

VA LEGAL SERVICES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND VETERANS AT-RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS (LSV-H) GRANT PROGRAM

MONTHLY GRANTEE WEBINAR
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AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Fiscal
- III. Compliance
- IV. LSV-H FY24 NOFO

FISCAL

- New [How-to Payment Management System registration](#)
 - It's now available on our LSV Provider website under Fiscal Information
 - PMS is experiencing delays for grant recipient users, due to controls being added to validate the authenticity of the request.
 - If you have not provided an update on your payment status, please email LSVgrants@va.gov, we want to ensure that you need the funding you applied for and were awarded.

COMPLIANCE - DUE DATES

- Mid-Year SF-425 (Q1 and Q2)
 - Due March 1, 2024
- Quarterly Reports for Q2
 - Due March 1, 2024

COMPLIANCE – SF-425

- Mid-Year SF-425 (Q1 and Q2)
 - Due March 1, 2024
 - SF-425 can be downloaded from the ‘Fiscal Information’ section of the LSV-H Provider Website
 - Please email completed SF-425 to LSV425@va.gov
 - If you have questions about the SF-425, please watch the Webinar from January 17, 2024 which can be located on the LSV-H Provider Website
 - Link to LSV-H Provider Website:
https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/LSV_Provider.asp

- Q2 Quarterly Report
 - Due March 1, 2024
 - Information in eGMS Table and Caseload Tracking Tool is cumulative and should include all work done in Q1 and Q2.

COMPLIANCE – EGMS REMINDER

As a reminder, when completing the Quarterly Report in eGMS only affirmative responses are required. For example, if your organization has not worked on any Criminal Defense cases, don't enter a '0' in the 'Number of Veterans served within each type column.' Instead, simply delete the row by clicking the 'X' on the righthand side of the table.

Types of Legal Service(s) Provided

Please select each option that applies	Number of Veterans served within each type	Comments/Explanation	
Housing	10		X
Family Law	10		X
Income Support	10		X
Criminal Defense	0		X
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COMPLIANCE – CASELOAD TRACKING TOOL REMINDER

As a reminder, VA requires grantees to provide the Caseload Tracking Tool along with Q2 Report in eGMS.

- On the Caseload Tracking tool, please make sure you are providing the ‘Hours Spent on Legal Problem’ for each case worked.
- Please be sure you are using Version 2 (V2) of the Caseload Tracking Tool as it fixed many of the issues that were previously identified. V2 can be found on the LSV-H Provide Website.

Do Not Provide Any Information Protected Under Attorney Client Privilege (V2)

Gender	Housing Status Upon Screening	Rurality Status	Presenting Legal Problem	Level of Legal Services Provided	Types of Legal Service Provided	Status of Legal Problem	Date Services End	Housing Status at Exit	Hours Spent On Legal Problem
male	At-Risk for Homelessness	Not Rural	Income - assistance in obtaining public benefits or VA benefits	Representation	Income Support	Open			4
male	At-Risk for Homelessness	Not Rural	Assist with upgrade the characterization of discharge or dismissal of a former member of the Armed Forces	Representation	Discharge or Dismissal Upgrade	Open			3
male	At-Risk for Homelessness	Not Rural	Assist with upgrade the characterization of discharge or dismissal of a former member of the Armed Forces	Representation	Discharge or Dismissal Upgrade	Open			2
male	At-Risk for Homelessness	Not Rural	Income - assistance in obtaining public benefits or VA benefits	Representation	Income Support	Open			1
male	Homeless	Not Rural	Assist with upgrade the characterization of discharge or dismissal of a former member of the Armed Forces	Limited Action	Discharge or Dismissal Upgrade	Open			2.5
male	At-Risk for Homelessness	Not Rural	Income - assistance in obtaining public benefits or VA benefits	Representation	Income Support	Open			2

COMPLIANCE – OPEN CASES AT END OF GRANT PERIOD

- **Question from grantee:** If there are cases that might extend beyond the life of the grant, how is that handled?
 - **Response from LSV Team:** 38 CFR 79.55(a)(2) states “Once the grantee initiates legal services, the grantee will continue to provide legal services to the participant through completion of the legal services so long as the participant continues to meet the eligibility criteria set forth in § 79.15.”
 - It is therefore the hope and expectation of the LSV Grant Program that grantees will see an open case through to its completion. We understand that legal cases, specifically complicated ones, can take months if not years to resolve. However, the period of performance for this grant year is August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024. The VA will not pay for legal services that are provided outside this timeframe under this Grant Award. If you have such a case, you can do one of the following at the end of the performance period for this grant year:
 - i. Utilize a separate funding source to pay for the Veteran Client’s legal services after July 31, 2024.
 - ii. Identify a pro-bono attorney who will take over representation of the Veteran Client.
 - iii. Apply for and be awarded LSV-H funding for the FY24 period of performance (August 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025). Please note that VA funding is extremely competitive and current performance is not a guarantee of future awards. **Be advised that the application period will close on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 4:00pm EST.**

COMPLIANCE – SOCIAL MEDIA / MARKETING

- **Question from grantee:** Our organization would like to publicize the great work we are doing. Does the LSV Team have any communications guidelines or requirements about publicizing work performed under the LSV-H Grant?
 - **Response from LSV Team:** We certainly encourage our grantees to publicize and socialize the work they are doing to encourage eligible Veterans to get the legal assistance they need. In terms of communications guidelines/requirements, we'd offer a few:
 - First, and in accordance with the Grant Agreement (#9 on Page 4), please note that there is specific language that identifies where the funding comes from that needs to be included in formal publications. This isn't required per the Grant Agreement for simple social media posts, but the LSV-H Team would still appreciate it if you mentioned the funding source as it highlights the partnership we have with our grantees in ending Veteran homelessness across the country.
 - Second, please refrain from using the VA Seal/Logo without our expressed written consent (#10 on Page 4).
 - Third, if you plan on sharing success stories about specific Veterans, we'd recommend you make sure you do so in line with the Rules of Professional Conduct for the jurisdictions where your attorneys practice as it pertains to the release of privileged/confidential information.

LSV-H FY24 NOFO

LSV-H FY24 NOFO – CURRENTLY OPEN

- **Application period closes Friday February 23, 2024 at 4:00pm ET**
- Maximum funding \$300,000 per award
- 14 month grant cycle (August 2024 – September 2025)
- Applications will be ranked in score order by funding priority
- Anticipate award announcement Summer 2024
- Resources can be located through the LSV website
- ***Current grantees must apply in order to be considered for FY24 funding**
- FY24 Budget template has been updated*

REMINDERS

- Success Stories!
- DEI survey – please respond
- Update Grantee Referral Listing (eGMS)
- Maintain accurate Grant Contacts (eGMS)
- Utilize lsvgrants@va.gov email
- Monthly LSV-H Grantee Webinar
 - 1st Wednesday of each month
 - 2pm ET
 - Next scheduled call: March 6, 2024

Questions?

