

this Notice of Funding Availability, the governing statute, 38 U.S.C. 2108, and the governing regulation, 38 CFR 36.4412. VA Financial Policy, Volume X Grants Management, Chapter 4 Grants Application and Award Process, section 040202.06, <https://www.va.gov/finance/docs/VA-FinancialPolicyVolumeXChapter04.pdf>.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Although subject to change, the SAHAT Grant Program Office expects to announce grant recipients by April 1, 2021. Prior to executing any funding agreement, VA will contact successful applicants; make known the amount of proposed funding; and verify the applicant's desire to receive the funding. Any communication between the SAHAT Grant Program Office and successful applicants prior to the issuance of an award notice is not authorization to begin project activities. Once VA verifies that the grant applicant is still seeking funding, VA will issue a signed and dated award notice. The award notice will be sent by U.S. mail to the organization listed on the SF-424. All applicants will be notified by letter, sent by United States mail to the address listed on the SF-424.

A. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

This section is not applicable to the SAHAT Grant Program.

W. Reporting

VA places great emphasis on the responsibility and accountability of grantees. Grantees must agree to cooperate with any Federal evaluation of the program and provide the following:

1. *Quarterly Progress Reports:* These reports will be submitted electronically and outline how grant funds were used, describe program progress, and describe any barriers and measurable outcomes. The format for quarterly reporting will be provided to grantees upon grant award.

2. *Quarterly Financial Reports:* These reports will be submitted electronically using the SF-425-Federal Financial Report.

3. *Grantee Closeout Report:* This final report will be submitted electronically and will detail the assistive technology developed. The Closeout Report must be submitted to the SAHAT Grant Program Office not later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, September 30, 2022.

VI. Agency Contact(s)

For additional general information about this announcement contact Mr. Oscar Hines, Program Manager, Specially Adapted Housing Program, at Oscar.Hines@va.gov or 202-632-8862 (This is not a toll-free number.)

Mailed correspondence, which should not include application material, should be sent to: Loan Guaranty Service, VA Central Office, Attention: Mr. Oscar Hines (262), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420

All correspondence with VA concerning this announcement should reference the funding opportunity title and funding opportunity number listed at the top of this solicitation. Once the announcement deadline has passed, VA staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the application review process has been completed.

VII. Other Information

Section 2108 authorizes VA to provide grants for the development of new assistive technologies through September 30, 2022. Additional information related to the SAHAT Grant Program administered by LGY is available at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>.

The SAHAT Grant is not a Veterans' benefit. As such, the decisions of the Secretary are final and not subject to the same appeal rights as decisions related to Veterans' benefits. The Secretary does not have a duty to assist technology grant applicants in obtaining a grant.

Grantees will receive payments electronically through the Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System (PMS). All grant recipients should adhere to PMS user policies.

VIII. Notices of Funding Opportunity

In accordance with Office of Management and Budget guidance located at 2 CFR part 200, all applicable Federal laws and relevant Executive guidance, the Federal awarding agency will review and consider applications for funding pursuant to this notice of funding opportunity in accordance with the:

- President's September 2, 2020, memorandum, entitled *Memorandum on Reviewing Funding to State and Local Government Recipients of Federal Funds that Are Permitting Anarchy, Violence, and Destruction in American Cities*;
- *Executive Order (E.O.) on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping* (E.O. 13950);
- *Executive Order on Protecting American Monuments, Memorials, and*

Statues and Combating Recent Criminal Violence (E.O. 13933); and

- Guidance for Grants and Agreements in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations), as updated in the **Federal Register's** 85 FR 49506 on August 13, 2020, particularly on:

- Selecting recipients most likely to be successful in delivering results based on the program objectives through an objective process of evaluating Federal award applications (2 CFR part 200.205),

- Prohibiting the purchase of certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment in alignment with section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 (Pub. L. No. 115-232) (2 CFR part 200.216),

- Promoting the freedom of speech and religious liberty in alignment with *Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty* (E.O. 13798) and *Improving Free Inquiry, Transparency, and Accountability at Colleges and Universities* (E.O. 13864) (§§ 200.300, 200.303, 200.339, and 200.341),

- Providing a preference, to the extent permitted by law, to maximize use of goods, products, and materials produced in the United States (2 CFR part 200.322), and

- Terminating agreements in whole or in part to the greatest extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities (2 CFR part 200.340).

Signing Authority

Dat P. Tran, Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs approved this document on February 2, 2021, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Luvenia Potts,

Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0075]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Statement in Support of Claim

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement of a previously approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 9, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0075” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW,

Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0075” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Authority:

38 U.S.C. 501.

Title: Statement in Support of Claim (VA Form 21–4138).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0075.

Type of Review: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21–4138 is used to provide self-certified statements in support of various types of claims processed by VA. Statements submitted by or on behalf of a claimant should contain certification by the respondent that the information provided is true and correct. This form facilitates claims processing by providing a uniform format for the certification statement.

No substantive changes were added and/or removed from this form. This request is only to extend the viability of the form. Due to a reduction in respondent totals over the past year, the respondent burden has decreased.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 121,544 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 486,174.

By direction of the Secretary.

Danny S. Green,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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