

Operational Call Highlights
September 8, 2008
VA Grant/Per Diem (GPD) Program

- The 2008 capital grants are not yet announced. VA expects to announce these awards sometime before the end of the fiscal year.
- Inspections of programs will be conducted January through March of 2009. Please review your current grant application, especially the program plan, goals and objectives. The inspections will include a review of progress on these items.
- Please make sure that all correspondence with the GPD office includes the project number. This is also applicable to emails sent to the GPD office.
- After 3 years from the date of the capital award, VA will review the progress and feasibility of your project. VA has the ability to withdraw funding at this point. After 5 years from the date of award, grant funding is returned to the US Treasury. VA can not intervene in funds returning to the Treasury.
- HUD/VASH is a collaborative between VA and HUD to establish permanent housing for homeless veterans. This initiative is separate and distinct from the GPD Program.
- Programs should begin coordinating (if not done previously) with their designated city, county, or state Emergency Management Coordinator to establish an organizational plan that is in-line with the area emergency response. VA will begin reviewing disaster plans of operational programs in the near future. Further guidance will be forthcoming.
- The next call is scheduled for November 10, 2008 at 3:00 Eastern Time. You will receive a fax reminder of the call and the dial-in number.