Who is Eligible for the Grant and Per Diem Program?

The Grant and Per Diem Program is designed to serve Veterans who:

- are eligible for VA health care services;
- are currently homeless;
- have 30 days of documented sobriety;
- are motivated to improve the quality of their lives;
- are willing to work with a case manager;
- are willing to participate in treatment;
- have the goal of independent housing.

What is the history of the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program?

The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program was authorized by Congress in 1992 under Public Law 102-590 and gave the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) authority to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations, or state and local governments, to establish programs to assist the homeless veteran population. Public Law 102-590 was succeeded by P.L. 107-95, enacted in December 2001. This reauthorized the GPD program with certain revisions. In 2006, GPD was permanently authorized by P.L. 109-461.

What is the Purpose of the Grant and Per Diem Program?

The purpose of the GPD Program is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income, and achieve greater self-determination. The program is intended to encourage new and innovative programs and collaboration between community partners and the VA reduce duplication of services.

Can you tell me about the local Grant and Per Diem Program provider?

St. Francis House is the sole Grant Per Diem provider for Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System. The facility is funded for 60 GPD beds that are exclusively for Veterans. Participants in the program must have 30 days of documented sobriety and demonstrate physical and mental stability. Additionally, the HCHV Program must verify Veterans’ eligibility for VA medical care. St. Francis House has more than 20 years of documented experience in providing clinical treatment services to homeless Veterans. The GPD Program at this facility has employment and disability tracks. While in placement, Veterans are linked to a number of VA clinical services including: medical, mental health and substance abuse treatment. Additionally, Veterans are provided employment and sheltered workshop experiences. Veterans also attend life-skills, problem-solving, peer-to-peer and housing groups while at St. Francis House. A direct referral line has been established with Health Care for Homeless Veteran (HCHV) permanent housing programs to assure a continuum of care for participants in the GPD Program.
Who do I contact for more information about entering the Grant and Per Diem Program?

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