



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grant Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for more than \$26 Million in grants for entities to provide legal services to Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness as part of its new Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grant Program (LSV-H).

VA awarded up to \$300,000 in grant funding to 108 organizations to provide legal services to eligible Veterans during a 14-month grant cycle. The LSV-H grants will begin August 1, 2024.

Services That Can Be Provided by the LSV-H Grant Program

Allowable legal services covered under the LSV-H Grant Program include (with additional detail in 38 CFR 79.20):

- Housing law
- Family law
- Income support
- Criminal defense, in matters related to homelessness
- Discharge or Dismissal upgrades
- Protective orders and other legal matters related to domestic or intimate partner violence
- Other covered legal services as the Secretary determines appropriate

Eligible Veterans for assistance under the LSV-H Grant Program include those who:

- Served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable pursuant to 38 USC 101(2); **and**
- Are homeless (as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and 38 CFR 79.15(a)); or Are at risk for homelessness (as defined in 38 CFR Part 79.15(b))

Awarded Organizations

The LSV-H grants are awarded to both public entities and nonprofit private entities as defined in 38 CFR Part 79.10. The VA prioritized grant applications from organizations offering three or more allowable legal services; organizations equitably distributed across geographic regions including areas not being served by existing LSV-H awards, rural communities, tribal lands, and areas with a high number or percentage of Native Americans; and organizations with a demonstrated focus on providing legal services to women Veterans. Additionally, for any fiscal year, no less than 10% of the amount authorized to be appropriated for these grants shall be used to provide legal services to women Veterans. View the full list of awarded grantees here:

More information about the NOFO

The FY24 grant application period closed on February 23, 2024. For more information, including updates on future NOFOs, visit the Legal Services for Veterans website: <https://www.va.gov/homeless/lsv.asp>.

If you have questions or want more information, email lsvgrants@va.gov.