



Maximizing Capital Grant Opportunities for Existing GPD Providers

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VA CAPITAL GRANT NOFO

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NEW! Capital Notice Of Funding Opportunity:

On March 11, 2021, GPD published a Capital grant NOFO on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) announcing the availability of approximately \$50 million in CARES Act funding for the renovation, acquisition or construction of GPD transitional housing to improve personal safety for Veterans, reduce risks associated with close quarters living and increase the availability of individual unit style transitional housing. For purposes of this NOFO, eligible applicants are current GPD Per Diem Only (PDO) transitional housing grantees.

[Notice Of Funding Opportunity](#) 

[NOFO Overview and Webinar Recording](#) 

[Capital NOFO FAQs](#) 

[Office Hours Q&A Session](#)  (recorded 3/26/21)

[Capital Budget Template Sample](#) 

Available at va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp



BRIEF OVERVIEW OF GRANT COMPONENTS

\$50 Million is available for current Per Diem Only Grantees to:

Purchase, build, or renovate existing GPD beds from congregate beds into private bedroom and bathroom units (in same VAMC catchment area.)

Grants are capped at \$50,000 per bed (maximum \$2.5 Million per grantee).

Normal match requirement is waived for this grant, along with OMB real property disposition requirements.

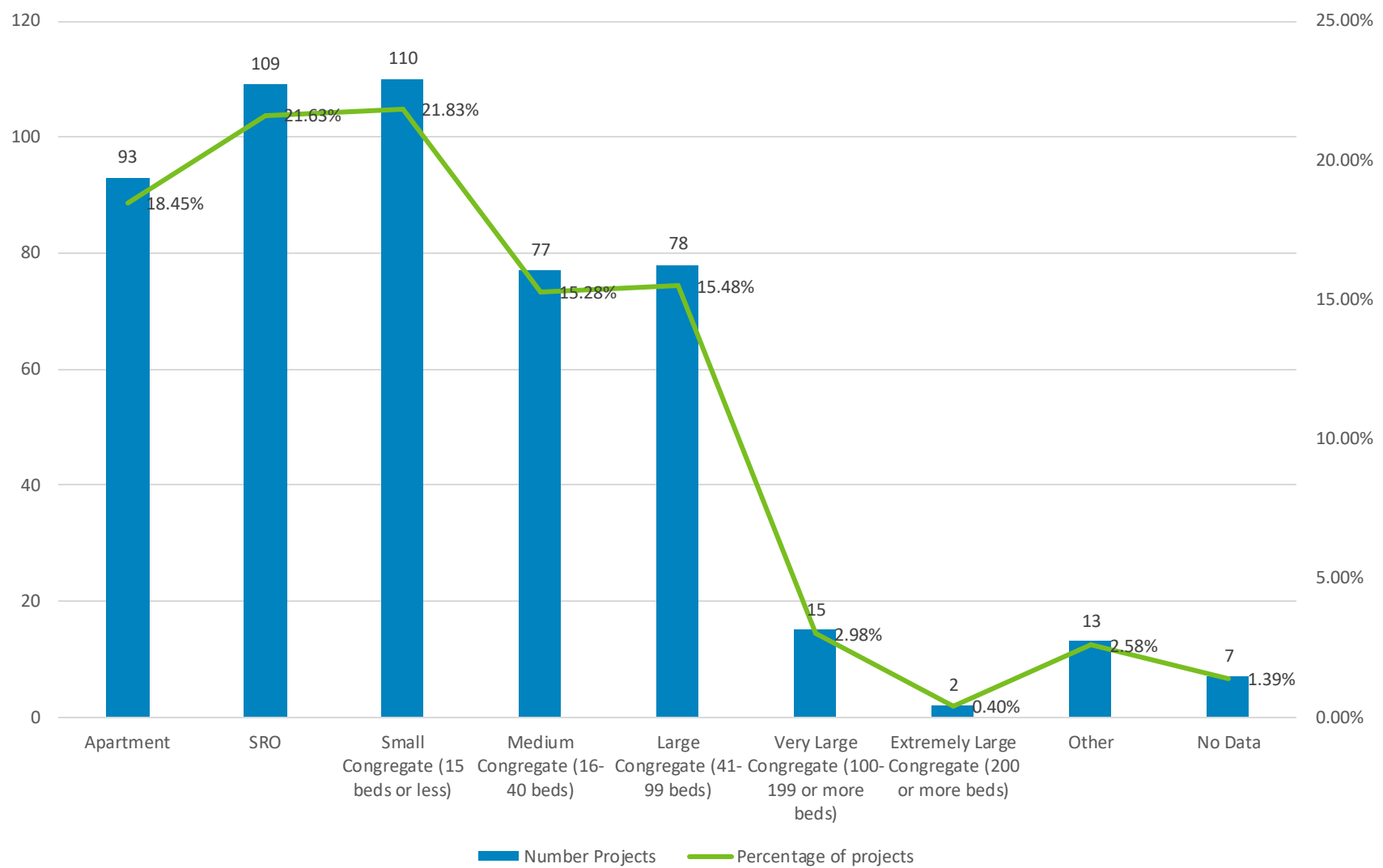
Once awarded, grantees can draw down expenses starting on Oct 1, 2021 & have 24 months during which to bring new space online.

Applications must be received by May 25, 2021 at 4pm EST.

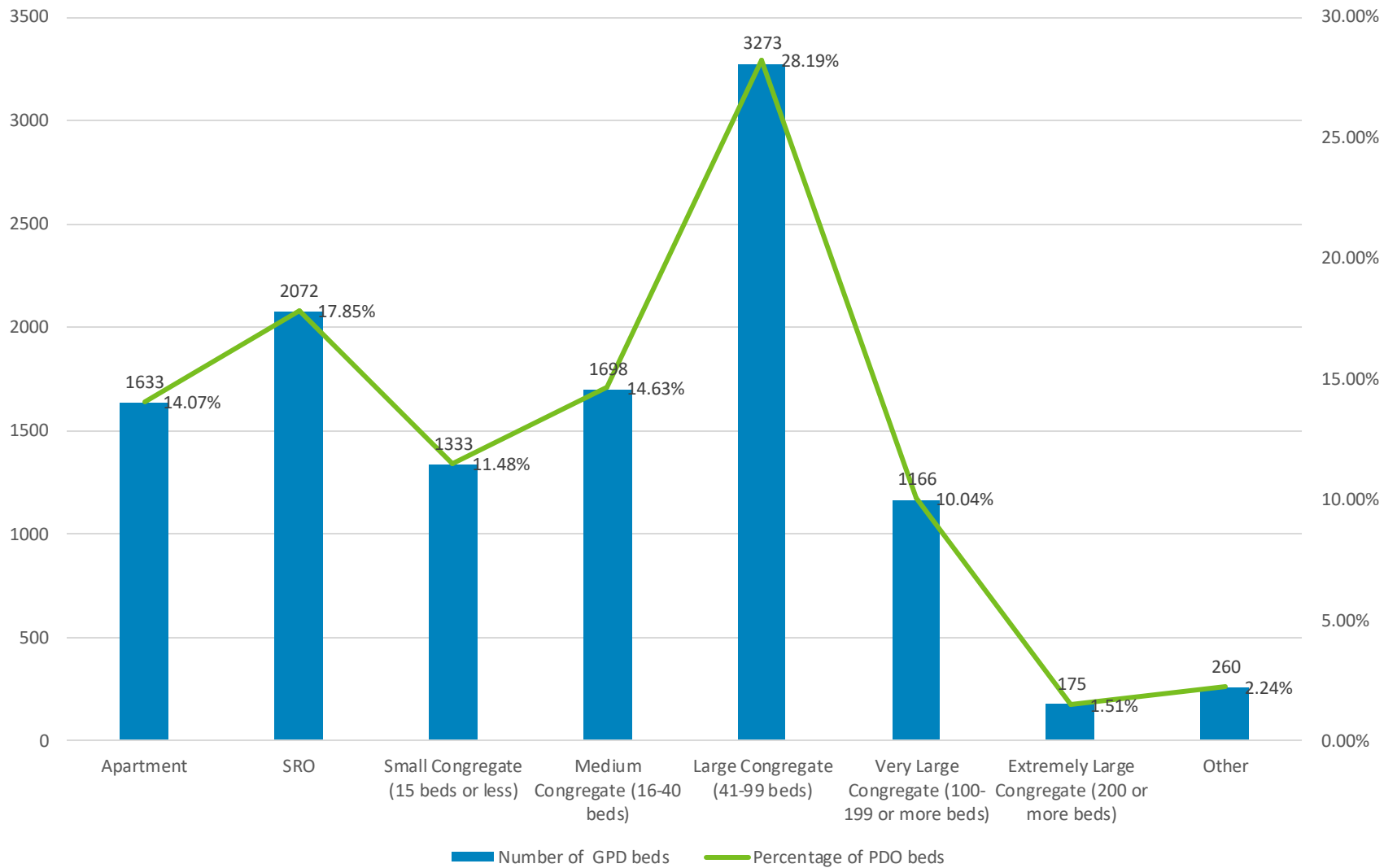
GPD Capital Grant Opportunity

- GPD Capital Grant NOFO provides opportunity to reduce shared living space within our transitional housing portfolio
- Reduces public health risk associated with shared living space for vulnerable Veterans
- Approximately 56% of GPD Per Diem Only project locations are in shared living arrangements
- Approximately 66% of all GPD PDO beds are in shared living arrangements

GPD Project Locations by Configuration



Distribution of GPD Beds by Configuration



HOW DOES THIS FIT INTO BROAD HOMELESS & HOUSING POLICY?

- Realities of operating congregate facilities during a pandemic;
- Ongoing national debate surrounding the compatibility of transitional housing for special populations with the overall systems orientation of housing first;
- Shift to usage of hotel/motels in certain communities for transitional housing;
- Need to continue providing appropriate levels of key GPD services to meet the needs of veterans desiring transitional housing to exit homelessness.

5 REASONS YOUR ORGANIZATION SHOULD APPLY

- Veterans deserve the dignity that more individual housing offers them as they seek services to exit homelessness
- COVID highlighted infection control challenges in congregate settings
- Improves your ability to safely serve populations like women, transgender & nonbinary veterans
- Certain veterans may benefit from greater privacy, making your facility more attractive to veterans who can choose whether to enter GPD or accept other forms of assistance
- Enhanced facilities may make your applications more competitive for future PDO rounds as the Federal Government shifts its priorities re: the physical plant on transitional housing



LAYERING GPD CAPITAL GRANTS WITH HUD'S HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

- \$5 billion in American Rescue Plan funds allocated through HOME
- Permitted activities include development of affordable housing, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.
 - New HOME allocations allow for acquisition and development of existing shelter units, which can be converted to non-congregate shelter units or permanent affordable housing
 - Can use HOME on portion or all of the units
 - Minimum/maximum per unit award amounts vary by jurisdiction
 - Length of the affordability period depends on the amount of HOME assistance to the project and the type of activity funded



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To access: contact managing agency to clarify usability questions and NOFA posting date, attend educational webinar for interested applicants hosted by managing agency, apply for funding by closing date

- 651 grantees, including states, insular areas, and local governments ([list](#))
- Use [this](#) link to identify managing agency for areas listed
- Check with local managing agency to see if they have applied for waivers for their administration of the HOME program (including how funds can be used and how quickly funds must be spent)



QUESTIONS?

- Please submit questions via the chat box
- GPD Program staff will answer as many questions as possible today
- Any unanswered, highly technical, or “unique to your program/prior capital grant” questions can be emailed to gpdgrants@va.gov