

objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the temporary exhibition of the objects at National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, from on or about April 28, 1996, to on or about August 18, 1996, is in the national interest.

Public notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before May 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VHA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VHA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: None Assigned.

Title and Form Number: Army Chemical Corps Vietnam Veterans Health Study, VA Form 10-20998(NR).

Type of Review: New collection.

Need and Uses: VA researchers will use the proposed study data to determine whether there are indications that veterans of the Army Chemical Corps and their families suffer from illnesses at higher or unusual rates than non-Vietnam era Army Chemical Corps veterans and their families. The relationship between health outcomes and possible exposure to herbicides will also be evaluated. If the information for the study is not collected, VA will not be able to do the study and will have failed to comply with the intent of Congress when Public Law 102-4, the "Agent Orange Act of 1991", was enacted. In addition, the results of the study will be valuable to VA in formulating compensation and medical benefits policies for veterans of the Vietnam War.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 325 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 650.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-8266 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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

DATES: An original completed grant application (plus three copies) for assistance under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in Mental Health and

Behavioral Sciences Services, Washington, DC, by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on April 29, 1996. 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 brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

FOR A COPY OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE CONTACT: Veterans Industries, 10770 N. 46th Street (A 400), Tampa, FL, 33617-3465; (813) 228-2871 (this is not a toll-free call). For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700. Funds made available through this Notice are subject to those regulations.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: An original completed grant application (plus three copies) must be submitted to the following address: Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service (111C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Applications must be received in Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service by the application deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Hayes, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service (111C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; (202) 565-7313 or (202) 565-7235 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice announces the availability of funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This program is authorized by Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992. Funding applied for under this Notice may be used for: (1) Expansion, remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition of buildings, acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; (3) new construction; and (4) procurement of vans. Applicants must have established supportive housing or supportive services programs after November 10, 1992. Applicants may apply for more than one type of assistance.

Applicants interested in applying for per diem payments, or in-kind assistance through VA in lieu of per diem payments, need only submit Request for Recognition of Eligibility. Requirements for receiving per diem

payments are specified at 38 CFR §§ 17.715-17.723.

Grant applicants may not receive assistance to replace funds provided by any state or local government to assist homeless persons. For existing projects, VA will fund only the portion of the project that will establish new programs, or new components of existing program. A proposal for an existing project that seeks to shift its focus by changing the population to be served or the precise mix of services to be offered is not eligible for consideration. No more than 25 percent of services available in projects funded through this grant program may be provided to clients who are not receiving those services as veterans.

Authority. VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is authorized by Sections 3 and 4 of Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service

Programs Act of 1992 (38 USC 7721 note) and has been extended through fiscal year 1997 by Public Law 104-110. The program is implemented by the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700 as amended by the final rule published in the Federal Register on February 27, 1995. The funds made available under this Notice are subject to the requirements of those regulations.

Allocation. Approximately \$6.0 million is available for the grant and per diem components of this program.

Application Requirements. The specific grant application requirements will be specified in the application package. The package includes all required forms and certifications. Conditional selections will be made based on criteria described in the application. Applicants who are conditionally selected will be notified of the additional information needed to confirm or clarify information provided in the application. Applicants will then

have one month to submit such information. If an applicant is unable to meet any conditions for grant award within the specified time frame, VA reserves the right to not award funds and to use the funds available for other components of the Grant and Per Diem Program.

Dated: March 8, 1996.
 Jesse Brown,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
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Medical Research Merit Review Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., of the following meetings to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee for	Date	Location
Endocrinology	March 18-19, 1996	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology	March 18-20, 1996	Holiday Inn Central.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics	March 22, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Surgery	March 23-24, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Hematology	March 28-29, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Alcoholism and Drug Dependence	March 29, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Immunology	April 1-2, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Oncology	April 1-2, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Nephrology	April 2-3, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Cardiovascular Studies	April 9-10, 1996	Holiday Inn Central.
General Medical Science	April 12-13, 1996	Holiday Inn Central.
Gastroenterology	April 18-19, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Respiration	April 19-20, 1996	Renaissance Hotel.
Infectious Diseases	April 22-23, 1996	Holiday Inn Central.
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences	April 25-26, 1996	Holiday Inn Central.
Medical Research Service Merit Committee	June 5, 1996	Holiday Inn Central.

Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005, Renaissance Hotel, 999-9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

Because of the extended federal government shutdown during the preparation phase of this cycle of Merit Review meetings and consequent delay in obtaining the necessary funds to proceed with obtaining adequate hotel accommodations for meetings during a time of the year when hotel accommodations are very limited, the required 15-day notification of meetings could not be met for the first four subcommittee meetings listed above.

These meetings will be for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in each specialty by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigators working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

These meetings will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the rooms at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. All of the Merit Review Subcommittee meetings will be closed

to the public after approximately one hour from the start for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in

accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Because of the limited seating capacity of the rooms, those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Leroy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 565-5942, at least five days prior to each meeting. Minutes of the meetings and rosters of the members of the Subcommittees may be obtained from this source.

Dated: March 7, 1996.
 By Direction of the Secretary,
 Heyward Bannister,
Committee Management Officer.
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