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### **VA Approves \$28 Million in Grants for Homeless Veterans**

WASHINGTON—The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has approved \$28.4 million in grants to fund 38 projects in 25 states and the District of Columbia that will provide transitional housing to homeless Veterans. Among these 38 projects, 31 will provide temporary housing to homeless Veterans with the goal that they will retain the residence as their own.

“As we drive toward our goal to end homelessness among Veterans by 2015, VA continues to find innovative ways to permanently house Veterans who were formerly homeless,” said VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. “Under President Obama’s leadership, we have made incredible strides in creating programs to aid these brave men and women who have served our Nation so well.”

Thirty-one of the grants were awarded through VA’s Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program’s (GPD) “Transition in Place” model. The program allows Veterans the opportunity to take over payment of a lease instead of moving out after using VA services—substance use counseling, mental health services, job training and more. Other VA programs require Veterans living in transitional housing to move out after 24 months. A list of the grant recipients can be found at: <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp>.

GPD helps close gaps in available housing for the nation’s most vulnerable homeless Veterans, including women with children, Indian tribal populations, and Veterans with substance use and mental health issues.

Those receiving funding have undergone a rigorous review by teams of experts rating each application under objective criteria to ensure that those funded have the ability to provide the services described and a solid plan to get these Veterans into housing with a high probability of obtaining residential stability and independent living.

“Securing permanent housing is a vital step in the journey of our homeless Veterans,” said Dr. Susan Angell, executive director for VA’s Veterans Homeless Initiative. “This is the last piece of the puzzle, and it is crucial for them in continuing to lead independent lives.”

Community-based programs funded by GPD provide homeless Veterans with support services and housing. GPD grants are offered annually as funding is available by VA's National Homeless Program.

Lisa Pape, national director of homeless programs for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), which oversees GPD, said VHA's focus is creating and strengthening community services around the country so that homeless Veterans get the support they need.

"Our focus is creating a team of community support—pairing a variety of services, such as mental health support, employment assistance and job training with the essential component of housing," Pape said. "Whether it is aid in overcoming substance use or finding a job, a community helping hand is exactly what these Veterans need to lead a better quality of life."

On a single night in 2011, a national count of homeless Veterans totaled 67,495, 12 percent lower than 76,000 in 2010. As part of Obama and Shinseki's five-year plan to eliminate Veteran homelessness by 2015, VA has committed almost \$1 billion to strengthen programs that prevent and treat the many issues that can lead to Veteran homelessness.

These awards follow closely with a notice VA published asking interested organizations to submit a nonbinding letter of intent to the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program to apply for initial and renewal supportive services grants by Sep. 28, 2012. The SSVF Program in the first 10 months of operation has assisted more than 28,000 Veterans and their families to prevent or rapidly end homelessness. Letters of intent have no impact on the opportunity for entities to apply when funding availability is announced. These letters of intent will help VA gauge interest in the SSVF program as it seeks to make access to SSVF services available throughout the country. VA anticipates announcing a Notice of Funding Availability in the new fiscal year. Additional information can be obtained at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/08/23/2012-20761/letter-of-intent-to-apply-for-funding-available-under-the-supportive-services-for-veteran-families#h-5>

To help a homeless Veteran or Veteran at risk of homelessness, refer them to the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, 1-877-4AID-VET, or direct them to [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless). The hotline connects homeless Veterans, Veterans at risk of becoming homeless and their families with the VA services and benefits they have earned.

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**VA GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM  
FY 2012 GRANTEEES  
PER DIEM ONLY – TRANSITION IN PLACE – NOTICE**

State	Organization	Amount Awarded	Organization Address	City	ZIP	Program Description	Beds	Project #	Funding Priority
Arizona	UMOM New Day Centers, Inc.	\$480,000	3333 East Van Buren	Phoenix	85008	UMOM New Day Centers, Inc. is being awarded \$480,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 10 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Phoenix, AZ.	10	12-203-AZ	1
California / Nevada	United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.	\$1,200,000	800 W. 6th Street, #1505	Los Angeles	90017	United States Veterans Initiative, Inc. is being awarded \$1,200,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 525 East Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV.	25	12-260-NV	1
California / Arizona	United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.	\$1,200,000	800 W. 6th Street, #1505	Los Angeles	90017	United States Veterans Initiative, Inc. is being awarded \$1,200,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 3400 NW Grand Avenue; and 804 East Jones Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.	25	12-134-AZ	1
California	California Veterans Assistance Foundation	\$212,978	729 Decatur St.	Bakersfield	93308	California Veterans Assistance Foundation is being awarded \$212,978.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 5 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Bakersfield, CA.	5	12-181-CA	1
California	Volunteers of America of Los Angeles	\$1,200,000	3600 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1500	Los Angeles	90010	Volunteers of America of Los Angeles is being awarded \$1,200,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 6724 Tujunga Avenue, San Fernando Valley, CA; and 622 South Wall Street, Los Angeles, CA.	25	12-98-CA	1
California	Emergency Housing Consortium	\$960,000	507 Valley Way	Milpitas	95035-	Emergency Housing Consortium is being awarded \$960,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 20 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Santa Clara County, CA.	20	12-131-CA	1
Colorado	Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	\$1,200,000	2111 Champa Street	Denver	80205	Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is being awarded \$1,200,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Denver, CO.	25	12-263-CO	1
DC	Veterans on the Rise, Inc.	\$851,908	422 C Street NE, Suite B	Washington	20002	Veterans on the Rise, Inc. is being awarded \$851,908.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 20 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 1300 Congress Street SE, Washington, DC.	20	12-251-DC	1
Delaware	Connections Community Support Programs, Inc.	\$1,064,886	500 West 10th Street	Wilmington	19805	Connections Community Support Programs, Inc. is being awarded \$1,064,886.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 901 North Washington Street, Wilmington, DE; and scattered site apartments in Kent and Sussex counties, DE.	25	12-257-DE	1

Florida	HOPE South Florida, Inc.	\$1,011,642	501 NE 2nd Street	Ft. Lauderdale	33301	HOPE South Florida, Inc. is being awarded \$1,011,642.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Broward County, FL.	25	12-130-FL	1
Florida	Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.	\$1,064,886	1213 16th Street North	St. Petersburg	33705	Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. is being awarded \$1,064,886.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 5726 126th Avenue North, Clearwater, FL; and 8384 Bayou Boardwalk, Largo, FL.	25	12-92-FL	1
Florida	Volunteers of America of Florida	\$342,128	1205 East 8th Avenue	Tampa	33605	Volunteers of America of Florida is being awarded \$342,128.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 10 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 519 & 525 Morgan Avenue; and 927 North Iowa Avenue, Lakeland, FL.	10	12-86-FL	1
Florida	Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc.	\$1,022,292	2828 Edgewater Drive	Orlando	32854	Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc. is being awarded \$1,022,292.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 24 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Seminole County, FL.	24	12-162-FL	1
Florida	Transition House, Inc.	\$170,382	3800 5th Street	St. Cloud	34769	Transition House, Inc. is being awarded \$170,382.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 4 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 715 Florida Avenue, St. Cloud, FL; and 4596 West Irlow Bronson Memorial Hwy., Kissimmee, FL.	4	12-161-FL	1
Iowa	Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Des Moines	\$511,146	101 Locust	Des Moines	50309	Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Des Moines is being awarded \$511,146.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 12 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 2 SW 9th Street, Des Moines, IA.	12	12-148-IA	1
Illinois	Featherfest	\$1,199,988	2255 East 75th Street	Chicago	60649	Featherfest is being awarded \$1,199,988.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 7201 South Jeffery Blvd.; 8300 South Green Street; and 6731 South Jeffery Blvd., Chicago, IL.	25	12-145-IL	1
Indiana	HealthNet, Inc.	\$638,931	3403 East Raymond Street	Indianapolis	46203	HealthNet, Inc. is being awarded \$638,931.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 15 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Indianapolis, IN.	15	12-108-IN	1
Louisiana	The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.	\$1,056,000	1515 Jackson Street	Monroe	71202	The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc. is being awarded \$1,056,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 22 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 3300 Madison Drive; 405 Filhiol Drive; and 101 Martinez Drive, Monroe, LA.	22	12-256-LA	1
Massachusetts / Florida	Soldier On, Inc.	\$1,123,238	421 North Main Street, Bldg. 6	Leeds	01053	Soldier On, Inc. is being awarded \$1,123,238.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 500 East Moody Blvd., Bunnell, FL.	25	12-191-FL	1

<b>Missouri</b>	Catholic Charities of Kansas City – St. Joseph	\$950,813	20 West 9th Street, Suite 600	Kansas City	64105-1704	Catholic Charities of Kansas City – St. Joseph is being awarded \$950,813.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Kansas City, MO.	25	12-239-MO	1
<b>North Carolina</b>	Community Link Programs of Traveler Aid Society of Central Carolinas, Inc.	\$1,184,613	601 E. 5th Street, Suite 220	Charlotte	28202	Community Link Programs of Traveler Aid Society of Central Carolinas, Inc. is being awarded \$1,184,613.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in the Charlotte Metropolitan Area, NC.	25	12-213-NC	1
<b>North Carolina</b>	Passage Home, Inc.	\$631,365	712 West Johnson Street	Raleigh	27603	Passage Home, Inc. is being awarded \$631,365.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 15 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Raleigh and Wake counties, NC.	15	12-232-NC	1
<b>Nebraska</b>	CenterPointe, Inc.	\$1,199,785	2633 P Street	Lincoln	68503	CenterPointe, Inc. is being awarded \$1,199,785.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Lincoln, NE.	25	12-216-NE	1
<b>Nebraska</b>	Salvation Army	\$1,072,411	3612 Cuming Street	Omaha	68131	Salvation Army is being awarded \$1,072,411.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 4916 California Street; and 4513 Lafayette Street, Omaha, NE.	25	12-53-NE	1
<b>New Jersey / Pennsylvania</b>	Volunteers of America of Delaware Valley	\$1,200,000	235 White Horse Pike, Second Floor	Collingswood	08107	Volunteers of America of Delaware Valley is being awarded \$1,200,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer counties, NJ, as well as in scattered site apartments in Philadelphia, PA.	25	12-193-NJ	1
<b>New York</b>	Services for the Underserved, Inc.	\$1,200,000	305 7th Avenue, 10th Floor	New York	10001-6008	Services for the Underserved, Inc. is being awarded \$1,200,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Bronx and King counties, NY.	25	12-200-NY	1
<b>Ohio</b>	Family and Community Services, Inc.	\$960,000	705 Oakwood St, Suite 221	Ravenna	44266	Family and Community Services, Inc. is being awarded \$960,000.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 20 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Warren, OH.	20	12-207-OH	1
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	YWCA of Greater Harrisburg	\$753,360	1101 Market Street	Harrisburg	17103	YWCA of Greater Harrisburg is being awarded \$753,360.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 20 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at scattered site apartments in Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Lebanon, and York counties, PA.	20	12-226-PA	1

<b>South Dakota</b>	Volunteers of America, Dakotas	\$1,064,888	1309 West 51st Street	Sioux Falls	57109-9306	Volunteers of America, Dakotas is being awarded \$1,064,888.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 4008 South Louise Avenue; 4213 E. 12th Street; and 3105 E. 11th Street, Sioux Falls, SD.	25	12-34-SD	1
<b>Texas</b>	Asset Building Network, Inc.	\$1,176,242	9888 Bissonnet, Suite 242	Houston	77036	Asset Building Network, Inc. is being awarded \$1,176,242.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 25 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at 12211 Fondren Road, Houston, TX.	25	12-33-TX	1
<b>Washington</b>	Longview Housing Authority	\$474,812	820 11th Avenue	Longview	98632	Longview Housing Authority is being awarded \$474,812.00 from VA to provide a daily average of 10 beds for homeless Veterans utilizing a 'Transition in Place' housing model in an effort to promote increased housing stabilization. Provision of services will occur at ten scattered single family dwellings in Cowlitz County, WA.	10	12-16-WA	1
<b>California / Michigan</b>	Anka Behavioral Health, Inc.	per diem only	1850 Gateway Blvd., Suite 900	Concord	94520	Anka Behavioral Health, Inc. has been determined eligible to receive per diem payments for transitional housing that will provide 12 beds for homeless Veterans. Provision of services will occur at 3258 Ringle Road, Akron, MI.	12	12-139-MI	2
<b>Tennessee</b>	Buffalo Valley, Inc.	per diem only	501 Park Avenue, SPO Box 879	Hohenwald	38462	Buffalo Valley, Inc. has been determined eligible to receive per diem payments for transitional housing that will provide 6 beds for homeless Veterans. Provision of services will occur at 207 & 231 River Ridge, Clifton, TN.	6	12-64-TN	2
<b>Massachusetts / Vermont</b>	Veterans, Inc.	per diem only	69 Grove Street	Worcester	01605	Veterans, Inc. has been determined eligible to receive per diem payments for transitional housing that will provide 6 beds for homeless Veterans. Provision of services will occur at 378 North Street, Bradford, VT.	6	12-90-VT	2
<b>California</b>	Volunteers of America Southwest California, Inc.	per diem only	3530 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 300	San Diego	92108	Volunteers of America Southwest California, Inc. has been determined eligible to receive per diem payments for transitional housing that will provide 20 beds for homeless Veterans. Provision of services will occur at 9980 Hawley Road, El Cajon, CA.	20	12-36-CA	4
<b>California / Hawaii</b>	United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.	per diem only	800 W. 6th Street, #1505	Los Angeles	90017	United States Veterans Initiative, Inc. has been determined eligible to receive per diem payments for transitional housing that will provide 20 beds for homeless Veterans. Provision of services will occur at 1566 Wilder Avenue, Honolulu, HI.	20	12-222-HI	4
<b>Colorado</b>	Volunteers of America Colorado Branch	per diem only	2660 Larimer Street	Denver	80205	Volunteers of America Colorado Branch has been determined eligible to receive per diem payments for transitional housing that will provide 8 beds for homeless Veterans. Provision of services will occur at 1055 Avenida Del Sol, Durango, CO.	8	12-54-CO	4
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Veterans, Inc.	per diem only	69 Grove Street	Worcester	01605	Veterans, Inc. has been determined eligible to receive per diem payments for transitional housing that will provide 6 beds for homeless Veterans. Provision of services will occur at 6 Sheridan Street, Worcester, MA.	6	12-91-MA	4