



Support Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk of Homelessness

(U.S. Department of Labor's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program)

WHAT IS THE HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PROGRAM?

Congress created the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to help address the employment and training needs of veterans who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. DOL partners with community-based organizations on HVRP to provide and coordinate skills training, job placement and support services to help veterans reintegrate into the labor force and secure stable housing. About 17,000 veterans benefit annually from HVRP services and its holistic, case management approach that focuses on linking veterans to critical support services available in their local communities. As the only federal nationwide program focused exclusively on the employment of veterans who are homeless, HVRP is a strong complement to housing-first programs, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program.

HOW DOES HVRP BENEFIT VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES?

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Veterans Task Force advocates for legislation and policies affecting veterans with disabilities. The CCD Veterans Task Force strongly supports HVRP, which provides priority assistance to eligible veterans with disabilities. Veterans are more likely than non-veterans to experience chronic homelessness due to physical and psychological disabilities connected to their service to our nation, according to a 2016 HVRP evaluation report conducted by Avar Consulting and George Washington University. The report found that two in every ten veterans enrolled in HVRP in each of the last four fiscal years were veterans with disabilities. HVRP is a critical community resource for at-risk veterans, including those with disabilities, and has been successful in helping veterans secure and maintain employment and stable housing. However, the program has never reached its fully authorized funding level of \$50 million.

OUR POSITION

The CCD Veterans Task Force believes HVRP is a critical resource for at-risk veterans, including those with disabilities, and must be expanded to meet the needs of America's veterans.

- Congress should approve a long-term reauthorization of the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program that annually authorizes \$50 million and promotes greater efficiency through multi-community and national grants.
- Congress should fully fund the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program at \$50 million, the level recommended in the bipartisan authorizations.

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