

Diamonds" (See list ¹), imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, is of cultural significance. This object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed object at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, from approximately April 24, 1998 through August 30, 1998, is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fund Availability Under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs is announcing the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the grant component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This Notice contains information concerning the program, application process and amount of funding available.

DATES: An original completed and collated grant application (plus three collated copies) for assistance under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Washington, DC, by 4:30 PM Eastern Time on June 10, 1998. Applications may not be sent by facsimile (FAX). In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and VA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their material to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

FOR A COPY OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT: Veterans Industries at (813)

¹ A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Neila Sheahan, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-5030, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

228-2871 (this is not a toll-free call). For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: An original completed and collated grant application (plus three copies) must be submitted to the following address: Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Applications must be received in the Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group by the application deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Hayes, Victor Harris, or Roger Casey, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; (202) 273-8966 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice announces the availability of funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This program is authorized by Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992. Funding applied for under this Notice may be used for: (1) Remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition of buildings, acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; (3) new construction. Applicants may apply for more than one type of assistance.

Although a separate notice will be published announcing fund availability for the Per Diem Component of the program, grant applicants seeking such assistance should indicate this request on the application submitted for a grant. The applicants who are awarded grants will not be required to complete a separate application for per diem assistance. VA will review those portions of the grant application that pertain to per diem.

Grant applicants may not receive assistance to replace funds provided by any state or local government to assist homeless persons. For existing projects, VA will fund only the portion of the project that will house the new program or new component of an existing program. A proposal for an existing project that seeks to shift its focus by changing the population to be served or the precise mix of services to be offered is not eligible for consideration. No more than 25 percent of services available in projects funded through this grant program may be provided to

clients who are not receiving those services as veterans.

Authority

VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is authorized by Sections 3 and 4 of Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) and has been extended through fiscal year 1999 by Public Law 105-114. The program is implemented by the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on June 1, 1994 and February 27, 1995, and revised February 11, 1997. The regulations can be found in their entirety in 38 CFR, Volume 1, Sec. 17.700 through 17.731, revised July 1, 1997. Funds made available under this Notice are subject to the requirements of those regulations.

Allocation

Approximately \$5.0 million is available for the grant component of this program.

Application Requirements

The specific grant application requirements will be specified in the application package. The package includes all required forms and certifications. Conditional selections will be made based on criteria described in the application. Applicants who are conditionally selected will be notified of the additional information needed to confirm or clarify information provided in the application. Applicants will then have one month to submit such information. If an applicant is unable to meet any conditions for grant award within the specified time frame, VA reserves the right to not award funds and to use the funds available for other grant and per diem applicants.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of