VA

State Home Construction Grant Program

National Historic Preservation Act

Draft Nationwide Programmatic Agreement

October 6-8, 2025

Choose VA

Government-to-Government

VA acknowledges that consultation is a two-way, government-to-government exchange.

VA HPO staff will meet with any Tribal or Native Hawaiian leader or their Section 106 contacts that request a private or one-on-one meeting or discussion concerning the proposed nPA.

Please email historicpreservation@va.gov to arrange.

Introductions

Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls

Purpose of Meeting

Review Stipulation VI and the list in Appendix B of the draft nPA

Review Stipulations VI.c.i.4 and VIII

Open discussion of the draft nPA

Next Steps

Stipulation VI

- Stipulation VI of the draft nPA exempts certain SVH Program Undertakings from further review when specific criteria are met:
  - No ground disturbance is required OR a records check has determined the area was tested within the last ten years, is disturbed, or does not have high probability to retain archaeological deposits.
  - The building was constructed after 1985 OR has been determined not historic through consultation in the past ten years.
- VA proposes to consult using standard Section 106 consultation when the above criteria are not met.
- VA would consult using Standard Section 106 for:
  - Building demolitions
  - Bed replacement projects (new construction)

Southern Nevada State Veterans Home
Boulder City

Tucson Veterans Home, Arizona

Appendix B

- SAFETY - Safety Systems Installations, Upgrades, and Replacements:
  - Staff notifications for emergencies or requests for assistance
  - Handrails / guardrails
  - Security Systems
  - Infection Control Devices
  - Legionella control measures
- REMODEL or ALTERATIONS - Infrastructure Installations, Upgrades, and Replacements:
  - Mold remediation / lead-based paint abatement
  - Roof replacement
  - Window replacement
  - Door replacement (interior and exterior)
  - Technology
  - Infrastructure
  - Interior Space Remodels (kitchens, laundry, bedrooms, halls, common rooms/communal spaces, lounges, staff workrooms:
  - Appliances, equipment, and furniture
  - Temporary storage facilities such as trailers
  - Landscaping

High Probability for Archaeological Deposits

- Stipulation VI.c.i.4
  - If the land is not considered to have a *high probability* for archaeological historic properties by a SOI qualified professional based on professional expertise, familiarity with the area, and similar geomorphology elsewhere.

Stipulation VIII

- VA is the grantor of funds, not the agency responding to a disaster or emergency.
- When a grant is requested in response to an emergency or disaster, VA would apply the provisions of Stipulation VI. If not exempted, VA would utilize the 7-day comment period.
- VA expects that under emergency circumstances, some grants will be reimbursements for undertakings that have already taken place.
- In the event of a formal declaration of a disaster or emergency that is ongoing, such as a pandemic, ACHP would afford VA an extension of up to 90 days for response.

Bill Nicholls State Veterans Home, Alabama

Discussion

Next Steps

VA will accept comments through October 17, 2025.

VA will review and consider all comments provided.

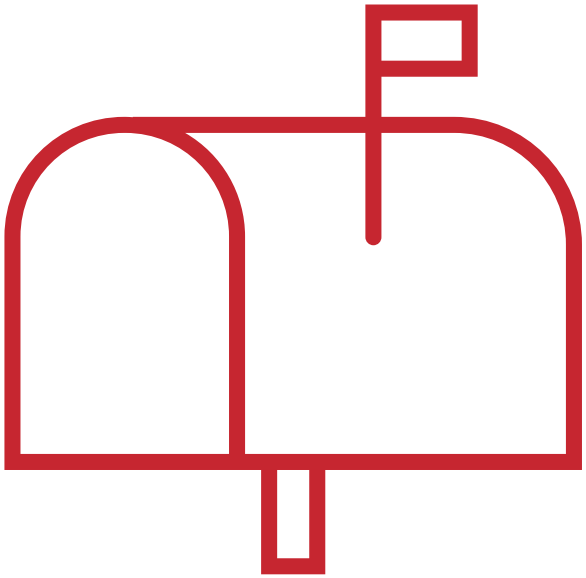
VA will distribute comments and a response matrix and post these materials to the VA HPO website.

VA will then revise the draft nPA.

Continued Engagement

- Website - https://www.cfm.va.gov/historic/ProposedProgramAlternatives.asp

- Email – historicpreservation@va.gov



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