



## Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program U.S. Department of Labor 116th Congress

### The Need

Veterans are at a higher risk of becoming homeless or to live in poverty than the general U.S. population. The National Center on Homelessness among Veterans report on the prevalence of homelessness among U.S. veterans found that veterans are overrepresented in the U.S. homeless population compared to the general population by a factor of two, and by a factor of three when compared to the population living in poverty. In addition, young Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF) male and female veterans are at two times greater risk to become homeless than their non-veteran counterparts. Employment that provides a living wage is key to preventing and ending homelessness among all Americans, including veterans. A federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness found that unemployment, under-employment, and low wage employment are frequent causes of homelessness.

### U.S. Department of Labor's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program



Recognizing that employment is a key and fundamental component of ending homelessness, Congress created the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). HVRP is the only federally-funded, national program that targets employment and training for homeless veterans. Through the program, community-based organizations use a holistic case management approach to provide and coordinate a wide array of services to help them return to the workplace.

HVRP, which serves about 17,000 veterans annually, has been one of the tools our country has used to help reduce veteran homelessness by nearly 50 percent since 2010. However, the remaining veterans, who include the chronically homeless, will require more time and greater access to HVRP's intensive, veteran-centered case management approach.

### Easterseals Specializes in Helping Homeless Veterans Find Employment

Easterseals is a leading national provider of employment services, specializing in helping job seekers with significant barriers to employment find success in the workplace. Our experience in serving individuals with disabilities and other most-in-need job seekers made us a natural and effective partner to help homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness to reintegrate into society. Easterseals affiliates serving Indiana, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. are helping homeless veterans find jobs and secure stable housing through HVRP.

### Easterseals' Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Appropriations Request

Easterseals urges Congress to support homeless and at-risk veterans by fully funding DOL's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program.

- ***Lift the discretionary sequestration caps and fund the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program at no less than the current authorized level of \$50 million.***



<b>Fiscal Year 2020 Member Submission Information</b>	
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program</b>
<b>Subcommittee</b>	<b>Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies</b>
<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b>U.S. Department of Labor</b>
<b>Account</b>	<b>Veterans' Employment and Training Services</b>
<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) helps homeless veterans attain the skills they need to gain meaningful employment. Through the program, community-based organizations use a holistic case management approach to provide and coordinate a wide array of services to help them return to the workplace.</b>
<b>Request Type</b> <i>(Programmatic or Language)</i>	<b>Programmatic Funding Request</b>
<b>FY 2020 Easterseals Request</b>	<b>No less than \$50,000,000</b>
<b>FY 2020 President Request</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>
<b>Authorization Level in Last Year of Authorization</b>	<b>\$50,000,000 (<a href="#">P.L. 115-251</a>)</b>
<b>FY 2019 Enacted</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>
<b>FY 2018 Enacted</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>
<b>FY 2017 Enacted</b>	<b>\$45,000,000</b>

**Key Links:**

- [About the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program](#)
- [U.S. Department of Labor Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request](#)