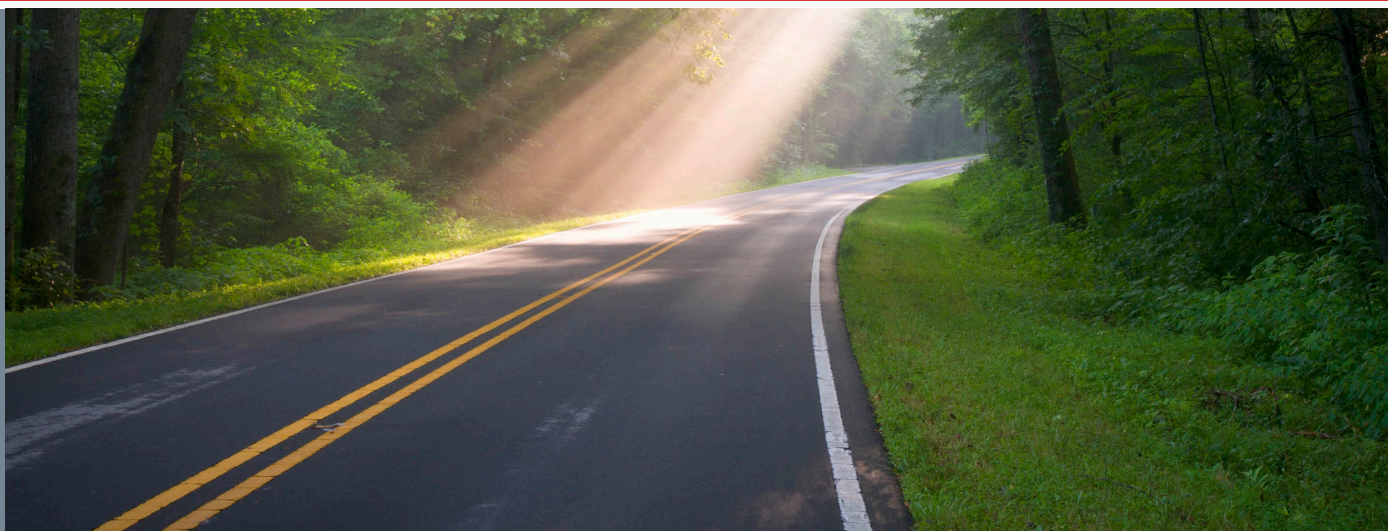


Highly Rural Transportation Grants



The Highly Rural Transportation Grants (HRTG) program is one of three Veterans Transportation Programs (VTPs). VTP offers transportation solutions to eligible Veterans to and from VA or VA Community Care facilities. HRTG focuses on offering grants to qualified organizations that provide innovative transportation services to Veterans who live in highly rural areas and have difficulty obtaining VA health care due to their location.

Did You Know?

- Improving access for highly rural Veterans is one of VA's top priorities.
- A highly rural area is a county with less than seven people per square mile.
- About 25 of the 50 U.S. states have highly rural areas.
- There are approximately 35.3% (2.1 million) of enrolled Veterans live in rural or highly rural areas.
- There are approximately 108,095 highly rural Veterans enrolled in the VHA system. This represents 1.2% of the total enrolled Veteran population.
- Veterans from rural and highly rural areas account for almost 30.5% of the enrolled Veterans who served in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND).
- The main obstacles cited by highly rural Veterans in obtaining VA health care are distance and transportation.
- Of the \$3 million budgeted per fiscal year, the HRTG program provides grants of \$50,000 per grantee, per highly rural area.
- Eligible grantees are limited to State Veterans Service Agencies and Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs).
- Grantees provide innovative transportation services that enable highly rural Veterans to obtain VA medical care.

VETERANS: share your experiences with HRTG providers by calling the customer satisfaction number at toll free **855-488-8445**.

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