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TO: EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS
VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING STAFF

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SUBJECT: Announcement of Stand Down Grants

- I. **Purpose:** To announce the availability of Stand Down (SD) grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) and to provide information on submitting an application.
- II. **Reference:** 38 U.S.C. 2021 and the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR part 200.
- III. **Rescission:** Federal Register Notice 2014-00755, 79 Fed. Reg. 4505 and Stand Down Grant application form OMB No. 1225-0086.
- IV. **Background:** Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food, and a relative degree of safety before returning to combat action. A SD event is used for a similar purpose for homeless veterans.

Stand Down grantees partner with federal, state, tribal, and local entities, local businesses, and veteran, community, social, and faith-based organizations to hold events for homeless veterans. The critical services provided at a SD event are often the catalyst that enables homeless veterans to reenter mainstream society.
- V. **Stand Down Application Process:** Historically, VETS announced SD grant availability and the process to apply through the Federal Register. Beginning January 1, 2018, SD grant announcements will be posted in www.Grants.Gov. The VETS Stand Down Application OMB No. 1225-0086 form has also been discontinued. It will no longer be accepted. There is no replacement form.

The SD Application Guide will be included in the www.Grants.Gov announcement. It provides all the information needed to apply for a VETS SD grant.

VI. **Inquiries and Resources**: Any questions regarding a SD grant application should be referred to the Director of Veterans' Employment and Training (DVET) in the state in which the event will take place. DVET's contact information can be found at www.dol.gov/vets/aboutvets/regionaloffices/map.htm.

General grant information and resources are also available at www.NVTAC.org and www.doleta.gov/grants.

VII. **Expiration Date**: To be reviewed for relevance on or before December 31, 2020.