



Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: January 23, 2023

Subject: **Veterans Stand Down Events Grant Funding Availability**

Purpose: To provide MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of the availability of grant funds to provide services to homeless Veterans during local Veterans' "Stand Down" (SD) events.

Background: The Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) supports local SD events that assist Veterans experiencing homelessness by providing a wide variety of employment, social, and health services.

Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food, support services, and a relative degree of safety before returning to combat action. A U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) VETS-funded SD event serves a similar purpose; however, it is intended for Veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

An equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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SD grantees partner with federal, state, tribal, and local entities and businesses, along with Veteran, community, social, and faith-based organizations to organize and hold SD events for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The critical services provided at SD events are often the catalyst that enables those individuals to reenter the workforce. VETS awards SD grants up to \$7,000 for one-day events and up to \$10,000 for multi-day events. In the event of a federal disaster declaration, VETS will accept applications up to \$50,000 to conduct SD events in the impacted areas. The following entities may apply for SD grant funding:

- A. Nonprofit organizations with or without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
- B. Small businesses, defined, for this purpose, as:
 - 1. U.S. Territory or Possession
 - 2. Native American Tribally Designated Organization.
 - 3. Faith-Based Organizations.
 - 4. Other State and Local Government Agencies.
 - 5. State and Local Workforce Development Boards (SWDBs/LWDBs established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
- C. For profit organizations other than small businesses.
- D. Federally recognized Native American tribal governments.
- E. Native American tribal organizations other than those federally recognized.
- F. Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities.
- G. State, country, city, township, or special district governments.
- H. Private institutions of higher education.
- I. Public and State controlled institutions of higher education.

Organizations registered with the Internal Revenue Service as 501(c)(4) entities are ineligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

The required content for SD application submissions is further defined in attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please share with managers, staff, and partners as appropriate.

Attachments: A - Stand Down Application Review and Post-Event Reporting Submission Guide
B - Stand Down Grant Application and Post-Event Report Submission Checklist
for DVETs and Grantees
C - Veterans' Program Letter No. 01-23