



RESOURCES FOR BRAIDED FUNDING

All HVRP grantees are encouraged to search for local funding. In addition, the following resources can be used to seek other funding to braid with government-funded programs. Braided funding can help grantees enhance services for veterans experiencing homelessness.

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability

Blending and Braiding Funds and Resources: The Intermediary as Facilitator

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/information-brief-18>

This brief focuses on how intermediary organizations can facilitate the blending and braiding of funds and resources to encourage cross-systems collaboration. Although the publication focuses on educational and employment outcomes for youth, it identifies some strategies that HVRPs could use for braiding of resources.

NTAR Leadership Center

Using Braided Funding Strategies to Advance Employer Hiring Initiatives that Include People with Disabilities

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/pdf/BraidedFSReport.pdf>

This report provides detailed information on several initiatives that have used braided funding to respond to employer's hiring needs. The specific examples all relate to individuals with disabilities.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

State Veterans Affairs Offices

<http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm>

Many states operate trust funds, some of which provide financial assistance directly to veterans in need, and others of which provide grants to service providers. These funds can help to meet immediate needs not covered by federal grants. This website will help you locate your state's VA office.

National Academy for State Health Policy

Braiding & Blending Funding Streams to Meet the Health-Related Social Needs of Low-income Persons: Considerations for State Health Policymakers

<http://www.nashp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Jean1.pdf>

States can provide needed supports for job-seeking veterans who are homeless through several different funding streams highlighted in this paper published in 2016.

American Public Human Services Association

A Framework for Alternative Human Service Financing

<http://www.aphsa.org/content/dam/aphsa/pdfs/Innovation%20Center/2012-09-Framework-for-Alternative-Human-Service-Financing-PolicyBrief.pdf>

This issue brief explains how funds that are already available for human service needs can be used in a more productive and efficient manner and can support sustainable and meaningful outcomes. It reviews different funding options and recommends governance structures. Examples from different state are highlighted.

Foundations

Information about national and local foundations can be found through the [Foundation Center](#). The Foundation Center maintains a comprehensive database on U.S. and, increasingly, global grantmakers and their grants. It also operates research, education, and training programs designed to advance knowledge of philanthropy at every level. Following are a few foundations that have funded organizations assisting veterans. Keep in mind that many other foundations may fund veteran initiatives. Furthermore, it might be easier to obtain funding from a foundation that is active in your local community.

- [Overwatch Alliance](#)
- [Bob Woodruff Foundation](#)
- [Disabled Veterans National Foundation](#)
- [Home Depot Foundation](#)
- [Newman's Own Foundation](#)
- [Walmart Foundation](#)

In addition, the U.S. Department of Labor prepared a [Directory of Workforce Grant Opportunities](#) that is designed to help organizations navigate different funding resources that may assist them in providing workforce development and job-training services.

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