

Highly Rural Transportation Grant

2016 Renewal Guidance

In preparation for the fiscal year (FY) 16 HRTG grant renewal cycle. The HRTG program office is preparing this document for grant renewal guidance. This guidance should be helpful to your organization and the continued effort to provide transportation services to Veterans that live in highly rural areas.

What can the FY 16 grant funding be used for?

- Purchase of vehicles (if needed) to transport Veterans that live in highly rural areas
- Maintenance and vehicle upkeep (gas, chains, tires, etc.)
- Expand or augment transportation services (Change of Scope Required with Renewal)
- Payment for drivers (Organizations have to have specific policies and procedures in place). Specifically, organizations should look at 2 CFR 200 for Office of Management & Budget grant guidelines.

Change in Scope: If you are changing anything from your original proposal you must do a change in scope discussing any change.

- Purchasing additional vehicles
- Expanding Services
- Paying for drivers that were not in your original proposal
- Change of scope information can be found on the HRTG grant provider page:
http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/vtp/grant_providers.asp

Budget form and budget narrative

- Your budget must include the same budget amount your organization requested on April 18, 2016 during the grant renewal budget call.
- If you purchase additional vehicles (Budget form and budget narrative required)
- If you expand services (Budget form and budget narrative required)
- If you are paying for drivers that were not included in your original proposal (Budget form and budget narrative required)

How to apply for the HRTG renewal grant funding

- You can only apply for FY 16 HRTG renewal grant funding when the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is posted on grants.gov.
- Organizations will have 30 days to apply for renewal funding with no extensions.
- The NOFA will spell out everything that you need to do to apply for renewal funding.
- Current grantees can only apply for renewal funding on www.grants.gov once the NOFA is posted.