

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Veterans' Employment & Training Service
Funding Opportunity Announcement
FOA-VETS-17-01**

Amendment One

AGENCY: Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), Department of Labor

ACTION: Amendment to FOA-VETS-17-01

SUMMARY: The Veterans' Employment Training Service announced on February 28, 2017, the availability of approximately \$12 million in grant funds for the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) and the Homeless Female Veterans' and Homeless Veterans' with Families Program (HFVWWF) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). This amendment to the FOA amends language in Sections III.C.1, III.C.2, IV.B.3.b, IV.B.4, V.A.3., adds language to Section IV.B.4, and replaces Attachment B (the Competitive Planned Goals Chart).

The document is hereby amended as follows:

Section III.C.1 "Application Screening Criteria"

Old Text:

Section III.C.1. "Application Screening Criteria," is amended to reflect that the Project Narrative Instructions can be found in Section IV.B.3.

Application Requirement	Instructions	Complete?
The deadline submission requirements are met	Section IV.C	
If submitted through Grants.gov, the components of the application are saved in any of the specified formats and are not corrupt. <i>(We will attempt to open the document, but will not take any additional measures in the event of problems with opening.)</i>	Section IV.C.	
Application Federal funds request does not exceed \$500,000	Section II.A	
SAM Registration	Section IV.B.1	
SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance	Section IV.B.1	
SF-424 includes a DUNS Number	Section IV.B.1	

SF-424A, Budget Information Form	Section IV.B.2	
Budget Narrative	Section IV.B.2	
Project Narrative	Section IV.B.2	
Abstract included as an attachment	Section IV.B.4	
Intent to Work Collaboratively Statement included as an attachment	Section IV.B.4	
Competitive Grants Planned Goals Chart included as an attachment	Section IV.B.4	

New Text:

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Application Federal funds request does not exceed \$500,000	Section II.A	
SAM Registration	Section IV.B.1	
SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance	Section IV.B.1	
SF-424 includes a DUNS Number	Section IV.B.1	
SF-424A, Budget Information Form	Section IV.B.2	
Budget Narrative	Section IV.B.2	
Project Narrative	Section IV.B.3	
Abstract included as an attachment	Section IV.B.4	
Intent to Work Collaboratively Statement included as an attachment	Section IV.B.4	
Competitive Grants Planned Goals Chart included as an attachment	Section IV.B.4	

Section III.C.2 “Application Screening Criteria”

Section III.C.2 “Priorities and Number of Applications Applicants May Submit” is amended to clarify the FOA requirements.

Old Text:

2. Priorities and Number of Applications Applicants May Submit

The Department is establishing three priorities for this FOA. Every application will be assigned one of these priorities. The first priority (HVRP Priority) is for all applications that meet the requirements of this FOA but don't fall under priorities 2 or 3. The second priority (HFVVWF Priority) is for applicants proposing to use 100% of their funding to serve homeless female veterans and veterans with families. The third priority (IVTP Priority) is for applicants proposing to use 100% of their funding to serve incarcerated veterans. The Department plans to make at least three awards each under the HFVVWF Priority and the IVTP Priority. Applicants falling under either of these two priorities will only be considered for an award if their application otherwise meets the FOA's requirements and is minimally competitive. More than three awards may be made to applicants satisfying the criteria for the HFVVWF Priority or the IVTP Priority if more than three applications for that priority are competitive when compared with the HVRP Priority applications.

New Text:

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Section IV.B.3.b "Expected Outcomes and Outputs"

Section IV.B.3.b "Expected Outcomes and Outputs" is amended to correct the definition of meeting planned goals and failure to meet planned goals.

Old Text:

Minimum acceptable performance overall is defined as meeting or exceeding planned goals for more than half of the critical indicators. Failure to meet minimum acceptable performance overall is defined as not meeting planned goals for more than half of the critical indicators. This constitutes failure overall and will result in the grant being designated as "high risk" (see 2 CFR 200.207).

New Text:

Minimum acceptable performance overall is defined as meeting or exceeding planned goals for 50% or more of the critical indicators. Failure to meet minimum acceptable performance overall is defined as not meeting planned goals for at least 50% of the critical indicators. This constitutes failure overall and will result in the grant being designated as “high risk” (see 2 CFR 200.207).

Section IV.B.4. “Attachments to the Project Narrative”

Section IV.B.4. “Attachments to the Project Narrative,” is amended to remove “as résumés” from the section. Résumés, if included in the application as attachments, will be excluded from the page limit.

Old Text:

You must not include additional materials such as résumés or general letters of support. You must submit your application in one package because documents received separately will be tracked separately and will not be attached to the application for review.

New Text:

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Section IV.B.4. “Requested Attachments”

Section IV.B.4. “Requested Attachments” is amended to include résumés as an allowable attachment.

Old Text:

c) Organizational Chart and Qualifications – An organizational chart and staff qualifications. The omission of this attachment impacts the scoring of the application.

New Text:

c) Organizational Chart and Qualifications – An organizational chart and staff qualifications. Staff qualifications may be shown through résumés. The omission of this attachment(s) impacts the scoring of the application.

Section IV.B.4. “Requested Attachments”

Section IV.B.4. “Requested Attachments” is also amended to add D. Last or most recent completed program year’s Technical Performance Reports (TPR) and Planned Goals Chart.

Added text:

d) Last or most recent completed program year’s Technical Performance Reports (TPR) and Planned Goals Chart –If you have previously operated a HVRP program you may upload Technical Performance Reports (TPR) and Planned Goals Chart as attachments. The omission of this attachment(s) may impact the scoring of the application, unless the planned and actual performance outcomes are otherwise addressed within the 15-page Project Narrative.

Section V.A.3. “ Project Design”

Section V.A.3. “Project Design” is amended to correct the point distribution in the table’s header and to correct the percentage range in the low category from 5%-154% to 5%-15%.

Old Text:

0 to 1 Points	1 to 2 Points	4 or 5 Points
Low	Medium	High
Award 0 points if the applicant proposes that less than 5% of its participants will fit the definition of one or more of the special populations groups. Award 1 point if the applicant proposes that 5%-154%, of its participants will fit the definition of one or more special populations groups.	Award 2 points if the applicant proposes that 16%-25% of its participants will fit the definition of one or more of the special population groups. Award 3 points if the applicant proposes that 26%-34% of its participants will fit the definition of one or more of the special populations groups.	Award 4 points if the applicant proposes that 35% to 40% of its participants will fit the definition of one or more of the special population groups. Award a full 5 points if the applicant proposes that more than 40% of its participants will fit into the definition of one or more of the special population groups.

New Text:

0 to 1 Points	2 to 3 Points	4 to 5 Points
Low	Medium	High
Award 0 points if the applicant proposes that less than 5% of its participants will fit the definition of one or more of the special populations groups.	Award 2 points if the applicant proposes that 16%-25% of its participants will fit the definition of one or more	Award 4 points if the applicant proposes that 35% to 40% of its participants will fit the definition of one or more of the special population groups. Award a full 5

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Replace Attachment B with Attachment B [v2]

Attachment B [v2]—the Competitive Planned Goals Chart—has been reformatted so that cell K70 [Total Expenditures (Calculated)] should no longer format as a red strike though when entered data matches total award amount.

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Signed March 7, 2017 in Washington, D.C. by:

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