

US Labor Department announces more than \$5.4 million in job training grants to benefit homeless veterans

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor today announced 23 grants totaling \$5,436,148 to provide homeless veterans with job training aimed at helping them succeed in civilian careers. The grants are being awarded by the department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service through the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program.

"Too many of our veterans face difficulty making the transition from military service to the civilian labor force, and too many battle homelessness as a result," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "These grants will help more than 3,000 veterans in communities across the country access the resources they need to find good jobs and build bright futures for themselves and their families."

The grants were awarded on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations. These agencies are familiar with the areas and populations to be served and have demonstrated that they can administer effective programs.

Grantees serving 15 states will offer occupational, classroom and on-the-job training, as well as job search and placement assistance, including follow-up services for homeless veterans. HVRP is the only federal program that focuses exclusively on employment of veterans who are homeless.

Grantees under the HVRP program coordinate their efforts with various local, state and federal social service providers. The grants announced today are the first of a possible four years of annual awards contingent upon satisfactory performance and congressional appropriations.

More information on the Department of Labor's unemployment and re-employment programs for veterans can be found at <http://www.dol.gov/vets>.

Editor's note: A list of grantees, their locations, areas served and the award amounts follow this release.

2011 1st Year Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Grantees

Award	Applicant	City	State	Areas to be Served
\$300,000	Volunteers of America of Los Angeles 213-500-6682	Los Angeles	Calif.	San Gabriel Valley
\$200,000	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists Inc. 831-224-7227	Marina	Calif.	Monterey and Santa Cruz counties
\$175,000	United States Veterans Initiative — Riverside 951-653-9799	Riverside	Calif.	Riverside and San Bernardino counties
\$280,000	Vietnam Veterans of San Diego 619-393-2028	San Diego	Calif.	San Diego
\$238,000	Vietnam Veterans of California 707-578-2785	Santa Rosa	Calif.	Sacramento metropolitan region
\$299,670	The WorkPlace Inc. 203-610-8530	Bridgeport	Conn.	Southwestern Connecticut
\$300,000	Boley Centers Inc. 727-821-4819 ext. 5709	St. Petersburg	Fla.	Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater
\$200,000	United States Veterans Initiative 808-330-2825	Kapolei	Hawaii	Oahu County
\$105,425	Shelter House Community Shelter & Transition Services 319-338-5416 ext. 200	Iowa City	Iowa	Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty, Johnson County
\$219,620	New England Center for Homeless Veterans 617-371-1732	Boston	Mass.	South Boston and areas southeast of Boston
\$200,000	Veterans Inc. 508-791-0956 ext. 130	Worcester	Mass.	Central Eastern Massachusetts (including Worcester, Lowell and other communities)
\$200,000	Veterans Inc. 508-791-0956 ext. 130	Worcester	Mass.	New Hampshire and Vermont
\$200,000	Harbor Homes Inc. 603-882-3616	Nashua	N.H.	Hillsborough County
\$230,000	United States	Las Vegas	Nev.	Clark County, Las

	Veterans Initiative 702-366-0456 ext. 226			Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City
\$111,580	Jericho Project 646-624-2341	New York	N.Y.	Parts of Manhattan, Brooklyn
\$300,000	America Works of Illinois Inc. 212-599-5627	New York	N.Y.	Chicago, Ill., area
\$180,000	Services for the Underserved Inc. 917-364-9391	New York	N.Y.	Parts of Manhattan and Brooklyn
\$300,000	Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio 440-717-1500	Columbus	Ohio	Delaware County, parts of Licking and Franklin Counties
\$196,853	Central Oregon Veterans Outreach 541-383-2793	Bend	Ore.	Central/Eastern Oregon
\$300,000	Easter Seals Oregon 503-228-5108	Portland	Ore.	Part of Portland, Salem, Marion, Polk County
\$300,000	Goodwill Industries of Houston Inc. 713-699-6728	Houston	Texas	Greater Houston metropolitan area
\$300,000	Service of the Emergency Aid Resource Center for the Homeless 713-276-3001	Houston	Texas	Harris County, Houston
\$300,000	Washington Department of Veteran Affairs 360-725-2236	Olympia	Wash.	Seattle, Tacoma, Bremerton, Olympia, Bellevue, Everett

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