

Va Awards Over \$17 Million In Grants To Help Homeless And At-risk Pennsylvania Veterans And Their Families



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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced it will award \$17,262,269 million in grants to help homeless and at-risk Pennsylvania Veterans — along with an additional \$13,952,160 million to benefit Veterans from Pennsylvania and surrounding states — through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families and Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem programs. A total of \$806.4 million will be awarded through the two programs nationally.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families: Through the SSVF program, VA is awarding 239 grants nationally totaling approximately \$797.5 million to community organizations that help rapidly rehouse Veterans and their families, prevent the imminent loss of Veterans' homes, or identify more suitable housing situations.

Grant and Per Diem Program: Through the GPD program, VA will award 14 grants nationally totaling approximately \$8.9 million to community organizations that provide Veterans with transitional housing and case management — including connecting eligible Veterans to VA benefits, community-based services, and permanent housing. These special need grants will fund approximately 105 transitional housing beds to support special populations of homeless Veterans including women, elderly, terminally ill, chronically mentally ill, or those who care for minor dependents.

Ending Veteran homelessness is a top priority of VA and the Biden-Harris Administration. The number of Veterans experiencing homelessness fell by 4.5% between 2020 to 2023 and has dropped 52% overall since 2010. These grants also build upon the significant progress to end Veteran homelessness, including progress towards VA's fiscal year 2024 goal to house 41,000 more homeless Veterans. In 2023, VA placed more than 46,500 homeless Veterans into permanent housing, exceeding the goal set for 2023 by nearly 23%.

"We're making real progress in reducing Veteran homelessness, but there is much more work to do," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "These grants allow VA, alongside community partners, to provide more housing and wraparound services to more homeless and at-risk Veterans than ever before."

These efforts are built upon the evidence-based "Housing First" approach, which prioritizes housing Veterans, followed by providing them the wraparound support to stay housed, including health care, job training, legal and education assistance, and more.

These new grant awards come just a week after the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and VA announced policy changes that will help more Veterans receive housing assistance under the HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. The changes include requiring public housing agencies that administer HUD-VASH to set initial income eligibility at 80% of area median income, and excluding Veterans' disability benefits when determining income eligibility — both of which are expected to increase the number of Veterans eligible for housing assistance.

For more information about VA's comprehensive efforts to end Veteran homelessness, visit [VA.gov/homeless](https://www.va.gov/homeless). To learn more about the Grant and Per Diem program or view the full list of grantees, visit the Grant and Per Diem website. To learn more about the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program or view the full list of grantees, visit the Supportive Services for Veteran Families website.

If you are a Veteran who is experiencing homelessness or at risk for homelessness, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838). Visit the VA Homeless Programs website to learn about housing initiatives and other programs for Veterans exiting homelessness.

PENNSYLVANIA SUNDAY HUNTING 2024



SUNDAY, NOV. 17

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

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SUNDAY HUNTING DETAILS



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Sunday Hunting Opportunities For 2024

By PA GAME COMM.

HARRISBURG - Mark your calendars! Pennsylvania has three expanded Sunday hunting opportunities for 2024: November 17, November 24, and December 1.

Turkeys and migratory game birds may not be hunted on any of these three Sundays. All other game that's in season may be hunted on these Sundays.

If you hunt private land on Sundays, you must carry written permission from the landowner. The permission slip should include the hunter's name, address, and CID number as well as the landowner's name, address, and phone number.

You can find a permission slip and more information on Sunday hunting on p. 4 of the Hunting & Trapping Digest. Go here https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.pgc.pa.gov%2FHuntTrap%2FHunting%2FPages%2FHealthyDeer.HealthyForests.aspx%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/2/010001922ea78acf-8b2a6eda-4d04-43d8-a83b-dc711dca766b-000000/iPNAMXd1io-8liMemviM34yfocWenzz1SgpCrvDJNC4=372

The Grand Central Habitat Committee
is looking for conservation minded individuals to join
our monthly meetings!



Interested in joining the committee?

Our committee is looking for individuals to provide feedback, get involved and help create new trails and projects that benefit the community.

Join us the first Thursday every month at 6 PM
(Next meeting: November 2, 2023)

At the Grand Central Environmental Education Center
891 Grand Central Road Pen Argyl PA 18072

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