

including the proposed changes to the definition of capital; the proposed introduction of a leverage ratio; and the proposed changes to the treatment of counterparty credit risk.

Liquidity enhancements referring to the international framework for liquidity risk measurement, standards and monitoring.<sup>7</sup>

Operational risk and countercyclical tools.

The OCC intends to collect data for the QIS from banks subject to the Basel II Capital Framework<sup>8</sup> and those subject to the current risk-based capital guidelines (Basel I).<sup>9</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all data would be reported on a consolidated basis. Ideally, banks should include all their assets in this information collection. However, due to data limitations, inclusion of some assets (for example, the portfolio of a minor subsidiary) may not be feasible. Exclusion of such assets is acceptable, as long as the remaining assets are representative of the bank as a whole.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 20.

*Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response:* 234 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 4,680 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the OCC, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the information collection burden;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

#### Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group; Solicitation of Application for Membership

**AGENCY:** Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** FinCEN is inviting the public to nominate financial institutions and trade groups for membership on the Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group. New members will be selected for three-year membership terms.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received by February 24, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications may be mailed (not sent by facsimile) to Regulatory Policy and Programs Division, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183 or e-mailed to: [BSAAG@fincen.gov](mailto:BSAAG@fincen.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer White, Regulatory Outreach Specialist at 202-354-6400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Annunzio-Wylie Anti-Money Laundering Act of 1992 required the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group (BSAAG) consisting of representatives from federal regulatory and law enforcement agencies, financial institutions, and trade groups with members subject to the requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 CFR 103 *et seq.* or Section 6050I of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The BSAAG is the means by which the Secretary receives advice on the operations of the Bank Secrecy Act. As chair of the BSAAG, the Director of FinCEN is responsible for ensuring that relevant issues are placed before the BSAAG for review, analysis, and discussion. Ultimately, the BSAAG will make policy recommendations to the Secretary on issues considered. BSAAG membership is open to financial institutions and trade groups. New members will be selected to serve a three-year term and must designate one individual to represent that member at plenary meetings. In compliance with Executive Order 13490 of January 21, 2009, and White House policy, member

organizations may not designate a representative to participate in BSAAG plenary or subcommittee meetings who is currently registered as a lobbyist pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1603(a).

It is important to provide complete answers to the following items, as applications will be evaluated on the information provided through this application process. Applications should consist of:

- Name of the organization requesting membership
- Point of contact, title, address, e-mail address and phone number
- The BSAAG vacancy for which the organization is applying
- Description of the financial institution or trade group and its involvement with the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 CFR 103 *et seq.*

- Reasons why the organization's participation on the BSAAG will bring value to the group

Based on current BSAAG position openings we encourage applications from the following sectors or types of organizations with experience working on the Bank Secrecy Act:

- State Governments (1 vacancy)
- Industry Trade Groups—Banking (1 vacancy)
- Industry Trade Groups—Casino (1 vacancy)
- Industry Trade Groups—Money Services Businesses (1 vacancy)
- Industry Trade Groups—Precious Metals Stones and Jewels (1 vacancy)
- Industry Trade Groups—State (1 vacancy)
- Industry Representatives—Banking (3 vacancies)
- Industry Representatives—Money Services Businesses (1 vacancy)
- Industry Representatives—Securities/Futures (1 vacancy)

Organizations may nominate themselves, but applications for individuals who are not representing an organization for a vacancy noted above will not be considered. Members must be able and willing to make the necessary time commitment to participate on subcommittees throughout the year by phone and attend biannual plenary meetings held in Washington, DC the second Wednesday of May and October. Members will not be remunerated for their time, services, or travel. In making the selections, FinCEN will seek to complement current BSAAG members in terms of affiliation, industry, and geographic representation. The Director of FinCEN retains full discretion on all membership decisions. The Director may consider prior years' applications when making selections and does not limit consideration to institutions

<sup>7</sup> Basel Committee on Banking and Supervision, *International Framework for liquidity risk measurement, standards and monitoring*, consultative document, December 17, 2009.

<sup>8</sup> See 12 CFR Part 3, Appendix C.

<sup>9</sup> See 12 CFR Part 3, Appendix A.

nominated by the public when making its selection.

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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 (VA) is announcing the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the Capital Grant component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This Notice contains information concerning the program, funding priorities, application process, and amount of funding available.

Applicants who do not require funding for acquisition, renovation or new construction to create new housing for homeless veterans should not respond to this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Per Diem-Only (PDO) funding will not be given under this notice. If your agency is in need of funding for operations-only, your agency should apply under a Grant and Per Diem; PDO Funding Notice.

**DATES:** An original completed and collated capital grant application (plus three completed collated copies) for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in the Grant and Per Diem Field Office, by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on March 31, 2010. 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 due to unanticipated delays, computer service outages (in the case of Grants.gov), or other delivery-related problems.

*For a Copy of the Application Package:* Download directly from VA's Grant and Per Diem Program Web page at: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/> or <http://www.grants.gov/>. Questions should be referred to the Grant and Per

Diem Program at (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334. For a document relating to VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the Final Rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2003.

**Submission of Application:** An original completed and collated grant application (plus three copies) and a cover letter clearly stating under which funding priority (see funding priorities) applicants wish to be considered must be submitted to the following address: VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Field Office, 10770 North 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, FL 33617. Applications must be received in the Grant and Per Diem Field office by the application deadline. This includes applications submitted through Grants.gov. Applications must arrive as a complete package. Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration and may result in the application being rejected or not funded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Chelsea Watson, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10770 North 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, FL 33617, or you may call (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice announces the availability of capital funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program for eligible entities to: (1) Expand existing transitional housing projects; or (2) develop new transitional housing programs. Supportive service centers will not be considered in this NOFA. Funding applied for under the capital grant component may be used for: (1) Remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition or rehabilitation of buildings; (3) new construction; and (4) acquisition of vans (in connection with a new grant and per diem grant project) for outreach to and transportation for homeless veterans. Funding sought under this Notice is authorized by the "Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001," Public Law 107-95, § 5, codified as amended at 38 U.S.C. 2011, 2012, 2013, 2061, 2064. For eligibility criteria please refer to 38 CFR part 61.

Capital grant applicants may not receive assistance to replace funds provided by any State or local government to assist homeless persons. **Note:** Applicants considering the use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits in conjunction with the capital grants in this NOFA should take into account that these tax credits are often used for permanent housing projects. Permanent

housing is not an eligible activity under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. Other issues such as site control, leases for residents, and using the grant funds as a loan may be problematic to applicants even if transitional housing is provided, and upon review and discovery may result in the application being denied.

A proposal for an existing project that seeks to shift its focus by changing the population being served or the precise mix of services being offered is not eligible for consideration. No more than 25 percent of housing and services available in projects funded through this grant program may be provided to clients who are not receiving those services as veterans.

VA is pleased to issue this NOFA for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. The Department expects to award approximately \$24 million under the capital grant component.

Funding available under this NOFA is being offered to help offset the capital expenses of existing State and local governments, Indian Tribal Governments, faith-based and community-based organizations that are capable of creating and providing supported transitional housing for homeless veterans. The District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States, are considered eligible entities under the definition of "State" in the Final Rule, § 61.1 Definitions.

Note, all organizations that are conditionally selected will be requested to submit the second submission portion of the application package. In order to be considered eligible for funding, organizations must demonstrate in the second submission firm commitments to match 35 percent of the total project cost or the difference between the total project cost and what is requested from VA, *whichever is greater*.

Per diem for these programs is requested in the grant application and may be paid at the time of grant project completion. It should be noted that VA per diem payment is limited to the applicant's cost of care per eligible veteran minus other sources of payments to the applicant for furnishing services to homeless veterans up to the per day rate VA pays for State Home Domiciliary care. Awardees will be required to support their request for per diem payment with adequate fiscal documentation as to program income and expenses.

Interested organizations should know that the vast majority of homeless veterans in this country suffer from