five beds
Whittier	Salvation Army, Calif. Corp	\$150,000	New construct, four beds	
Colo.	Greeley	Catholic Charities, Diocese of Denver	\$384,709	New construct, 13 beds, one van
Conn.	Danbury	Non-Profit Development Corp of Danbury	\$262,925	Renovation, six beds
	East Hartford	Community Renewal Team	\$363,590	Renovation, 12 beds
D.C.	Washington	All Faith Consortium	\$22,425	One van

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Recipients of Homeless Grants 2/2/2

Fla.	Cocoa	Volunteers of America of Florida	\$18,252	One van
	Ft. Lauderdale	Keystone Halls	\$260,650	25 beds, one van
	Gainesville	Alachua County Housing Authority	\$1,995,500	New bldg, 112 beds
	Key West	Volunteers of America of Florida	\$18,252	One van
	Kissimmee	Transition House	\$18,850	One van
	Orlando	Center for Drug Free Living	\$997,977	32 beds
	Miami	Volunteers of America of Florida	\$18,252	One van
	Tallahassee	Volunteers of America of Florida	\$1,021,900	New bldg, 52 beds
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	Tampa	Tampa Crossroads	\$343,499	Renovation, 16 beds, one van
Iowa	Des Moines	180 Degrees	\$64,665	Renovation, 9 beds
Ill.	Joliet	Family & Friends Day Center	\$283,729	New bldg, 20 beds, one van
	Springfield	Fifth Street Renaissance	\$546,00	New bldg, 15 beds
Ind.	Fort Wayne	Volunteers of American of Indiana	\$11,989	One van
	Indianapolis	HealthNet	\$14,146	One van
Kan.	Summerfield	Care Center of Good Shepherd	\$21,519	One van
La.	Shreveport	Volunteers of American of N. Louisiana	\$1,009,069	New bldg, 56 beds

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Recipients of Homeless Grants 3/3/3/3

Mass.	Boston	Volunteers of America of Massachusetts	\$63,729	Renovation, 16 beds
	Brockton	Father Bill's & MainSpring	\$400,00	New construct, 15 beds
	Gardner	Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center	\$14,755	One van
	Leeds, Pittsfield	United Veterans of America, Solder On	\$34,798	One van
	Lynn	Volunteers of America of Massachusetts	\$1,107,517	Renovation, 20 beds
	Shrewbury	Massachusetts Veterans	\$1,503,055	New bldg, 30 beds
Maine	Saco	Volunteers of America, Northern New England	\$17,875	One van
Md.	TBD	Arundel House of Hope	\$341,250	New bldg, 6 beds, one van
	Baltimore	Baltimore Station	\$1,326,468	New bldg, 40 beds
	Hagerstown	Way Station	\$1,600,000	New bldg, 27 beds
Mich.	Detroit	Salvation Army	\$800,000	New bldg, 38 beds
	Detroit	Volunteers of America of Michigan	\$1,531,734	New bldg, 60 beds
Mo.	St. Louis	2 nd Genesis Group Home & Community Center	\$176,459	Renovation, 30 beds, one van
Mont.	Billings	Volunteers of America, Wyoming & Montana	\$1,320,540	New bldg, 20 beds, one van
	Crow Agency	Crow Tribe	\$765,390	New bldg, 20 beds, one van
	Missoula	Missoula Housing Authority	\$14,745	One van

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Recipients of Homeless Grants 4/4/4

Neb.	Omaha	Christian Worship Center	\$1,891,905	New bldg, 26 beds
N.H.	Nashua	Harbor Homes	\$26,942	One van
	Nashua, Manchester	Harbor Homes	\$1,200,000	New construct, 40 beds
	Nashua, Manchester	Harbor Homes	\$26,942	One van
N.J.	Bernards Township	Community Hope	\$21,044	One van
	Camden	Volunteers of America, Delaware Valley	\$914,550	Renovation, 28 beds
	East Orange	Restoration Outreach Christian Kare Center	\$926,250	New bldg, 40 beds
N.M.	Albuquerque	Metropolitan Homelessness Project	\$32,500	One van
N.Y.	Brooklyn	Doe Fund	\$23,976	One van
	Long Island City	City of New York	\$1,090,500	Renovation, 226 beds, one van
	Rochester	Veterans Outreach Center	\$15,264	One van
N.C.	High Point	Caring Services	\$19,505	One van
	Ridgecrest	First at Blue Ridge	\$21,434	One van
Ohio	Cleveland	Hitchcock Center for Women	\$1,973	Renovation, 3 beds
	Kent	Family and Community Services	\$25,917	One van
Penn.	Coatesville	Fresh Start Foundation	\$21,840	One van
	Harrisburg	Shalom House	\$194,987	New bldg, eight beds
Puerto Rico	Hormingias	Veteran Homestead	\$20,625	One van
R.I.	Providence	Operation Stand Down, Rhode Island	\$300,300	New bldg, six beds, one van

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Recipients of Homeless Grants 5/5/5/5

S.C.	Alcolu	Have Faith Community Development	\$282,637	New construct, 14 beds, one van
	Charleston	Crisis Ministries	\$166,910	Renovation, 10 beds
	Columbia	Providence Home	\$78,033	New construct, 11 beds
	North Charleston	Good Neighbor Center	\$542,100	Renovation, 14 beds, one van
	North Charleston	Chesapeake Health Education Program	\$422,500	New bldg, 20 beds
Tenn.	Clarksville	Buffalo Valley	\$19,937	Renovation, six beds
	Nashville	Campus for Human Development	\$487,460	New bldg, 25 beds
	Nashville	Next Stage	\$332,800	Renovation, 25 beds
Texas	Ft. Worth	Mental Health Mental Retardation of Tarrant County	\$600,000	Renovation, 30 beds
Utah	Ogden	Homeless Veterans Fellowship	\$113,607	New bldg, eight beds
Va.	Newport News	Malachi House International	\$201,500	New bldg, 10 beds
Vt.	Burlington	Committee on Temporary Shelter	\$1,240,000	New bldg, 20 beds
	Northfield	Veterans' Place	771,174	Renovation, 26 beds, one van
	White River Junction.	Massachusetts Veterans	\$442,000	New bldg, 10 beds, one van
Wash.	Renton	Compass Center	\$2,000,000	New bldg, 36 beds
	Spokane	Volunteers of America of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho	\$24,700	Renovation, six beds

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Wisc.	Madison	Porchlight	\$240,630	Renovation, 22 beds
	Tomah	Veterans Assistance Foundation	\$35,100	Two vans
Wy.	Sheridan	Volunteers of America, Wyoming and Montana	\$636,637	New bldg, 10 beds, one van

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