

Federal Programs That Can Fund Employment for Homeless People¹

Food Stamp Employment and Training Program (FSET)	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Grant Type:	100 percent Federal administration grants; 50/50 Federal match program
Eligible Applicants:	State agencies, organizations, municipalities
Individuals Served:	Dislocated workers, migrant/seasonal farm workers, Native Americans, veterans/disabled veterans, and unemployed and other low-income individuals. All participants must be food stamp recipients.
Services Funded:	Employment counseling and assessment; high school equivalency programs; education leading to post-secondary and technical certificates and degrees; and job development, readiness skills, referrals, and retention training
For More Information:	www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/rules/Memo/Support/employment-training.htm
Other Information:	A designated State agency administers grants to qualified organizations.

Medicaid Rehab Option	
Funding Agency:	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Grant Type:	Formula/block grant to the States using Federal Medicaid dollars; this is an option that States <i>may</i> add to their Medicaid plan
Eligible Applicants:	Qualified providers as determined by the State
Individuals Served:	Children and adults who are Medicaid recipients and who have serious mental and emotional disturbances
Services Funded:	Assertive community and integrated disorders treatments, peer and community supports, focused therapies, and illness management
For More Information:	www.cms.hhs.gov/HomelessnessInitiative

Vocational Rehabilitation Grants	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	In each State, a designated agency applies for and administers grant funds.
Individuals Served:	Individuals with disabilities who are determined to be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services
Services Funded:	Employment counseling and assessment; high school equivalency programs; education leading to post-secondary and technical certificates and degrees; and job development, readiness skills, referrals, and retention training
For More Information:	www.ed.gov/programs/rsabvrs/index.html

Community Services Block Grant	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	States, Territories, and federally recognized Tribes. These entities

¹ The Federal programs included in this table are illustrative but not exhaustive. Each has potential relevance for people who are homeless and people with multiple barriers to work.

	make grants to qualified locally-based nonprofit agencies and other eligible programs.
Individuals Served:	Low-income individuals and families
Services Funded:	Employment counseling and assessment, high school equivalency programs, and job development, readiness skills, referrals, and retention training
For More Information:	www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbq

Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI)

Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Type:	Discretionary/Project Grant
Eligible Applicants:	Nonprofit organizations
Individuals Served:	Welfare recipients and other low-income individuals
Services Funded:	Projects that create new employment and/or business opportunities for welfare recipients and other low-income individuals
For More Information:	www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/joli/index.html
Other Information:	To cooperate with or to complement Temporary Assistance for Needy Families support. Funds cannot be used for new construction or the purchase of real property.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants

Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	States and Territories receive block grants and administer funds to community-based organizations to create a system of care.
Individuals Served:	Individuals with mental and/or substance abuse disorders
Services Funded:	Comprehensive community mental health services as identified by the State
For More Information:	http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/Stateplanning/about.asp

Social Services Block Grant

Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	States apply for and administer grants
Individuals Served:	Individuals in need as identified by the State or Territory
Services Funded:	Economic support and development of self-sufficiency; prevention of neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults; and prevention or reduction of inappropriate institutional care and admission, or referral for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate
For More Information:	www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/index.htm

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	States, Territories, the District of Columbia, and federally recognized Tribes
Individuals Served:	Qualified needy families as designated by the State
Services Funded:	Funds not allocated for cash assistance are used for work supports, including child care, education, job training, transportation, housing,

	and wage supplements.
For More Information:	www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa
Other Information:	May also transfer a limited portion of grant funds to Child Care and Development Block Grant and Social Services Block Grant programs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	Central cities in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), other cities with more than 50,000 people in MSAs, and qualified urban counties with at least 200,000 people. Programs are to promote partnerships with community-based organizations, local government agencies, and faith-based organizations.
Individuals Served:	Low- and moderate-income individuals in the targeted cities and counties
Services Funded:	Programs benefiting low- and moderate-income individuals, or that help prevent or eliminate slums or blight, or that meet other community development needs of particular urgency
For More Information:	www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/cdbg.cfm

Prisoner Re-entry Initiative	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Competitive Grant
Eligible Applicants:	State Government agencies
Individuals Served:	Individuals returning to their communities from the criminal justice system
Services Funded:	Pre- and post-release services, as well as transition planning, assessments, and post-release supervision
For More Information:	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/reentry.html
Other Information:	30 percent of the funds must be provided to a selected faith-based or community organization for post-release services.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adults and Dislocated Workers	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	State workforce agencies apply for funds and administer awards to local workforce investment areas or workforce investment boards (WIBs).
Individuals Served:	Eligible adults and dislocated workers
Services Funded:	Workforce investment activities that increase participants' employment, earnings, and occupational skills
For More Information:	www.doleta.gov/usworkforce
Other Information:	The WIA as a whole includes three separate funding streams to help the designated State agency help adults, dislocated workers, and youth.

WIA Youth	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	State governors receive youth training funds; local workforce

	investment boards oversee the distribution of funds to service providers.
Individuals Served:	Low-income/disadvantaged youth between 14 and 21
Services Funded:	Educational and occupational skill development, training, and support to achieve academic and employment success and facilitate the transition to careers and productive adulthood.
For More Information:	www.doleta.gov/youth_services/Formula-Funded.cfm
Other Information:	For youth activities, States must submit a five-year plan. The WIA as a whole includes three separate funding streams to help the designated State agency help adults, dislocated workers, and youth.

Job Corps	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Contract
Eligible Applicants:	Major corporations and nonprofit organizations
Individuals Served:	Youth, ages 16-24
Services Funded:	Integrated academic, vocational, and social skills training to further education, obtain quality long-term employment, and gain independence
For More Information:	http://jobcorps.doleta.gov

Veteran's Workforce Investment Program	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Discretionary/Project Grant
Eligible Applicants:	State governors, public agencies, and private nonprofit and community-based organizations
Individuals Served:	Veterans who have disabilities or face barriers to employment, served on active duty for which a campaign badge has been authorized, or were recently separated from military service
Services Funded:	Enhancements of services provided to eligible veterans by other providers, innovative employment and training services, and outreach and public information activities that optimize job training or retraining opportunities for eligible veterans
For More Information:	www.dol.gov/vets

Disabled Veteran's Outreach Program (DVOP)	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	State employment security agencies apply for and administer grants to support local efforts
Individuals Served:	Disabled and other veterans
Services Funded:	Job development and training, including on-the-job and apprenticeship programs, and assistance to community-based organizations that provide vocational guidance, training, and referrals
For More Information:	www.dol.gov/vets

Local Veteran's Employment Representatives (LVER)	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant
Eligible Applicants:	State employment agencies

Individuals Served:	Veterans
Services Funded:	Job development, placement, and support services to provide maximum employment and training opportunities.
For More Information:	www.dol.gov/vets
Other Information:	State agencies administer funds

Ticket to Work Program (TTW)	
Funding Agency:	Social Security Administration
Grant Type:	Contract
Eligible Applicants:	Private organizations or State or local government agencies
Individuals Served:	Disabled Social Security beneficiaries
Services Funded:	Vocational rehabilitation and other support services
For More Information:	www.yourtickettowork.com

Homeless Veteran's Reintegration Program (HVRP)	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Discretionary/Project Grant
Eligible Applicants:	State and local public agencies, workforce investment boards, nonprofit agencies, and community-based organizations
Individuals Served:	Homeless veterans
Services Funded:	Demonstration programs providing employment and training and support services to help homeless veterans to reenter the workforce. Outreach activities are required.
For More Information:	www.dol.gov/vets
Other Information:	Funds go directly to grantees

Senior Community Services Employment Program	
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Grant Type:	Formula/Block Grant; Discretionary/Project Grant
Eligible Applicants:	State, Territories, public and private nonprofit agencies, including faith-based organizations
Individuals Served:	Unemployed low-income persons age 55 and older
Services Funded:	Part-time community service jobs; a portion of funds may be used for training, counseling, and supportive services
For More Information:	www.doleta.gov/seniors
Other Information:	Funds flow to States and then to grantees