

DMVA PROGRAM 48 – 6VETSTRANS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

I. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Highly Rural Transportation Grant (HRTG) is a grant-based program designed to provide veterans living in highly rural areas designated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) with transportation to VA or VA-authorized healthcare facilities, including medical locations covered under the VA/Native Healthcare agreement. This program allocates annual grant funding to the Alaska State Office of Veterans Affairs through a competitive application process. It offers transportation services in five selected Alaska boroughs: Matanuska-Susitna, Kenai Peninsula, Southwest Fairbanks, Prince of Wales-Hyder, and Kodiak Island. The 6VETSTRANS program was declared September 15, 2014. Assistance Listing Number 64.035.

II. PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Only one transport service can be awarded the HRTG per borough, and the five selected boroughs currently receive the maximum award amount of \$50,000 per grant cycle. Each month, the transportation recipients provide a metric system of measurement – a report that includes veteran information, time of travel, length of trip, and the amount reimbursed for travel. The monthly reimbursement is arranged as a pass-through by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Office of Veterans Affairs

III. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SUGGESTED AUDIT PROCEDURES

A. TYPES OF SERVICES ALLOWED AND UNALLOWED -

1. **Compliance Requirements:** The Highly Rural Transportation Grant (HRTG) is set according to Appendix A, 2 CFR Part 200: Uniform Guidance—Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements. During the NOFA grant period, the Federal Detail Budget Worksheet is required for all allowable and unallowable costs requiring a waiver.
2. **Allowable costs**, in general, include the fare, basic repairs, annual DOT insurance, office supplies, a 10% Indirect Cost Rate, passenger escort fare, veteran POV, per diem, meals, stateroom (ferry system), fare collection equipment, computing devices, salary (subject to ceiling), radios, emergency equipment, advertisement, and local conferences fees and lodging, improvement of work and health environment, medical equipment (i.e., masks, hand sanitizer, UV light sanitizer).
3. **Unallowable costs** include a new vehicle without a change of scope, hotel, personal gifts, real property, alcoholic beverages, Lobbying, support for alumni/ae activities, donations, cash, social activities, entertainment costs, dining club, social club, and memberships.

Suggested Audit Procedures: Review approved grant agreement, review Project Worksheets, test expenditure records, and determine the nature of expenditures and the sources of funding for HRTG expenditures.

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- B. ELIGIBILITY** - The auditor is not expected to verify eligibility.
- C. MATCHING, LEVEL OF EFFORT AND/OR EARMARKING REQUIREMENTS -
Compliance Requirement:** All allowable costs are covered 100% by HRTG grant funding.