



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; OMB Control No. 1293-0014; Veterans' Employment and Training Service Competitive Grants Programs Reporting

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is soliciting comments on the information collection request (ICR) for OMB Control No. 1293-0014 *Veterans' Employment and Training Service Competitive Grants Programs Reporting*, for which VETS proposes to revise the title to the *Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Grant Recipient Reporting*. The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) is authorized under 38 USC 2021. HVRP funds over 150 discretionary grants that serve nearly 16,000 veterans experiencing homelessness, veterans at-risk of homelessness, and incarcerated veterans annually, along with nearly 40 Stand Down events. This collection will contain reports submitted by HVRP grant recipients.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before 60 days from **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments electronically by any of the following methods:

- DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov, identified by OMB Control Number 1293-0014.
- HVRP@dol.gov. Include "1293-0014 HVRP Grant Recipient Reporting ICR Comment" in the subject line.

Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate McCord, Management and Program Analyst, DOL-VETS, by email at HVRP@dol.gov, subject line “1293-0014 HVRP Grant Recipient Reporting ICR Information.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor’s VETS administers funds for the Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP) grant on an annual basis. These competitive grants are codified under 38 U.S.C. 2021, 2021A, and 2023. VETS provides funds to grant recipients through annual Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) and incremental funding throughout the grant’s three-year (12 quarters) period of performance. The total number of grant recipients varies from year to year based on the amount of available funds. Grants are awarded up to \$500,000 each year, for a total of up to \$1,500,000 for the three-year period of performance.

The Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training monitors and supervises the distribution and use of those funds as required by 38 U.S.C. 2021 and 38 U.S.C. 2021A. Additionally, and in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 2021(d), the Secretary shall collect such information as that Secretary considers appropriate to monitor and evaluate the distribution and expenditure of funds appropriated to carry out this section.

VETS is proposing the following revisions:

Revise the title of this information collection: from the *Veterans’ Employment and Training Service Competitive Grants Programs Reporting to the Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program Grant Recipient Reporting*.

Migration to an online system: as part of this renewal request, VETS is modernizing how required information is submitted. Historically, respondents completed several instruments using static Excel or PDF formats. To improve data quality, reduce administrative burden, strengthen validation of reported information, and streamline the submission process, VETS is transitioning these collection instruments into an online system. This change consolidates multiple legacy form formats into a single web-based interface that applies automated checks, enforces required fields, and reduces manual re-entry or formatting errors. This transition does not substantively change the underlying data elements required for HVRP oversight, nor does it expand the scope or frequency of reporting. Instead, it reflects a format change to support more efficient reporting and enhanced usability. The content of the currently approved forms remains aligned with the existing HVRP performance and statutory requirements

Revisions to the VETS-701 Technical Performance Report (TPR): VGRS-HVRP

- Several data fields are being removed, consolidated, or relocated to simplify reporting and reduce redundancy.
- Some performance measures and demographic categories are eliminated as they are no longer relevant.
- New fields are added to capture policy updates, such as eligibility status, training types/hours, and registered apprenticeships.
- Terminology is updated for clarity and automated calculations replace manual entries, where possible.
- The structure of participant information, training, services, exit, and follow-up sections is revised to focus on essential data and streamline responses.

Revisions to the VETS-702 Technical Performance Narrative (TPN): VGRS-HVRP

- Many fields previously requiring manual entry are now auto generated by the system.
- Questions for partially met goals or failed goals are reworded for clarity and to focus on remediation activities to improve performance.
- Financial review sections are updated to better align with federal reporting requirements.
- Personnel reporting is connected to approved positions, with automated calculations and clearer variance explanations.

Revisions to the VETS-703 Stand Down After Action Report (SDAAR)

- Event location and participant eligibility fields are clarified.
- New questions are added to capture planned and expended event costs.
- Certification and representative fields are updated to reflect current terminology and requirements.

II. Desired focus of comments

VETS is particularly interested in comments on these topics:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of VETS' estimate of the burden related to the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used in the estimate;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques or other forms of information

technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

VETS has listed the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request. VETS seeks PRA authorization for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an Information Collection Review cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. VETS notes that currently approved information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours

Type of Review: Revision

Agency: VETS

OMB Control Number: 1293-0014

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions, State and Local Governments

Estimated Number of Respondents: 155

Frequency: Varies

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 659

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,890

Forms:

- VGRS-HVRP
- SDAAR

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection

request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at
<https://www.reginfo.gov>.

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Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

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