

within a specific timeframe (up to 30 points); and

6. An explanation of what uniquely positions the technology grant applicant in the marketplace. This explanation can include a focus on characteristics such as the economic reliability of the technology grant applicant, the technology grant applicant's status as a minority or Veteran-owned business or other characteristics the technology grant applicant wants to include to show how it will help protect the interests of, or further the mission of, VA and the program (up to 20 points).

**B. Review and Selection Process**

Eligible applications will be evaluated by a review panel comprising five VA employees. The review panel will score applications using the scoring criteria provided in Section V(A) and refer to the selecting official those applications that receive a minimum aggregate score of 70. In determining which applications to approve, the selecting official will consider the review panel score, the priorities described in this Notice of Funding Availability; the governing statute, 38 U.S.C. 2108; and the governing regulation, 38 CFR 36.4412. VA Financial Policy, Volume X Grants Management, Chapter 4 Grants Application and Award Process, section 040202.06, <https://www.va.gov/finance/docs/VA-FinancialPolicyVolumeXChapter04.pdf>.

**VI. Award Administration Information**

**A. Award Notices**

Although subject to change, the SAHAT Grant Program Office expects to announce grant recipients by June 8, 2021. Prior to executing any funding agreement, VA will contact successful applicants, make known the amount of proposed funding, and verify the applicant's desire to receive the funding. Any communication between the SAHAT Grant Program Office and successful applicants prior to the issuance of an award notice is not an authorization to begin project activities. Once VA verifies that the grant applicant is still seeking funding, VA will issue a signed and dated award notice. The award notice will be sent by U.S. mail to the organization listed on the SF-424. All applicants will be notified by letter, sent by U.S. mail to the address listed on the SF-424.

**B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

This section is not applicable to the SAHAT Grant Program.

**C. Reporting**

VA places great emphasis on the responsibility and accountability of grantees. Grantees must agree to cooperate with any Federal evaluation of the program and provide the following:

1. Quarterly Progress Reports: These reports will be submitted electronically and outline how grant funds were used, describe program progress and describe any barriers and measurable outcomes. The format for quarterly reporting will be provided to grantees upon grant award.
2. Quarterly Financial Reports: These reports will be submitted electronically using the SF-425-Federal Financial Report.
3. Grantee Closeout Report: This final report will be submitted electronically and will detail the assistive technology developed. The Closeout Report must be submitted to the SAHAT Grant Program Office not later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, December 8, 2022.

**VII. Agency Contact(s)**

For additional general information about this announcement contact the program official: Oscar Hines (Program Manager), Specially Adapted Housing Program, [Oscar.Hines@va.gov](mailto:Oscar.Hines@va.gov), 202-632-8862 (not a toll-free number).

Mailed correspondence, which should not include application material, may be sent to: Loan Guaranty Service, VA Central Office, Attn: Oscar Hines (262), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420.

All correspondence with VA concerning this announcement must reference the funding opportunity title and funding opportunity number listed at the top of this solicitation. Once the announcement deadline has passed, VA staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the application review process has been completed.

**VIII. Other Information**

Section 2108 authorizes VA to provide grants for the development of new assistive technologies through September 30, 2022. Additional information related to the SAHAT Grant Program administered by LGY is

available at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>.

The SAHAT Grant is not a Veterans' benefit. As such, the decisions of the Secretary are final and not subject to the same appeal rights as decisions related to Veterans' benefits. The Secretary does not have a duty to assist technology grant applicants in obtaining a grant.

Grantees will receive payments electronically through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System (PMS). All grant recipients must adhere to PMS user policies.

**IX. Notices of Funding Opportunity**

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's guidance located at 2 CFR part 200, all applicable Federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance, the Federal awarding agency will review and consider applications for funding pursuant to this notice of funding opportunity in accordance with the Guidance for Grants and Agreements in Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations.

**Signing Authority:** Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on March 22, 2021, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2., that the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will conduct a virtual site visit on April 20-April 22, 2021, with the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, St. Petersburg Regional Benefit Office, and Bay Pines National Cemetery in Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida via Webex Events. The meeting sessions will begin and end as follows:

Dates	Times	Location
April 20, 2021 .....	11 a.m.-3 p.m.—Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) .....	See WebEx link and call-in information below.
April 21, 2021 .....	11 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT .....	See WebEx link and call-in information below.
April 22, 2021 .....	11 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT .....	See WebEx link and call-in information below.

This meeting sessions are open to the public. To access the meeting, please use the Webex events link and access codes shown below:

<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/onstage/g.php?PRID=722998c44b7a890eb0272d75c1107023>

April 20, 2021: Access Code: 199 424 8659

April 21, 2021: Access Code: 199 872 5560

April 22, 2021: Access Code: 199 944 8232

Event Password: 1baypines!

Or, to join via phone, call USA Toll Number 1-404-397-1596, enter Access Code.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and

services to minority Veterans; assess the needs of minority Veterans; and evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On Tuesday, April 20, the Committee will receive briefings from the VISN 8 Network Director, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital and Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. On Wednesday, April 21, the Committee will receive briefings from the St. Petersburg Regional Benefits Office and Bay Pines National Cemetery. On Thursday, April 22, the Committee will conduct a virtual town hall meeting from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m., receive Public Comments from

1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. and conduct the Leadership Exit Briefing.

Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1-2-page summary of their comments no later than April 9, 2021 for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Juanita Mullen, at [Juanita.Mullen@va.gov](mailto:Juanita.Mullen@va.gov). Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Mullen or Mr. Dwayne Campbell (202) 461-6191.

Dated: March 23, 2021.

**Jelessa M. Burney,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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