

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

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Applicant Information

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Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization

El Dorado Post 119, American Legion

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**

4561 Greenstone Road

City	Placerville
State	CA
Zip Code	95667
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	https://www.legionpost119.org/
Attach your organization's logo.	
Grant contact name	David Zelinsky
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Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Lauralee Flannery
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Lauralee Flannery, Commander
Sam Ferguson, Adjutant
Grace Parmelee, Finance Officer

Year Incorporated	10/29/1937
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	100.00

Mission Statement

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America To maintain law and order To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all Wars To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community state and nation To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses To make right the master of might To promote peace and goodwill on earth To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice freedom and

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Exemption Letter 2.pdf

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Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

El Dorado Post 119, American Legion, Service Officer Emergency Response grant

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

David Zelinsky, Service Officer, has served over 1450 Veterans over a period of over 12 years. Many of those Veterans have been served numerous times. At least half are homeless, at risk of homelessness, involved in criminal justice, mentally ill, or addicted to alcohol or substances. The other half have middle class problems, which might involve fixing a plumbing leak, septic leech field, or fixing a car, for which the Veteran is short of funds.

Historically, the two main drivers have been shelter and transportation, but could involve supplies, food, or clothing. It is hard to anticipate every emergency that may materialize. It could be arranging a tow, or buying a slice of pizza for the Veteran while his windshield is being repaired.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 20000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado county. Often help out in Tahoe even though located on West slope.

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

All of the emergency needs of Veterans in El Dorado county.

Examples:

Three nights in a motel while homeless Veteran recovers from surgery.

Paying community fee for blind Veteran to move into board and care.

Clearing back DMV registration so that homeless Veteran can take title to his "free" car.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

I used up last year's 12 month, \$20,000 grant in seven months. That included leveraging other Collaborative partners and their money.

Spending it wisely will not be a problem.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

The need is eternal and ongoing.

while filling out this form, I received a phone call from Commander Tom Millham, Legion Post 795, Tahoe, requesting help paying for a night in a motel for a Veteran and her dog. Veteran has been living in her car for about 3.5 years.

Waiting for a plumbing bill from Conforti plumbing for a Veteran and his wife, living in a trailer in Grizzly Flat. Caldor victims.

Raised \$5500 towards an \$11,000 septic leech field issue for 100% service connected Veteran and his wife in Pollock Pines. But deck, and entry are not safe.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.**

In order to meet the needs of our Veterans, those who signed a blank check on their lives for our country, the American Legion is well suited.

Our Post has active groups that incorporate the families of Veterans, as well as Veterans themselves, such as our Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders.

Service Officer Zelinsky is an official volunteer for the El Dorado County Department of Veteran Services, covering the needs of Veterans in the criminal justice system. Just today, Zelinsky discussed two cases with the social worker for the Public Defender's office reviewing treatment options, and unique circumstances in each case. Sunday, Zelinsky was interviewing a Marine in custody, and got paperwork signed and handed over to the county Veterans office.

Having served over 1450 Veterans over 12 years Service Officer Zelinsky has a lot of experience to bring to bear on each situation that arises. Zelinsky also is a good collaborator, working closely with parole agents, probation officers, the district attorney's office, public defender, alternate public defender, VA social workers, VFW, other Legion Posts, local FRA and DAV, Military Family Support Group, Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless, Only Kindness and Housing El Dorado. Zelinsky also works well with many faith based groups, for example using Puoneer Bible Church as a social service entity to serve South county Veterans as the need arises. Zelinsky is also Service Officer for the SSgt.Sky Mote, Detachment 697, Marine Corps League.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Based on the prior grant cycle, the funding will go out fairly quickly and easily.

Note that although one Veteran presented legitimate needs of \$22,000 of repairs needed on his home for safety, only one thousand was funded, since it is a goal to serve as many Veterans as possible. Recently a \$270 cell phone repair was turned down. The Veteran has been provided another, free, cell phone, and while he wanted his better phone repaired, most of his needs could be met with the free phone.

The point is that the goal is to be wise stewards of the funds, and not to be in a rush to get the money out, just to get the money out. Enough needs will arise to get it all spent within the year.

So getting the money out within 12 months is a milestone. The number of Veterans served will be much higher than the ones on whom money is spent. Helping a Veteran get fire safe with the El Dorado county Fire Safe Council is another Veteran served, but costs no TOT funds.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

A life lesson I have learned, perhaps the epitaph on my tombstone:

We are all going to die. When you save a life, it is only for the moment. Do it anyway.

That is based on working with the H.O.T. team, VA, and Commissioner Todd Smith, on saving a homeless Veteran's life. We all received county honors. The next year that Veteran checked herself out of the hospital against doctor's orders, and died.

Measurable outcomes:

He was hungry. He got fed.

He was unhoused. Sheltered through the storm.

He could not get to his medical appointments. Vehicle is fixed.

How will the objectives be measured?

There is almost always 100% customer satisfaction. It is extremely rare to receive negative feed back. Way less than 1%.

As I said, were their stated needs, and their underlying needs met? Even if not fully met, almost always the Veterans are grateful for any help they receive.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 100

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 100

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Normally, through the El Dorado county Department of Veteran Services. Weekends and nights are tough. If there is a medical emergency, and Mather ER takes them, that is proof. VA social workers will also confirm. EDVR has a database that is growing of confirmed Veterans, confirmed by the county. If the Veteran produces a DD-214, VA health care card, or a Veteran designation of their driver's license, that can work. Calling 877-222-8387, VA healthcare enrollment can help, particularly for weekday street ministry.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

Numerous lives are improved. More than once, Vetetans have reported back to me that the interventions saved their lives.

Usually, the aid is existential. It might only be a tank of gas, but it might be what they need to get to Victory Village in Jackson. Once the county asked me to pay \$1400 of rent NOW. The Veteran and his wife were going to be evicted NOW. The rent was paid, life choices and options were discussed, and they are now good to go.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

Hoping for 100% customer satisfaction. Even the Marine whose phone I did not fix, is grateful. Helped him to get into Victory Village. He and his family were being evicted. They are now housed and fed, at VA expense, for the duration.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

This program has continued since before TOT funds, and will continue thereafter. The American Legion currently provides a \$3000 annual budget, and the Service Officer will not be shy about asking for more. Small and medium sized donations are being offered from the community. The need will continue, and so will the desire of the community to take care of its Veterans.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	\$ 3000
Fundraising revenue	\$ 0
Total Revenue	\$ 23000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 0
Travel and meetings	\$ 0
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 0
Other	\$ 23000
Total Expenditures	\$ 23000

Budget Narrative

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Emergency response, \$23,000.

Details are unknowable, as they are covered by the fog of war, but based on experience, primarily housing, such as rent, repairs, utilities, emergency motel stays. Also transportation, such as DMV, transmission repairs, insurance, DUI classes required by DMV. There may be helping the Veteran with court ordered costs, such as attending a domestic violence class. It could be helping an indigent family pay for back to school supplies.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

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January 11, 2011

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF EL DORADO COUNTY
P.O. BOX 863
PLACERVILLE CA 95667
CT FILE NUMBER: CT0168061
SUBJECT: EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION

Based upon information received, we have determined that this organization is not subject to the registration and reporting provisions of the Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act (Government Code section 12580, et seq.), because it is organized and operated primarily as:

1. An organization that does not hold funds or assets in trust for charitable purposes.

Although we have determined that the captioned organization is not subject to the filing, registration and reporting provisions of the Act, the organization is still subject to all other provisions. (See Government Code sections 12583 and 12588.) Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code instructions for filers of IRS Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust Treated as a Private Foundation, the foundation managers "must furnish a copy of Form 990-PF and Form 4720 (if applicable) to the attorney general of:

- Each state required to be listed in Part VII-A, line 8a;
- The state in which the foundation's principal office is located; and
- The state in which the foundation was incorporated or created.

A copy of the annual return must be sent to the attorney general at the same time the annual return is filed with the IRS." An exemption from filing, registration and reporting to the Attorney General has no bearing on jurisdiction of other government agencies, such as Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, or the California Secretary of State. Please review the *Guide for Charities* posted on our website at www.ag.ca.gov/charities for additional information.

NOTE: Returning check #759.

Sincerely,

Staff Services Analyst
Registry of Charitable Trusts

For **KAMALA D. HARRIS**
Attorney General

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Legal Name of Organization Growlersburg VFW POST 9241

Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO Box

VFW Post 9241 PO BOX 649

City	Georgetown
State	CA
Zip Code	95634
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	www.vfwcampgrowlersburg.com
Attach your organization's logo.	
Grant contact name	Tracy Wilson
Grant contact email address	[REDACTED]
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Tracy Wilson
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]
Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.	

Tracy Wilson, Commander
Charles Wilson, Quartermaster
Mike Macis, Senior Vice
Stephen Royal, Junior Vice

Year Incorporated	1947
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	15.00
Mission Statement	

"That the purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies."

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VFW Canteen Modernization Project
Building Veteran Community Spaces

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

The VFW Canteen Modernization Project is designed to revitalize a vital gathering space that serves as the heart of connection, support, and camaraderie for local veterans and their families. We are requesting funding to replace outdated and worn tables, chairs, cabinets, and flooring in the canteen, creating a safer, more welcoming, and functional environment that honors the service and sacrifice of our veteran community.

The VFW canteen is more than a social space—it is a hub for community-building activities, peer support, resource sharing, and events that promote veteran wellness and reduce social isolation. However, the current furnishings and flooring are aged, in varying states of disrepair, no longer meet the needs of our growing community, pose safety risks, and detract from the dignity of the space. This project will provide durable, comfortable seating, accessible table arrangements, cabinetry for storage, and updated flooring that improves safety, cleanliness, and overall usability.

The upgrades will allow us to better host community events, veteran programs, and outreach efforts that directly benefit those who have served. By investing in this modernization effort, we are strengthening a trusted community resource that fosters connection, promotes well-being, and creates a space where veterans feel respected and valued. The improvements will have a lasting impact, ensuring the canteen remains a welcoming and functional

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 20000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

The Divide's historic towns: Georgetown, Greenwood, Garden Valley, Pilot Hill, Camino, Cool, Quintette

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

The VFW canteen serves as a central gathering space for veterans, their families, and the broader community, providing opportunities for connection, peer support, and access to programs that promote wellness and reduce social isolation. Many veterans, particularly older and rural veterans, face challenges such as loneliness, limited access to resources, and a lack of safe, welcoming environments where they can build relationships and find support. Currently, the canteen's aging tables, chairs, cabinetry, and flooring are in varying states of disrepair. These conditions create safety concerns, limit accessibility, and reduce the functionality of the space. Worn flooring presents potential trip hazards, while unstable or outdated furniture restricts the ability to host events and accommodate veterans comfortably.

The overall condition of the facility no longer reflects the level of respect and dignity our veterans deserve. There is a clear and ongoing need for a safe, functional, and inviting community space where veterans can gather, participate in programs, and access informal peer support. Improving the physical environment directly supports increased participation, enhances program delivery, and strengthens community engagement.

By addressing these facility deficiencies, this project will remove barriers to participation, improve safety and accessibility, and create a space that fosters connection, belonging, and well-being. Ultimately, the project supports the broader need to ensure that veterans in our community have a reliable, respectful, and supportive environment dedicated to their service and continued quality of life.

**Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for
VETERANS in El Dorado County.**

El Dorado County has a significantly higher veteran population than both the state and national averages, underscoring a strong and ongoing need for dedicated veteran services and community spaces. Approximately 10,500-12,000 veterans live in El Dorado County, representing about 6.8%-7.8% of the total population, compared to just 4% statewide and 5.9% nationally.

This means the county has over 1.5 times the concentration of veterans compared to California overall, highlighting a disproportionate demand for veteran-focused programs, facilities, and support networks. In addition, El Dorado County has a notably large population of Vietnam-era veterans, who make up the largest service group in the region. These veterans are now aging and are more likely to experience social isolation, mobility challenges, and increased need for accessible, safe community environments.

Rural and semi-rural conditions in El Dorado County further amplify this need. With a population spread across a large geographic area, many veterans face limited access to centralized services, transportation barriers, and fewer opportunities for regular social engagement. Community-based gathering spaces like VFW canteens play a critical role in bridging these gaps.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

The VFW Canteen Modernization Project directly addresses the demonstrated need for safe, accessible, and welcoming community spaces for veterans in El Dorado County by improving the physical environment where connection, support, and programming occur. With a higher-than-average veteran population—many of whom are aging and face increased risks of social isolation—there is a critical need for spaces that are both functional and inviting.

By replacing worn and unstable tables and chairs, installing safe, durable flooring, and adding functional cabinetry, this project will remove existing safety hazards and significantly improve accessibility for veterans with mobility challenges. Updated furnishings and layout will allow the space to better accommodate gatherings, support group meetings, and community events that foster peer connection and engagement.

The improved environment will enhance the VFW's ability to host programs that promote veteran wellness, provide informal peer support, and connect individuals to local resources. A clean, well-maintained, and respectful space also encourages increased participation, particularly among veterans who may currently feel discouraged from attending due to the condition of the facility. Additionally, investing in durable, commercial-grade materials ensures long-term usability and sustainability, allowing the canteen to continue serving as a reliable hub for years to come. By strengthening this central gathering space, the project directly supports the broader need to reduce isolation, improve quality of life, and ensure veterans in the community have a place where they feel valued, respected, and connected.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the
program/project that funding is being requested for.**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of veterans in El Dorado County as our core mission is to support advocate for and foster camaraderie among those who have served. Our organization exists to ensure that veterans have access to resources a strong support network and a welcoming environment where they can connect with others who share similar experiences. The VFW canteen serves as the heart of our local post and is a primary location where this mission is carried out It is the space where veterans gather for peer support community events outreach programs and informal connections that are critical to reducing isolation and promoting overall well-being. Through regular activities community engagement and partnerships with local organizations we consistently provide opportunities for veterans to stay connected and supported.

Our organization has a proven track record of serving the veteran community through ongoing programs volunteer leadership and responsible stewardship of resources. We actively fundraise collaborate with community partners and maintain programs that directly benefit veterans and their families. The proposed Canteen Modernization Project directly aligns with our mission by strengthening the physical space where these vital services and connections occur. By improving safety accessibility and functionality we are enhancing our ability to serve a growing and aging veteran population more effectively With an established presence in the community dedicated leadership and a clear mission focused on veteran well-being the VFW is well-equipped to successfully implement this project and ensure it delivers lasting impact for

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Grant Timeline & Major Milestones The VFW Canteen Modernization Project will be completed within a 12-month period following receipt of funds, with a structured timeline to ensure efficient implementation and minimal disruption to ongoing programs.

Month 1-2: Planning & Procurement Finalize measurements, layout, and project sequencing Obtain quotes and select vendors Order tables, chairs, and flooring materials Develop installation schedule

Month 3-4: Phase 1 - Tables Replacement Remove and dispose of outdated tables Receive and assemble new tables Arrange layout to improve accessibility and functionality

Month 5-6: Phase 2 - Chairs Replacement Remove and dispose of worn seating Receive and set up new chairs Ensure adequate seating capacity and comfort for veterans

Month 7-9: Phase 3 - Flooring Installation Clear space and temporarily relocate furniture Remove existing flooring and prepare subfloor Install new durable, slip-resistant flooring Reinstall furniture with improved layout Month 10: Final Setup & Safety Review Conduct safety and accessibility checks Make final adjustments to layout and usability

Month 11-12: Program Activation & Evaluation Resume full programming and community events Monitor usage and gather feedback from veterans Evaluate project impact and long-term sustainability

Project Completion: All major improvements will be completed within 9-10 months, with remaining time dedicated to full utilization and evaluation, ensuring compliance with the one-year funding requirement.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

Measurable Objectives Within 12 months of funding, the VFW Canteen Modernization Project will complete key facility upgrades, including replacing 100% of outdated tables and chairs with durable, commercial-grade furnishings, installing new slip-resistant flooring, and adding functional cabinetry. All improvements will meet safety and accessibility standards. The project will increase veteran participation by at least 20% within six months of completion and support 2-4 veteran-focused events per month. Safety will be enhanced by eliminating trip hazards, improving mobility access, and achieving zero safety incidents related to furniture or flooring. Veteran experience will be evaluated through feedback, with a goal of 80% or higher satisfaction regarding comfort, safety, and overall environment. The upgraded canteen will remain in consistent use as a central hub for programs, peer support, and community engagement, with all improvements actively utilized for at least 12 months following completion.

How will the objectives be measured?

These measurement methods ensure accountability, demonstrate impact, and provide clear evidence that the project is meeting the needs of the veteran community.

Facility Improvements: Completion will be verified through purchase records, installation receipts, and before-and-after documentation. A final walkthrough will confirm that all tables, chairs, cabinetry, and flooring have been fully installed and meet safety and accessibility standards.

Participation & Usage: Attendance logs will be maintained for canteen events and gatherings to track changes in participation. Monthly comparisons before and after project completion will be used to measure the targeted 20% increase in attendance. Event frequency will also be tracked to ensure 2-4 veteran-focused activities per month are consistently held.

Safety & Accessibility: Safety improvements will be assessed through internal inspections and incident tracking. The goal of zero safety incidents related to furniture or flooring will be monitored through ongoing reporting and observation.

Veteran Satisfaction: Feedback will be collected through informal surveys, comment cards, and direct input from members. Responses will be reviewed to achieve at least 80% positive feedback regarding comfort, safety, and usability of the space.

Sustained Use: Ongoing use of the canteen will be documented through event scheduling, attendance records, and program continuity over a 12-month period.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 175

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 75

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Verification of Veteran Status The VFW will verify veteran status using established eligibility and documentation standards to ensure all veterans served through this project meet qualifying criteria, while also recognizing the role of Auxiliary members in supporting the veteran community. Primary verification will occur through VFW and Auxiliary membership records. VFW members are required to provide proof of honorable military service (such as a DD214 or qualifying service records) during the membership process. Auxiliary members are eligible through their relationship to a qualified veteran and are verified through the VFW Auxiliary membership system. For non-member participants utilizing the canteen or attending programs, veteran status will be verified through one of the following: DD214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) Department of Defense-issued identification card Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) and CA DMV records that show veteran status.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The VFW Canteen Modernization Project will have a meaningful and lasting impact on veterans in El Dorado County by creating a safer, more accessible, and welcoming environment that supports connection, engagement, and overall well-being. By upgrading tables, chairs, cabinetry, and flooring, the project will eliminate safety hazards and improve accessibility for veterans of all ages and abilities, particularly those with mobility challenges. A modernized and comfortable space will encourage increased participation, with an anticipated 20% growth in attendance at events and gatherings. The improved environment will strengthen the canteen's role as a central hub for peer support, community-building, and veteran-focused programming. Veterans who may currently feel isolated or hesitant to participate due to the condition of the facility will be more likely to engage, fostering stronger relationships and a greater sense of belonging.

Additionally, the project will enhance the VFW's capacity to host consistent programming, outreach efforts, and community events, ensuring sustained use of the space. The investment in durable, long-lasting materials will provide benefits for years to come, maximizing the value of the funding. Ultimately, this project will directly contribute to improved quality of life for local veterans by providing a dignified space where they feel respected, supported, and connected to their community.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

The impact of the VFW Canteen Modernization Project will be measured using a combination of quantitative data and qualitative feedback to demonstrate improvements in safety, participation, and overall veteran experience.

Participation & Engagement: Attendance logs will be maintained for all events and canteen usage. Pre- and post-project attendance will be compared to measure the targeted 20% increase in participation, as well as tracking the number of veteran-focused events held monthly.

Veteran Reach (Unduplicated Count): Sign-in sheets and membership records will be used to track the number of unduplicated veterans utilizing the space over the 12-month period.

Safety Improvements: Internal safety checks and incident logs will be used to confirm the elimination of hazards and track the goal of zero safety incidents related to furniture or flooring.

Veteran Satisfaction & Experience: Feedback will be collected through short surveys, comment cards, and direct input. Results will be evaluated to achieve at least 80% positive feedback regarding comfort, accessibility, and overall environment.

Facility Use & Sustainability: Ongoing use of the canteen will be documented through event schedules, program frequency, and consistent utilization over time.

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The VFW Canteen Modernization Project is a one-time capital improvement project with long-term benefits that will support ongoing programs and services for veterans. While the grant funds will be used for the initial upgrades (tables, chairs, cabinetry, and flooring), the improved space will continue to serve veterans well beyond the grant cycle. Ongoing maintenance and future minor improvements will be supported through VFW operational funds, fundraising efforts, community donations, and partnerships with local organizations. The VFW has an established history of sustaining its programs through member support, events, and community engagement, ensuring the longevity of the facility and its use. The continuation of the project's impact will be determined by consistent utilization and measurable outcomes, including sustained or increased attendance at events, ongoing veteran participation, and continued positive feedback regarding the space. The ability to safely and effectively host programs, meetings, and community activities will also be a key indicator of success. If the upgraded canteen continues to function as a well-used, safe, and welcoming hub for veterans—supporting connection, reducing isolation, and enhancing overall experience—the project will be considered successful and sustainable. The durable, commercial-grade improvements will minimize long-term costs and ensure the space remains functional for years to come.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	\$ 500
Fundraising revenue	\$ 500
Total Revenue	\$ 21000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits
Occupancy and utilities
Equipment
Supplies, materials and printing
Travel and meetings
Marketing and advertising
Staff and volunteer training

Contract services	\$ 1000
Other	
Total Expenditures	\$ 1000

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

The total cost of the VFW Canteen Modernization Project is \$21,000, which will be used to improve safety, functionality, and accessibility within the canteen through a phased approach. Grant funds will primarily support the replacement of outdated furnishings and flooring. Approximately \$7,000 will be allocated for the purchase of durable, commercial-grade tables and chairs, ensuring adequate seating capacity and long-term use. An additional \$10,000 will fund the purchase and installation of slip-resistant, commercial-grade flooring, including materials and necessary subfloor preparation to address existing safety concerns. Approximately \$3,000 will be used for cabinetry and storage solutions, improving organization and functionality within the space. A total of \$1,000 is allocated for contract services, which will include professional assistance for flooring installation and any specialized labor required to ensure proper and safe completion of the project. If the full project cost exceeds available grant funding, the remaining balance will be covered through VFW operational funds, fundraising efforts, and community donations. The VFW is committed to completing the project in full and has the capacity to supplement funding as needed. All purchases will prioritize cost-effective, durable materials to ensure long-term sustainability and responsible use of grant funds.

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Signature and Affirmation

By entering your full name below, you certify that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Tracy N Wilson



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I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

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Entity No.: 0247221
Registration Date: 07/28/1950
Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Mutual Benefit
Formed In: CALIFORNIA
Status: Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of December 02, 2024.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

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Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: Todd Stevens
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App ID: 05819731
Status: Submitted
Cycle: None
Last Modified: Apr 06 2026 10:13 PDT by [REDACTED]
Last IP Address: [REDACTED]
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Organization Information

Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization Guns Up!

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	El Dorado Hills
State	CA
Zip Code	95762
Phone Number	
Organization's Website Address	https://gunsupwaterfowl.org/about
Attach your organization's logo.	GU Logo.jpg
Grant contact name	Todd Stevens
Grant contact email address	
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Caleb Balbuena
Executive Director email address	

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Board President - Caleb Balbuena

Board Vice President - Daniel Job

Board Secretary - Todd Stevens

Year Incorporated	1
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	12.00
Mission Statement	

Guns Up! COMBAT VET HUNTS (GU) is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit association whose purpose is to engage combat veterans through the brotherhood of the outdoors. Veterans of all ability levels both physical and mental are welcome on the hunts and back each year to participate in helping other veterans, themselves, the program and to hunt again.

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Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?

EIN or TIN



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Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

Combat Veteran Access Vehicle PART 1

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

Funds to Purchase a UTV Vehicle to enable moving disabled and wheelchair bound veterans to conduct their hunts

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 20000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado County

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

We currently cannot accommodate disabled or mobility compromised combat veterans into hunt program due to their inability to access the waterfowl blind.

Many of our veteran candidates require assistance due to service related injuries or age related challenges.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

2 out of 10 candidates listing to enroll in the program were unable to meet the physical demands required to participate in 2026.

1 vet due to service injury and 1 vet due to advanced age from the Vietnam war era.

2 vets in the program from prior years unable to return due to back related injuries from battle.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This will eliminate these veterans from feeling left out which is the entire point of the program - to welcome vets back into society through the brotherhood and sisterhood of the outdoors.

How is your organization suited to meet this need? Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.

This will allow our organization to accommodate a broader spectrum of veterans with various physical abilities. Nobody will be left behind.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Upon award of funds we would immediately begin looking to acquire the UTV vehicle.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

We would document physically challenged veterans who benefit from the purchase and report the progress to the VAC annually.

How will the objectives be measured?

On an active up to day basis via our vet hunt photos on facebook.
On an annual report given orally to the VAC showing the vets who benefited.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 5

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 100

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

We will require veterans to provide proof of service to the program which we will document.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

No Veteran will be Left Behind in our program.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

By counting the amount of vets it helps annually and over time accumulating that data.

The entire point of the program is to welcome combat veterans back into society through the brother and sisterhood of the outdoors. By belonging to this program with the camaraderie it provides it gives them an opportunity to BELONG. PTSD fueled suicide rates lower when a person belongs to others who care about him. There is no way to measure if our program stops a suicide. We can only hope it helps.

As for a metrics for the program - we would count the amount of participants as it will grow annually.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

We have funded and operated our program for 5 years through fundraising auction banquets which will continue to supply operating expenses.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	
Fundraising revenue	
Total Revenue	\$ 20000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 0
Travel and meetings	\$ 0
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 0
Other	\$ 0
Total Expenditures	\$ 0

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

This is for a one time purchase of infrastructure need to serve disabled veterans.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
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knowledge.**

Todd James Stevens

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: Elizabeth Heape Caldwell
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Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization Elders Community Fund

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**

PO Box 2113

City	Placerville
State	CA
Zip Code	95667
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	www.elderoptionsca.com
Attach your organization's logo.	
Grant contact name	Liz Heape Caldwell
Grant contact email address	[REDACTED]
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Liz Heape Caldwell & Carol S. Heape
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Carol Heape-Founder & Member-Elders Community Fund
Donald Heape-Member-Elders Community Fund
Liz Heape Caldwell-Member-Elders Community Fund
Melissa Dannaker-Member-Elders Community Fund
Kathy Hall-Member-Elders Community Fund
Mindy Jackson-Member-Elders Community Fund

Year Incorporated	2002
Number of paid staff	65.00
Number of volunteers	0.00
Mission Statement	

We are committed to helping older adults and individuals with chronic health conditions age in place with personalized care that respects their choices and honors their individuality.

By working closely with each person and their family, we create thoughtful, flexible support that promotes dignity, comfort, safety, and independence.

As a trusted community resource, we guide families through complex decisions with clarity and consistency. We stand alongside those we serve, offering steady support and practical solutions to ensure they receive the care, connection, and peace of mind they deserve.

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Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

Honor at Home: Veterans Support Initiative

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

According to 2024 U.S Census data, approximately 25% of El Dorado County residents are age 65 or older. In addition, nearly 12,000 veterans call this county home. These numbers reflect a growing population of older adults and veterans who often prefer to age in place, remaining in the comfort of their own homes and communities. It is well known that older adults prefer to remain home, but many are silently struggling to do so. This grant proposal gives veterans in our community an expert who stands beside each veteran to provide support, guidance, and direct assistance to access little known resources. This initiative will serve 30-40 veterans by providing personalized, in-home support from a knowledgeable, credentialed Care Manager who will assess each veteran's needs, coordinate medical and psychosocial care, and connect them to available resources. Each participant will also have access to limited flexible funds to address urgent, unmet needs such as transportation, short term home care, or other essential services. These will only be utilized after an initial home visit and comprehensive assessment. Many veterans, whether living alone or with a spouse, do not have sufficient support to navigate daily challenges or access available services. If approved, this program will help bridge that gap by strengthening each veteran's ability to remain safely at home with the right resources and support systems in place.

Grant Amount Requested	\$ 20000
Geographic Area Served by this Grant	El Dorado County
What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?	

The need for coordinated in-home support is reflected in the everyday experiences of older adults and veterans in our community.

Mr J is an independent man living in EDC where he has remained for the past 50 years. Following a hospitalization for kidney stones he was discharged home with two stents and limited support. Still in significant pain he struggled to manage basic needs such as preparing meals, bathing, and safely using the restroom. He shared that he felt afraid and completely alone unsure of where to turn for help after contacting the VA and being referred to his physician. His situation illustrates how quickly health and safety can decline when a person returns home without coordinated hands-on support.

Mrs R faced a different but equally challenging barrier. She was scheduled for a surgical procedure at the local VA health center but had no family or friends available to provide transportation or post-procedure assistance. Although she was given information about transportation resources, she encountered scheduling limitations particularly with early appointment times and the need for someone to support her after surgery. As a result her procedure was cancelled. Mrs R who needs cataract surgery to restore her vision expressed growing discouragement as she was unable to identify a reliable resource to help her access and safely complete her care.

Together these experiences highlight a consistent gap. Veterans with or without families often face an uphill battle and may be overwhelmed on where to start.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

According to 2024 U.S. Census data, approximately 25% of El Dorado County residents are age 65 or older. In addition, nearly 12,000 veterans call this county home. These figures reflect a growing population of older adults and veterans who often prefer to age in the comfort and familiarity of their own homes and communities. However, many individuals are not fully connected to the resources they need, are managing significant health challenges, or lack consistent support systems to safely achieve this goal. As a result, aging in place can become difficult to sustain without coordinated, person-centered assistance that helps bridge these gaps.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

The Honor at Home: Veterans Support Initiative will provide each identified vulnerable veteran with a credentialed Care Manager. The Care Manager will conduct in-person visits and complete a comprehensive assessment of the veteran's needs, living environment, and overall health and well-being.

Following this assessment, the Care Manager will coordinate appropriate services and support to address needs, ensuring each veteran is connected to appropriate resources and support. This may include healthcare coordination, in-home support, transportation assistance, and access to community-based programs.

The Care Manager will serve as a consistent point of contact, advocating for the veteran and helping to navigate complex systems of care. This person-centered approach is designed to promote safety, independence, and stability, enabling veterans to remain in their homes with dignity and appropriate support.

NUMBER OF VETERANS SERVED: 25 Unduplicated

HOME VISITS: 2 Visits

CARE COORDINATION: 1-2 Hours

RESOURCE FUND FOR ADITONAL SERVICES: \$500.00 per client
i.e. transportation, short term home care, etc.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.**

The Elders Community Fund will partner with Elder Options to deliver the Credentialed Care Management and additional services and supports. For 39 years, Elder Options has been providing person-centered services and supports to vulnerable individuals throughout El Dorado County. Founded to support older adults with Care Management, Elder Options has grown to become a trusted provider with extensive community partnerships to include both the Northern California and Sierra Nevada Veterans Administrations. Throughout the years, Elder Options has expanded its reach to assist those regardless if they could pay for services or not, through extensive local, state and federal contracts.

Elder Options will donate client intakes, eligibility, reporting, scheduling, staffing, travel time, marketing, and clinical supervision, as in kind. All administrative duties will also be donated as in kind.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

The goal of this proposal is to serve 25-30 unduplicated veterans with up to 4 hours of Care Management time and up to \$500.00 of anillary support such as transportation services to medical appointments, short term home care to stabilize crisis situations, and other services as needed. Care management services will locate/coordinate services to ensure continued support after the grant period ends.

In the situation with Mr. J: A Care Manager would promptly make an in home visit and assessment, coordinate medical care to ensure proper follow up for his placed stents, implementation of home delivered meals, as well as immediate placement of a home care provider to take Mr. J to appointments, assistance in the shower, and meal preparation. The Care Manager would also coordinate with the local VA for establishment into their healthcare system where the physical could order ongoing Home Health Aid services, paid for by TriWest.

Major milestones will include reducing the impact of readmissions to hospital systems and proper support so veterans are able to age in place within the communities they love.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

If funded, the Honor at Home: Veterans Support Initiative will serve 25-30 unduplicated veterans in El Dorado County with individualized, care management and limited flexible support funds.

The program will track the following measurable objectives:

Timely Engagement: 100% of referred veterans will receive an initial in-home visit and comprehensive assessment within 5 business days of referral.

Care Coordination: Each participant will receive a thorough assessment that identifies needs, available resources, and coordinated services.

Service Connection: At least 80-90% of participants will be successfully connected to at least one identified community, VA, or support service within 30 days of enrollment.

Stabilization Support: Approved flexible funds (approximately \$500 per client, as needed) will be used to address immediate barriers such as transportation, nutrition, or urgent unmet needs, with all expenditures documented and tracked.

Ongoing Follow-Up: Each veteran will receive regular follow-up contact to assess progress and identify any new needs for a period of 3 months. After the 3 month period, the veteran will continue to be monitored and followed with additional activities considered in kind.

Outcomes Tracking: Improvements in safety, stability, and ability to remain at home will be documented through care manager notes, client reports, and case reviews.

Program Reporting: A detailed tracking spreadsheet will monitor referrals, services provided, outcomes achieved, and funds utilized, ensuring accountability and transparency.

Administrative time, supervision, and documentation will be provided as in-kind contributions.

How will the objectives be measured?

All will be tracked on a spreadsheet and Care Manager documented notes. Every month, clinical supervision will be held to discuss clients, needs, and concerns to ensure all are receiving prompt helpful assistance.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 25

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 5

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

If a referral comes from Veterans' Services, VFW, or American Legion, it is assumed this individual is a veteran. Community, medical providers, or additional referrals will be verified via DD-2214 or other authorized verification method.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

With appropriate support and a coordinated circle of care, aging and disabled veterans throughout El Dorado County have a strong opportunity to remain safely in their homes and continue living within their communities. This includes having reliable connections to appropriate resources, assistance with attending scheduled medical appointments and procedures, and support in stabilizing home environments or addressing urgent medical needs as they arise.

More often than not, many are not aware of the resources that are available. Having a knowledgeable expert to guide the veteran along the way will have a huge impact on health, well being, and quality of life.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

All clients will be tracked using company-specific software as well as on a spreadsheet to ensure accurate monitoring of services and outcomes. All care management activities and ancillary services will be fully documented in individual case notes. Resources obtained for each client will be tracked and reviewed to ensure they are appropriate, effective, and aligned with identified needs.

Clinical supervision will be conducted monthly to review all clients, discuss progress, and address any concerns or challenges in service delivery.

At its core, this program seeks to honor each individual's desire to age in place safely and with dignity. By combining care management support with coordinated ancillary services, we are building a comprehensive safety net that empowers veterans to remain at home, in their communities.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

The program will not be ongoing unless we are able to find another source of funding. We will seek additional funding as we feel this can be very important.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	\$ 9000
Fundraising revenue	
Total Revenue	\$ 29000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 26000
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 0
Travel and meetings	\$ 1000
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 0
Other	\$ 2000
Total Expenditures	\$ 29000

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

All funds will be spent on the direct care of 25-30 veterans. The wage costs will be for (4) hours of Care Management and \$500 of anxillary services such as crisis stabilization home care or transportation.

Additional funds of \$4,000.00 will be donated from the Elders Community Fund.


\$5,000+ will be donated "in kind" from Elder Options in the form of mileage, staff training time, additional care management services outside of the allowed (4) hours, monthly check in calls, clinical supervision, adminstrative activities to include billing, payroll, and staffing of anxillary services. All utilities, marketing, and supplies are also donated in kind.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

Liz Heape Caldwell

 **Department of the Treasury**
Internal Revenue Service
1301 Clay Street
Oakland, CA, 94612

In reply refer to: 0457610885
4/25/2025 LTR 147C

ELDER OPTIONS INC
PO BOX 2113
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667-2113-136

Employer Identification Number: [REDACTED]

Dear Taxpayer:

Thank you for your inquiry of 4/25/2025.

Your Employer Identification Number (EIN) is [REDACTED]

Please keep this letter in your permanent records. Enter your name and your EIN on all business federal tax forms and on related correspondence.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you can call 800-829-0115. If you prefer, you may write to us at the address shown at the top of the first page of this letter. When you write, please include a telephone number where you may be reached and the best time to call.

Sincerely,
Miss Martinez
1003101345
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Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

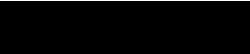
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Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization Hearts Landing Ranch

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	Granite Bay
State	CA
Zip Code	95746
Phone Number	
Organization's Website Address	www.heartslandingranch.com
Attach your organization's logo.	HLR_logo.jpg
Grant contact name	Terri Olson
Grant contact email address	
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Donna Eckwortzel
Executive Director email address	

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Donna Eckwortzel, President
Mike Frye, Secretary
Terri Olson, Treasurer

Year Incorporated	2015
Number of paid staff	5.00
Number of volunteers	20.00

Mission Statement

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Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

Veterans Equine Psychotherapy Program

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

At Hearts Landing Ranch (HLR), our veteran Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) program is a specialized mental health service that uses structured therapeutic interaction with horses to help military veterans heal from trauma, rebuild emotional regulation, and strengthen overall well-being. It blends clinical psychotherapy with the unique, responsive nature of horses; creating a powerful alternative to traditional talk therapy. Sessions are led by a **licensed mental-health professional** and a **certified equine specialist**; with a **herd of horses**. The horse is used as an active partner in the healing process. All sessions are ground-based (no riding) and no prior horse knowledge is needed. The program consists of 8 weekly sessions, during which clients participate in activities based on a custom curriculum tailored to the mental health challenges they want to address. The horses elevate the sessions even more because they are highly attuned to human body language, emotional states, and nervous-system cues. They respond in real time, offering nonjudgmental feedback that helps veterans:

- Recognize and regulate emotions
- Build trust and connection
- Increase self-awareness
- Practice communication and boundary-setting

The Program addresses:

- PTSD and trauma symptoms
- Anxiety, depression, and moral injury
- Hypervigilance and nervous-system dysregulation
- Social isolation and difficulty reconnecting
- Confidence, purpose, and identity after service

Grant Amount Requested	\$ 19200
Geographic Area Served by this Grant	El Dorado County
What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?	

Military veterans experience disproportionately high rates of PTSD, depression, anxiety, traumatic stress and social isolation, yet many struggle to engage in or benefit from traditional talk-based therapy. Long waitlists, limited access to trauma-informed care, and the stigma associated with seeking mental health support leave many without effective treatment. As a result, too many veterans remain untreated, disconnected, or at risk of worsening symptoms.

Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) addresses these gaps by offering a non-traditional, experiential relationship centered approach that resonates with veterans who may feel uncomfortable in conventional, clinical therapy settings. Meanwhile the horses respond to human emotion and body language with immediate nonjudgmental feedback helping veterans develop emotional regulation, trust, self awareness and communication skills; core areas often disrupted by trauma. The work is grounded in evidence based principles of somatic regulation and trauma recovery making it especially effective for individuals who struggle to verbalize their experiences.

The need is intensified by rising demand for mental health services and a shortage of culturally competent veteran specific therapeutic options. Many veterans report feeling more at ease in nature based environments and more willing to engage in therapy when it involves purposeful hands on interaction rather than traditional office based sessions. Equine programs also reduce isolation by fostering peer connection, community and belonging all of which are protective factors against suicide and long term mental health decline.

Expanding access to EAP is essential to ensuring that veterans receive timely, effective and dignified care that honors their service and supports their path.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

The National Council of Behavioral Health states that 30% of our military suffer with mental health issues. With over **17,000 veterans in El Dorado County, 5,100** are potentially facing issues of PTSD, depression, anxiety, substance abuse and suicidal thoughts.

Veterans in El Dorado county face many of the same mental-health challenges seen nationwide, but **local conditions** add their own layers of difficulty.

Veterans in El Dorado County face unique mental health challenges compounded by local barriers such as **limited access** to veteran-specific trauma-informed care, long wait times for VA services, and **geographic isolation** (rural location challenges) that hinders community connection. These factors create an urgent need for innovative, culturally competent programs that provide faster, accessible, and effective mental health support tailored to veterans' experiences. HLR is committed to addressing these gaps by providing EAP scholarships to those in surrounding areas as an option for treatment. Supporting this initiative means investing in a program designed to meet the specific needs of El Dorado County veterans, improving their mental health outcomes and overall quality of life. Your partnership will help reduce barriers to care, enhance therapeutic options, and build a stronger, more connected veteran community locally.

In 2025, HLR provided scholarship funding for 11 El Dorado County Veterans and have requests for additional El Dorado Veterans in 2026. With the funding of \$19,200 we can get the help needed for those who are not being helped by traditional therapy.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This grant funding would provide Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy EAP scholarships to 8 individuals, or up to 14 if group(s) El Dorado County veterans. Our program sessions address the existing needs in El Dorado County by:

- Working experientially with a highly attuned animal addressing needs often unmet by traditional mental health care (talk therapy)
- Gives a sense of community connection in working with a therapy team or in group situations
- Opportunity to attend a program that provides results in less time
- Gives El Dorado County Veterans access to unique therapeutic options

It regulates the nervous system and reduces PTSD symptoms as horses respond to body language and emotional states creating biofeedback for veterans. A 2024 review published in The National Library of Medicine, found such services cut PTSD scores by 22.6% on average, decreasing hypervigilance and stress especially helpful for trauma stored in the body that talk therapy alone may not reach.

The EAP Program at Hearts Landing Ranch addresses veterans mental health needs by:

- Regulating the nervous system
- Reducing PTSD symptoms
- Providing a safe nonclinical therapeutic environment
- Rebuilding trust and emotional connection
- Supporting physical and psychological healing
- Reducing isolation and strengthening community
- Restoring agency and purpose

One of our therapist shared: "From my experience, clients in equine therapy have demonstrated, in 8 weeks, a significant amount of change-making behavior that can sometimes take months or years for others to demonstrate while attending traditional talk therapy/counseling in an office setting."

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.**

Hearts Landing Ranch (HLR) has provided equine therapy for mental health issues for over 10 years, successfully providing hope, healing and restoration to clients allowing them to move forward in life and their relationships. HLR specializes in Equine-Assisted trauma therapy. Many of our team of EAGALA (Equine-Assisted Growth and Learning Association) certified professionals have walked a similar healing path, and have a deep understanding and belief in the specialized services we provide. The EAGALA model/team involves a licensed mental health professional, an equine specialist, and horses specifically chosen to engage with the individual(s). Horses can mirror emotions and detect subtle changes in behavior, which helps reveal feelings that are often hidden in traditional talk therapy. This unique approach enables veterans to externalize their invisible wounds in a safe environment, allowing them to observe and understand their challenges.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

It is anticipated this process will take 30-90 days to conduct the outreach and identify veterans who would like to participate. HLR's team will conduct the initial assessment with veterans within 90 days of the award and set a time to begin the eight-week sessions concluding within a year of the awarded funding.

Major Milestones include:

- Outreach to veterans initial intake assessment

- Existing core treatment plan customized for the individual/group

- Conducting group sessions with the EAGALA team

- Participation by the veterans in all 8 sessions of the program

- Mental Health outcomes identified by the veteran (using a scale format at the intake session and conducted again at the 8th session and compared)

- Mental Health outcomes identified by the EAGALA team (using a scale format at the end of the intake session and conducted again at the 8th session and compared)

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

Measurable objectives include:

Reduction in stress levels of veterans

Improved ability to express in words their struggles and needs/desires.

Improvement in relational communication with spouse, family, and co-workers

Tools for anger management

Awareness of triggers that cause conflict in day to day life

How will the objectives be measured?

Standardized Questionnaires: Utilizing validated surveys such as the Depression Anxiety Stress Scale-21 (DASS-21), Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Checklist (PCL-5), pre- and post-intervention stages to quantify emotional well-being.

Behavioral Observations: Instructors and therapists utilize formal checklists to track changes in confidence, communication, and social skills (e.g., Social Skills Improvement System - SSIS).

Physiological Tracking: Awareness of participants' and horses' body tension and breathing to evaluate stress reduction and engagement with documentation as needed from the Equine Therapy Team.

Qualitative Feedback: Conducting interviews or open-ended questionnaires to document personal experiences, feelings of empowerment, and functional improvements in daily life.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 10

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 19

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Each Veteran is asked for their status and a provided DD214 as well as confirmed status through the Veterans center that may have identified him/her for the EAP program.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

Equine Therapy sessions occur in an environment where veterans can explore freely without judgment or shame, because horses do not judge a person's words or feelings as wrong.

Veterans who undergo equine therapy, report a variety of emotional benefits:

Reduced stress

Decreases negative reactions to people and circumstances

Increased confidence in decision making and boundaries

Better Communication from learning to put words to feelings and then communicating to spouses, family and workplace

Improved ability to trust others by replacing toxic coping skills with healthy detachment

Equine Therapy provides healing and hope that impacts not only the veteran but their family members, employers and community. The impact is a healthier member of society and engages in their community.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

The same method of objective measurements will also be used to evaluate the impact of this project through the final post evaluations and client feedback on their program experience. We often-time will hear "I've finally been able to have better conversations with my spouse because I can now put words to feelings", "I am able to regulate my emotions better", "I made a career move I was putting off", "I gained clarity about future plans".

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These measurements of pre, post and self evaluative statements from our veterans and clients consistently confirm the positive impact toward spouse and family relationships, healthier workplaces and engagement in community.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

The EAP and EAL program at Hearts Landing Ranch is an ongoing program with established growth over the last 10 years. Since 2024, we have seen an increase in military clients as those that go through the program spread the word of the impact to their lives. We continually apply for grants, raise funds through our two annual fundraisers, and have a supportive community of individuals, along with corporate and community sponsors, filling in the gaps for needed scholarship program funding. However, we have not been able to keep up with the growing demand for scholarships for veterans seeking therapy.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 19200
Other Contributions	\$ 0
Fundraising revenue	\$ 0
Total Revenue	\$ 19200

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 3520
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 3200
Equipment	
Supplies, materials and printing	
Travel and meetings	\$ 0
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 9280
Other	\$ 3200
Total Expenditures	\$ 19200

Budget Narrative

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Expenses for 8 (1:1) or up to 14 (groups) El Dorado County veterans-8 sessions/weeks

Staff salaries are \$3520 for administrative intake, Executive Director outreach to VA centers and contacts, Program Manager session schedule/pre and post evaluations.

Occupancy and Utilities include rent, electrical, janitorial, insurances for % of yearly facility use.

Contract Services are \$9280.00 for the licensed mental health professional and equine specialist that are part of the therapy team for each session.

Other; includes horse care (feed, vet, grooming) session activity items (paint, balls, noodles, cones)

In 2025, 46 veterans received scholarships from program funding, with a total of over 250 unique individuals being served. \$19,200 assures that 8-14 veterans from El Dorado County will be attending EAP sessions in FY 2026.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

Terri Olson

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAR 09 2018**

HEARTS LANDING RANCH
8902 QUAIL LANE
GRANITE BAY, CA 95746

Employer Identification Number:

DLN:

17053270313047

Contact Person:

JULIE CHEN

ID# 31261

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

December 31

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

September 29, 2015

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 947

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: Nichole Paine
Email: [REDACTED]
App ID: 05834990
Status: Submitted
Cycle: None
Last Modified: Apr 14 2026 17:49 PDT by [REDACTED]
Last IP Address: [REDACTED]
Common App: 2026 COMMON APP for EDCF grants

Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization Housing El Dorado

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	Placerville
State	CA
Zip Code	95667
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	housingeldorado.org
Attach your organization's logo.	Untitled design (1).jpg
Grant contact name	Nichole Paine
Grant contact email address	[REDACTED]
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Nichole Paine
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Maureen Dion-Perry, Board President
Peg Vanderkar, Secretary
Craig Styles, Treasurer

Year Incorporated	2020
Number of paid staff	5.00
Number of volunteers	25.00

Mission Statement

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Grant Information

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Homelessness Prevention for Local Veterans

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

As of June 30, 2026, Only Kindness will cease operations, creating a critical gap in homelessness prevention and resolution services within El Dorado County—particularly for our Veterans.

We know that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." To address this looming crisis, Housing El Dorado would like to establish a flexible housing assistance fund dedicated to our Veteran community.

The Current Crisis

While Housing El Dorado currently administers homelessness prevention funds on behalf of the EDOK CoC, these resources are fully depleted. As we await new allocations, the closure of Only Kindness leaves our local Veterans with zero financial safety nets. Without intervention, many who are currently facing instability will face a hard landing.

Our Solution: The Veteran Assistance Fund

This fund provides a vital "soft landing" and a bridge for Veteran families until funding is replenished. These resources are a lifeline, covering essential costs that often stand between a Veteran and safe, secure, stable housing.

This grant will support:

Move-in Costs: Security deposits, first month's rent, and application fees.

Stability Services: Rental arrears, utility assistance, storage, transportation costs.

Emergency Support: Short-term motel stays and pet-related costs.

Accessibility: Home modifications like ramps, grab bars, and service & emotional support animal costs.

All funds will be strictly dedicated to Veteran households, with sustainability standards applied to ensure long-term housing success. Together, we can ensure those who served our country aren't left without a home of their own.

Grant Amount Requested	\$ 20000
Geographic Area Served by this Grant	West Slope, El Dorado County
What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?	

This project addresses a critical, time-sensitive gap in homelessness services for the 12,000+ Veterans residing in El Dorado County, with 70-80% of those folks residing on the west slope. As of June 30, 2026, Only Kindness, a primary provider of emergency assistance, is ceasing operations. Simultaneously, Housing El Dorado's CoC-allocated prevention funding is depleted, leaving our local Veterans with no dedicated financial safety net.

While homeless Veteran programming exists, they often cannot address immediate, "one-time" crises that lead to displacement, or the gaps for things that funding cannot cover. Our program provides a flexible **Veteran Assistance Fund** to serve as a bridge, ensuring that those who served our country do not fall into homelessness due to a single financial hurdle.

Key Needs Addressed:

Prevention & Stability: Direct assistance for rental arrears and utilities to keep Veterans in their current homes.

Immediate Re-housing & Sustainability Expenses: Funding for security deposits, first month's rent, and application fees to overcome the high barrier of the rental market. Includes transportation expenses to ensure that household income remains stable.

Emergency Infrastructure: Support for short-term motel stays and storage costs for those in active transition.

Health & Accessibility: Funding for essential home modifications (e.g., ramps/grab bars) that allow aging or disabled Veterans to remain safely housed.

By providing this "soft landing," we prevent the trauma of unsheltered homelessness and maintain community stability until longer-term funding is replenished. We aren't just providing a handout; we are providing the strategic "ounce of prevention" that saves lives and resources.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

In El Dorado County, the need for targeted Veteran support is urgent. Data from the 2024 Unsheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) Count identified approximately 284 individuals experiencing homelessness in the county, with Veterans consistently representing a vulnerable subset of this population.

Over the course of the last 2 years, more than **two dozen Veteran households** experiencing homelessness or housing instability that could lead to homelessness sought critical assistance from Only Kindness. Last year alone, the agency successfully **assisted 12 of these households**, providing a vital intervention that either prevented homelessness entirely or ensured their experience was "short-lived and non-recurring." On average, these households were **stabilized with just \$1,250** in flexible funding.

With the closure of Only Kindness on June 30, 2026, and the temporary depletion of CoC allocated prevention funds, a dangerous service vacuum has emerged. Housing El Dorado's proposed **Veteran Assistance Fund addresses this by offering up to \$1,500 per household**. Based on our operational data, this threshold is the "tipping point" that allows many families to overcome a one-time financial crisis or moving expense—such as a security deposit or rental arrears—and return to long-term self-sufficiency. Without this fund, these families face unsheltered homelessness in a high-cost rental market.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This program addresses the impending service gap by establishing a bridge-funding model designed to **intercept** Veterans before they enter the emergency shelter system. By providing immediate, low-barrier financial assistance, we replace the vital services lost with the closure of Only Kindness and the depletion of current state funds.

Direct Impact Strategies:

Preventative Stabilization: We deploy small, strategic grants (up to \$1,500) to cover "one-time" hurdles like rental arrears or utility shut-offs. This keeps Veterans in their existing housing, which is significantly more cost-effective than re-housing someone after they become homeless.

Rapid Re-housing Acceleration: For Veterans currently unhoused, this fund covers more than short term emergency shelter, the Veteran Assistance Fund covers the "startup costs" of a new lease—security deposits, first month's rent, and application fees—that other funding sources often cannot cover quickly enough.

Removing Barriers to Placement: We provide unique "gap funding" for costs that often derail housing stability, such as pet deposits, storage fees, and essential home modifications (e.g., grab bars) for disabled Veterans.

Sustainability Focus: Housing El Dorado's case management team will vet each application to ensure the assistance creates a medium-term "soft landing," helping to bridge the timeframe until the household is sustainable.

This program ensures that El Dorado County Veterans do not experience a lapse in support during this institutional transition. We turn a potential spike in Veteran homelessness into a manageable period of stability.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the
program/project that funding is being requested for.**

Housing El Dorado's mission is centered on creating a path to safe, stable housing for all residents of El Dorado County through service, advocacy and education. Our organizational DNA is built on the premise that homelessness is a solvable crisis when addressed with agility and local expertise.

This program aligns perfectly with our mission in three key ways:

1. **Filling a Critical Service Vacuum:** As a participatory agency in the local Continuum of Care (CoC) and the current administrator of county-wide homelessness prevention funds, we are uniquely positioned to step in as Only Kindness closes. Our mission dictates that we ensure no vulnerable population—especially those who served our country—is left without a safety net during institutional transitions.
2. **A "Prevention-First" Philosophy:** We believe that the most effective way to end homelessness is to prevent it from occurring. By establishing this flexible Veteran Assistance Fund, we are operationalizing our core belief that small, strategic interventions can prevent the lifelong trauma and high public cost of unsheltered homelessness.
3. **Strategic Stewardship:** Our mission involves the responsible management of community resources. Because we already manage complex "flexible funding" at the County level, and contract with Managed Care Providers (Medi-CAL), we have developed the administrative infrastructure to ensure these Veteran-specific funds are distributed with high accountability and a focus on long-term sustainability.

Funding this project allows us to fulfill our mandate: ensuring that the "soft landing" we advocate for becomes a reality for El Dorado County Veterans.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Phase 1: Launch & Integration (July 2026)

July 1, 2026: Formal launch of the Veteran Assistance Fund.

July 15, 2026: Complete the transition of pending Veteran cases from Only Kindness to Housing El Dorado's intake system.

July 31, 2026: Complete assessment work of pending households (ie: document collection, income verification, etc)

Phase 2: Primary Service Delivery (August 2026 – March 2027)

Ongoing: Processing of new and ongoing applications for assistance.

Quarterly Reviews: Conduct internal audits of fund disbursement and Veteran housing retention rates (at 30- and 90-days post funding involvement).

October 2026: Mid-point check-in on the "bridge" status—evaluating the timeline for the replenishment of Homelessness Prevention Program funds.

Phase 3: Replenishment & Transition (April 2027 – June 2027)

April 2027: Begin transitioning active cases to longer-term programs as new allocations become available.

May 2027: Comprehensive data collection on the number of Veteran households stabilized and total cost-avoidance within the county.

June 2027: Final project reporting and evaluation.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

The measurable objectives for the Veteran Assistance Fund are focused on immediate housing stabilization, long-term retention, and the seamless transition of services following the closure of Only Kindness.

We will evaluate the project's success through the following four primary objectives:

1. **Immediate Crisis Resolution:** Provide flexible financial assistance (averaging approximately \$1,500 per household) to at least 10 Veteran households within 72 hours of a completed application. Success is measured by the prevention of unsheltered homelessness or the immediate transition from a shelter/motel into a permanent lease.
2. **Housing Retention and Stability:** Achieve an 85% housing retention rate for all assisted Veterans 90-days post-intervention. We will track this via follow-up case management to ensure that the "one-time" assistance effectively bridged the gap to self-sufficiency or established long-term support.
3. **Service Continuity & Gap Mitigation:** Successfully assess 100% of the active Veteran case files transitioned from Only Kindness by August 31, 2026. The metric of success is a "zero-day lapse" in emergency support availability for those currently reliant on these services.
4. **Strategic Cost-Avoidance:** Track the utilization of funds specifically for preventative measures (rental arrears and utilities) vs. re-housing costs. Our goal is to maintain a ratio where at least 60% of funds are used for prevention/diversion, demonstrating a reduction in the higher public costs associated with emergency shelter stays and emergency room visits for unsheltered Veterans.

By meeting these benchmarks, Housing El Dorado will demonstrate that a modest, well-timed financial intervention is a scalable solution for maintaining Veteran housing stability in El Dorado County.

How will the objectives be measured?

To ensure high accountability and clear outcomes, Housing El Dorado will employ a multi-layered tracking system to measure the success of the Veteran Assistance Fund. We will utilize the following tools and processes:

HMIS Data Integration: As an active participant in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), we will track each Veteran household from intake through stabilization. This allows us to measure Objective 1 (Crisis Resolution) by recording the exact timeframe from the "initial request" to "funds disbursed," as well as record any follow-up needs.

Case Management Follow-ups: To measure Objective 2 (Retention), our staff will conduct formal "housing status checks" at the 30-day and 90-day intervals post-assistance. This qualitative data ensures that the \$1,500 intervention resulted in longer-term stability rather than a temporary fix.

Transition Audit: We will perform a side-by-side audit of the active Veteran caseload transitioned from Only Kindness. Success for Objective 3 (Continuity) will be measured by verifying that 100% of identified high-risk Veterans were contacted and offered an assessment within the first 60 days of the project.

Financial Utilization Reports: Fiscal reports will categorize spending into "Prevention" (arrearages/utilities) vs. "Re-housing" (deposits/moving costs). This allows us to measure Objective 4 (Cost-Avoidance) by comparing the cost of these interventions against the average local cost of an emergency shelter bed-night.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 10

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 10

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

To ensure the highest level of fiscal integrity and meet federal and state reporting standards, Housing El Dorado will require and document one or more of the following official verifications for every applicant.

Primary Verification Methods:

DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty): This is the gold standard. We will require a copy of the "Member-4" version, which indicates the character of service (e.g., Honorable, General Under Honorable Conditions).

VA Health Benefits Card: A valid Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) with a photo.

Current correspondence: Current correspondence from the VA indicating eligibility (ie: pension statement).

HSR (Homeless Status Record) via HMIS: We will utilize the Homeless Management Information System to verify if the Veteran is already registered in the system with a "Veteran Status" that has been previously verified by a partner agency like the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) - to be clear we will still reach out to that agency and request a copy of eligibility verification.

Collaborative Verification:

Data Sharing with the El Dorado County CVSO: For Veterans who have misplaced their paperwork, we will facilitate a direct verification request through the local Veterans Service Office to confirm eligibility.

Documentation for Final Reporting: For the final grant report, we will provide a de-identified aggregate log confirming that 100% of assisted households had a verified veteran status on file. Digital copies of these credentials will be maintained in a secure, HIPAA-compliant folder within our case management system for auditing purposes.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The anticipated impact of this project is the establishment of a **diversion pipeline** that prevents Veteran homelessness before it begins. By filling the void left by Only Kindness, we ensure that a **temporary financial crisis does not evolve into a chronic, high-cost humanitarian issue for El Dorado County.**

Quantifiable Social Impact:

Housing Preservation: We expect to keep 10 Veteran households in their current homes, avoiding the trauma of displacement and the loss of local housing stock.

System Efficiency: By providing rapid "gap funding" for deposits and arrears, we reduce the average length of time Veterans spend in homelessness, directly improving the County's Functional Zero metrics.

Cost-Avoidance: Preventing a single episode of homelessness saves thousands in public expenditures related to emergency room visits, law enforcement interactions, and shelter operations. A strategic \$1,500 intervention is a high-yield investment in community stability.

Long-Term Community Impact: Beyond the immediate financial relief, this project reinforces a continuum of care that honors the service of our Veterans. It provides the "soft landing" necessary to maintain their dignity and health during a period of financial transition. Ultimately, the success of this program will be measured by the families who remain safely housed, the children of Veterans who stay in their current schools, and a measurable decrease (or stabilization) in the number of Veterans identified in the annual Point-in-Time Count.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

To measure the impact of the Veteran Assistance Fund, Housing El Dorado will utilize a framework that tracks both immediate housing outcomes and long-term community stability. We will move beyond simple "dollars spent" to focus on the following key performance indicators (KPIs):

Housing Stability Rate: The primary metric of success is the 30-day and 90-day retention rate. We will conduct follow-up assessments with every assisted household to confirm they remain in permanent housing. Our goal is an 85% success rate, proving that a one-time intervention creates lasting stability.

Time-to-Housing Reduction: For Veterans currently experiencing homelessness, we will measure the reduction in "Length of Time Homeless" by tracking how quickly our flexible funds (for deposits or arrears) move a household from a shelter or car into a lease.

Diversion Success: We will measure the number of Veterans successfully diverted from the emergency shelter system. Each successful diversion represents a direct cost-saving to El Dorado County's crisis response infrastructure.

Case Management Integration: Impact will also be measured by the number of Veterans who, after receiving emergency funding, are successfully connected to long-term support services (VA benefits, healthcare, or employment programs), ensuring a holistic "soft landing."

All data will be recorded in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), allowing us to provide unduplicated, de-identified reports that demonstrate the project's specific contribution to reducing the local Veteran Point-in-Time count.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

This project is a one-time, strategic intervention designed specifically to address the unique service gap created by the closure of Only Kindness and the current depletion of state-allocated prevention funds. It is not intended to be a permanent, standalone department, but rather a bridge-funding model with a defined lifecycle.

Sustainability & Future Funding Strategy

While this specific grant supports a critical 12-month "soft landing" period, Housing El Dorado is committed to the long-term stability of the Veteran community through the following transition plan:

Replenishment of Allocations: We anticipate the next cycle of the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) to be accessible during the 2027 fiscal year. This grant allows us to maintain a continuous safety net until those larger silos are refilled.

Integration into Core Services: Veterans stabilized through this one-time fund will be integrated into our ongoing advocacy and case management infrastructure. By the end of this grant cycle, these households will have been screened for long-term eligibility for other available programming.

Diverse Revenue Streams: As the lead agency for several housing initiatives in El Dorado County, we continue to cultivate private donations and local charitable support (such as the Women's Fund El Dorado and the Latrobe Fund) to fund life's little emergencies as needed.

Ultimately, the "completion" of this project is defined by the successful transition of the Veteran caseload into a replenished and more robust public funding landscape.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	\$ 0
Fundraising revenue	\$ 0
Total Revenue	\$ 20000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 3000
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0

Equipment	\$ 0
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 0
Travel and meetings	\$ 0
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 0
Other	\$ 17000
Total Expenditures	\$ 20000

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

1. Personnel / Staff Salaries, Wages, and Benefits: \$3,000 These funds will support the Case Management and Oversight responsible for the direct administration of the fund. Responsibilities include:

Conducting Veteran intake and eligibility verification (DD-214/HMIS).

Performing sustainability assessments to ensure the \$1,500 intervention leads to long-term stability.

Coordinating with the El Dorado County CVSO and Only Kindness during the case-file transition.

Note: This is a subsidized rate leveraging existing Housing El Dorado infrastructure.

2. (Other) Administrative Fees: \$2,000 A standard 10% administrative overhead is applied to cover the essential operational costs associated with restricted fund management. This includes:

Fiscal Oversight: Accounting services to process emergency payments (checks/electronic transfers) directly to third-party vendors (landlords, utility companies, etc.).

Data Management: Costs associated with HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) data entry, tracking, and the generation of mandated impact reports.

Compliance: Ensuring all files meet audit-ready standards for veteran status documentation.

3. (Other) Direct Veteran Household Assistance: \$15,000 The core of this request is dedicated entirely to pass-through financial assistance for Veteran households.

Allocation: Based on an average intervention of \$1,500, these funds will provide a "soft landing" for 10 unduplicated Veteran households.

Usage: Funds are restricted to low-barrier, high-impact needs: security deposits, first month's rent, rental arrears, utility assistance/arrears, emergency shelter, moving & travel costs, transportation costs, pet fees, rental application fees, and essential home modifications.

Direct-to-Vendor Model: To ensure fiscal integrity, no cash payment is given to individuals; all payments are made directly to verified landlords or service providers.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

Nichole Paine



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
PO BOX 2501
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

HOUSING EL DORADO
[REDACTED]

Date:
07/07/2022
Employer ID number:
[REDACTED]
Person to contact:
Name: S. Wan
ID number: 31052
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
June 30
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
November 15, 2021
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053557006722

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

Based on the information you submitted with your application, we approved your request for reinstatement under Revenue Procedure 2014-11. Your effective date of exemption, as listed at the top of this letter, is retroactive to your date of revocation.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Housing El Dorado

EIN: [REDACTED] | Placerville, California, United States

Other Names

HANGTOWN HAVEN INC

Publication 78 Data

Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of their contributions.

On Publication 78 Data List: Yes

Deductibility Code: PC [?](#)

Determination Letter

A favorable determination letter is issued by the IRS if an organization meets the requirements for tax-exempt status under the Code section the organization applied.

Final Letter(s)

- [FinalLetter \[REDACTED\] HANGTOWNHAVENINC 09052012 01.tif](#)
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Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

✓ **Tax Year 2015 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2014 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

Copies of Returns (990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T)

Electronic copies (images) of Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or 990-T returns filed with the IRS by charities and non-profits.

✓ **Tax Year 2024 Form 990**

✓ **Tax Year 2022 Form 990EZ**

✓ **Tax Year 2021 Form 990EZ**

✓ **Tax Year 2017 Form 990EZ**

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: Jeanne Shuman

Email: [REDACTED]

App ID: 05825315

Status: Submitted

Cycle: None

Last Modified: Apr 21 2026 16:00 PDT by [REDACTED]

Last IP Address: [REDACTED]

Common App: 2026 COMMON APP for EDCF grants

Organization Information

Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization

Jakes Journey Home

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	Folsom
State	CA
Zip Code	95630
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	www.vetsjourney.com
Attach your organization's logo.	Signature.pdf
Grant contact name	Jeanne Shuman
Grant contact email address	[REDACTED]
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Jeanne Shuman
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Jeanne Shuman- Founder, President
Nicole Shuman- Secretary & IT Support
Beth Croteau- VP- Community Volunteer Coordinator
Jan Gill- Treasurer & Bookkeeper
Torry Shuman- US Navy Veteran- Veteran Assist

Year Incorporated	2020
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	136.00
Mission Statement	

Connect. Respect. Assist.

Jakes Journey Home is dedicated to meeting our unhoused and at-risk Veterans and community members where they are. Connect. You are seen. Respect. Your voice matters. Assist, Because you matter.

JJH Community Assist Center is a complement to our Mobile Outreach and dedicated to supporting our clients by providing access to consistent resources, compassionate guidance and meaningful connections that promote stability, dignity and a path toward a successful future. "Support. Stability. Second Chances."

Fiscal Agent's confirmation letter- this is only needed if the community based organization that is applying is using a Fiscal Agent (because they are not their own nonprofit). Fiscal Agent must write a letter stating that they are taking fiscal responsibility of the grant funds on the community-based organization's behalf if they are granted funds. Fiscal Agents will keep specific program related funds restricted/accounting separate for this particular project request.

Fiscal Agent letter must be dated within 90 days of the grant submittal.

Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?

EIN or TIN



Attach the IRS Determination letter that contains your organization's Employer Identification Number AND verifies that your organization has been given 501c3 status.

IRS PF to PC.pdf

Click on this link for the IRS database to find your organization. Please take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name and the IRS filings for the past year(s). This page should show that your organization has filed its 990, 990EZ or 990N in the past three years at least once.

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THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED unless organization is a faith based organization, a government entity or a Native American Tribe recognized by the federal government.

Visit the CA Secretary of State website and search for your organization. Take a screenshot of that page that shows your organization is active and up-to-date with your statement of information.

If your entity is registered in a state other than California, please provide a screenshot of your state's registration entity proving your active and up-to-date status. Also, your organization should be registered in CA if you are doing business in CA (like applying for these funds:)).

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Lastly, visit the CA Department of Justice website to verify your organization's registration. Search for your organization , and take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name, and that its registration with the Department of Justice is CURRENT. Upload this screenshot here.

All organizations that "do business in California" are required to file annually with the CA DOJ.

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Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

MISS- Mobile Integrated Support Services

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

The Mobile Integrated Support Services (MISS) program is a community-centered outreach initiative designed to serve unhoused veterans and other vulnerable individuals in El Dorado County. Recognizing the barriers many veterans face in accessing traditional, office-based services, MISS uses a mobile, field-based approach to bring essential resources directly to those in need. Through a coordinated outreach team, the program delivers comprehensive, wraparound support where individuals are located—whether in encampments, rural areas, or other underserved settings. Services include mental health care, substance use treatment, primary and behavioral health services, housing navigation, benefits enrollment, and legal assistance. This integrated model ensures that individuals receive holistic care rather than fragmented services. MISS is designed to reduce gaps in care, improve access to critical resources, and build trust with individuals who may be disconnected from traditional systems. By meeting people where they are, the program fosters engagement and increases the likelihood of long-term stabilization. In addition to mobile outreach, the program incorporates a Community Assist Center as a complementary service modality. This center provides a stable, welcoming location where individuals can access ongoing support, connect with service providers, and address immediate needs in a more structured environment. Together, the mobile outreach teams and Community Assist Center create a flexible, responsive system of care aimed at helping veterans transition toward stable housing, improved health outcomes, and long-term wellbeing.

Grant Amount Requested	\$ 20000
Geographic Area Served by this Grant	Placerville and surrounding communities in El Dorado County. This strikes a balance between need and access. Placerville has a higher population density compared to eastern parts and can serve as the hub for services and outreach. Highway 50 corridor from Folsom, to El Dorado Hills through to Placerville are more reachable due to proximity to main transportation route.
What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?	

Our organization implements the Mobile Integrated Support Services (MISS) model to directly address critical gaps in services for veterans experiencing housing instability, legal barriers, and limited access to essential resources. Through mobile outreach and our Community Assist Center, we meet veterans where they are—reducing barriers to care and increasing engagement among underserved and hard-to-reach populations. Partnerships with the County Veterans Service Office (VSO), local agencies, and community events enabled us to identify unmet needs and respond quickly with coordinated support. The community need is significant, with many veterans facing rising housing costs, food insecurity, and complex legal challenges that hinder long-term stability. In response, we provide wraparound services including rental and utility assistance where possible, food distribution, transportation support, and benefits navigation. We also help veterans secure critical documentation, access healthcare and housing programs. The potential impact of this work is substantial. By combining mobile outreach with a centralized Community Assist Center, we create multiple access points for care, improving service delivery and continuity. Our efforts not only stabilize individual veterans and families but also reduce strain on emergency systems, improve community safety, and promote long-term self-sufficiency. This model ensures veterans receive timely, comprehensive support, leading to stronger, healthier communities.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

El Dorado County, California demonstrates a clear, data-supported need for expanded veteran services across key areas: **Health Needs:** The county is home to an estimated 15,000-18,000 veterans, with a significant proportion age 65 and older (U.S. Census Bureau). This aging population increases demand for chronic disease management and long-term care. El Dorado County lacks a full-service VA hospital, requiring travel to Sacramento for many services, creating access barriers—especially in rural areas. **Mental Health:** Veterans face elevated risks of PTSD, depression, and suicide. In rural counties like El Dorado, provider shortages and stigma limit access to care. Local agencies report ongoing need for mental health and substance use services, indicating gaps in available support. **Housing and Homelessness:** Point-in-Time counts consistently identify veterans among the unhoused, typically 5-10% of the homeless population. With limited shelter and transitional housing in the county, even small numbers reflect significant unmet need. **Employment and Income:** Veterans in El Dorado County have lower labor force participation rates than non-veterans (American Community Survey), often due to disability or barriers transitioning to civilian employment. Local Veteran Services Offices report continued demand for job placement assistance and benefits navigation. **Education and Training:** Although GI Bill benefits are available, rural geography and limited local programs create barriers. Many veterans require assistance accessing education and workforce training aligned with regional employment opportunities. Together, these factors demonstrate a sustained need for coordinated, accessible veteran services in El Dorado County.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This program will address the identified needs of veterans in El Dorado County through a coordinated, wraparound approach that improves access to essential services and reduces barriers common in rural communities. To meet health and mental health needs, the program will help provide individualized case management and care coordination, connecting veterans to local providers and VA resources. By offering navigation support and local access points, the program reduces reliance on distant VA facilities and increases engagement in care, particularly for those experiencing PTSD, depression, or substance use challenges. To address housing instability and homelessness, the program can assist veterans with housing navigation, referrals to rental assistance, and connections to transitional and permanent housing programs, where appropriate. Partnerships with local Continuum of Care agencies will ensure veterans are prioritized for available housing resources and supportive services. For employment and income, the program will deliver job readiness support, including resume building, interview preparation, and direct connections to local employers. Staff will also assist veterans in accessing VA benefits, disability compensation, and pensions, helping to increase financial stability. In the area of education and training, the program will guide veterans in using GI Bill benefits and enrolling in local colleges or workforce training programs aligned with regional job opportunities. By integrating these services, the program will reduce fragmentation, improve access, and promote long-term stability and well-being for veterans across El Dorado County.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the
program/project that funding is being requested for.**

Jake's Journey Home is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of veterans in El Dorado County through its mission-driven direct-service approach focused on stability dignity and access to critical resources The organization s mission centers on supporting veterans and their families in overcoming barriers to housing health and self-sufficiency directly aligning with the demonstrated local needs in housing mental health and economic stability Jake s Journey Home has already proven its effectiveness in addressing housing instability one of the most urgent issues facing veterans in the county In the past year grant funding was successfully utilized to provide pre-rental and move-in assistance including security deposits utility setup and other stabilization costs This support enabled veterans to secure and maintain housing preventing homelessness and reducing reliance on emergency systems Building on this success the organization is well-equipped to expand its impact through continued funding Its established relationships with local landlords service providers and veteran networks allow for efficient identification of veterans in need and rapid response to crises Additionally Jake s Journey Home takes a holistic wraparound approach connecting veterans not only to housing support but also to mental health services benefits navigation and community resources As a community-based organization Jake s Journey Home understands the unique challenges of rural veterans including transportation barriers and limited service access Its flexible veteran-centered model ensures services are tailored to individual needs Overall the organization s mission proven track record and strong local partnerships make it highly suited to effectively address the unmet needs

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

The proposed project will be implemented over a 12-month grant period with clear milestones to ensure effective service delivery and measurable outcomes for veterans in El Dorado County. Months 1-2: Program Launch and Outreach Jake's Journey Home will finalize partnerships with local service providers, landlords, and veteran networks. Outreach efforts will begin, including referrals from the El Dorado County Veteran Services Office and community organizations. Program materials and eligibility guidelines will be distributed to ensure accessibility. Months 3-6: Service Delivery and Housing Stabilization The program will begin providing direct assistance to veterans, prioritizing those at risk of homelessness. Funds will be used for pre-rental expenses such as security deposits, utility setup, and application fees. Case management will connect participants to health care, mental health services, and benefits. Initial outcomes will be tracked, including number of veterans housed and stabilized. Months 7-9: Expansion and Support Services Services will expand to include employment support and education navigation, helping veterans achieve longer-term stability. Ongoing case management will ensure participants remain housed and connected to resources. Months 10-12: Evaluation and Sustainability Planning The final phase will focus on program evaluation, including tracking housing retention, income improvements, and service utilization. Findings will inform program improvements and future funding strategies. Jake's Journey Home will also strengthen partnerships to sustain and expand services beyond the grant period. This structured timeline ensures immediate impact while building a foundation for long-term support and stability for local veterans.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

The proposed project will include clear, measurable objectives to ensure accountability and demonstrate meaningful outcomes for veterans in El Dorado County. These objectives focus on housing stability, access to services, and improved self-sufficiency. Housing Stability: Assist a minimum of 20-30 veterans and/or veteran households with pre-rental and move-in expenses (security deposits, utility setup, application fees). Achieve 85% housing retention among participants for at least 6 months after placement. Reduce the number of veterans at risk of homelessness by providing timely financial intervention. Access to Health and Mental Health Services: Connect at least 75% of program participants to appropriate healthcare and/or mental health services, including VA and community-based providers. Ensure 50% of participants engaged in services attend at least one follow-up appointment or ongoing care session. Income and Benefits Stabilization: Assist 70% of participants in applying for or increasing access to VA benefits, disability compensation, or other income supports. Support at least 40% of employable participants in securing employment, job training, or workforce development services. Education and Resource Navigation: Provide benefits and education navigation to 100% of participants, including guidance on GI Bill usage or local training programs. Enroll at least 25% of eligible participants in education or workforce training programs. Program Efficiency and Impact: Maintain an average response time of 5-7 days from referral to service delivery. Track and report outcomes quarterly, including number served, housing placements, and service connections. These measurable objectives ensure the program delivers tangible, trackable outcomes that directly address the critical needs of veterans in El Dorado County.

How will the objectives be measured?

Objectives will be measured through consistent data tracking, case management records, and follow-up with participants. Data Tracking: Jake's Journey Home will use a secure system to document all participants, services provided, and outcomes, including financial assistance, referrals, and housing placements. Housing Stability: Success will be measured by verifying lease agreements and conducting follow-ups at 3 and 6 months to track housing retention rates. Service Connections: Referrals to healthcare, mental health, employment, and education services will be recorded. Follow-up will confirm whether participants accessed and engaged in these services. Income and Employment: Progress will be tracked through applications for VA benefits, income increases, or employment placement, using participant reports and partner verification when available. Participant Follow-Up: Regular check-ins and brief surveys will assess stability, well-being, and satisfaction with services. Reporting: Data will be reviewed monthly and summarized in quarterly reports to measure progress, ensure accountability, and guide program improvements.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 20

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 50

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Veteran status will be verified using official documentation prior to assistance. Acceptable proof includes: DD Form 214 (discharge papers) VA Identification Card (VIC/VHIC) Military ID (retired or reserve) VA benefits or award letters Jake's Journey Home will securely collect and store copies of documentation in each participant's case file. Additionally, the organization is certified with VA SQUARES, allowing for immediate, real-time verification of veteran status through the VA system. This ensures fast, accurate eligibility confirmation, even when a veteran does not have documents readily available. If needed, staff will also coordinate with the El Dorado County Veteran Services Office to obtain or confirm records. No funds will be distributed until veteran status is verified, ensuring compliance and program integrity.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The anticipated impact of this project is increased housing stability, improved access to essential services, and enhanced overall well-being for veterans in El Dorado County. Through targeted financial assistance for pre-rental and move-in costs, the program will help 20 plus veteran households secure stable housing, preventing homelessness and reducing reliance on emergency services. By prioritizing early intervention, the project will stabilize veterans before they enter crisis, leading to stronger long-term outcomes. In addition to housing, the program will connect participants to critical healthcare and mental health services, increasing engagement in care and addressing conditions such as PTSD, depression, and chronic illness. Veterans will also gain improved access to VA benefits and income supports, resulting in greater financial stability. The project is expected to produce measurable outcomes, including high housing retention rates (70% or greater), increased service utilization, and improved income or employment status for participants. Veterans will also experience greater confidence navigating systems such as the VA and local resources. Beyond individual impact, the program will strengthen community partnerships and contribute to reducing veteran homelessness in El Dorado County. By combining rapid financial assistance with ongoing support and resource navigation, Jake's Journey Home will create lasting, positive change for veterans and their families.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

Impact will be measured through data tracking, follow-up, and outcome reporting. Jake's Journey Home will track the number of veterans served, housing placements, and housing retention at 3 and 6 months. Service connections (healthcare, mental health, employment, and benefits) will be documented and verified through follow-up. Income improvements and employment outcomes will also be recorded. Participant check-ins and brief surveys will assess stability and well-being. Data will be reviewed monthly and reported quarterly to evaluate progress, ensure accountability, and guide program improvements.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

Yes, this is an ongoing program. Jake's Journey Home is committed to sustaining and expanding services that support housing stability and overall well-being for veterans in El Dorado County. To continue the program beyond this grant cycle, the organization will pursue diversified funding sources, including additional grants, private donations, community fundraising, and partnerships with local businesses and foundations. The organization has successfully secured funding in the past and will continue building relationships with funders to ensure long-term sustainability. In-kind support and collaborations with local service providers will also help reduce costs and extend impact. Continuation of the program is determined by demonstrated impact and community need. Key indicators include the number of veterans served, housing placements, housing retention rates, and successful connections to healthcare, benefits, and employment resources. Ongoing demand for assistance, particularly in housing stabilization, will also guide program continuation. If outcomes show that veterans are achieving and maintaining stability—and the need remains evident—the program will continue to operate and grow.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	\$ 50000
Fundraising revenue	\$ 97000
Total Revenue	\$ 167000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 26000
Equipment	\$ 15000
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 48000
Travel and meetings	\$ 1000

Marketing and advertising	\$ 3500
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 2000
Contract services	\$ 0
Other	\$ 61000
Total Expenditures	\$ 156500

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

The requested \$20,000 will be used to provide direct financial assistance to veterans in El Dorado County, specifically for housing stabilization and pre-rental expenses. Funds will cover critical costs such as security deposits, first month's rent, utility deposits, and application fees, which are often the primary barriers preventing veterans from securing stable housing. Approximately 85-90% of the funds (\$17,000-\$18,000) will be allocated directly to client assistance, supporting an estimated 25-40 veteran households. The remaining 10-15% (\$2,000-\$3,000) will support minimal program administration, including case management, outreach, and coordination with landlords and service providers to ensure timely and effective service delivery. If the total cost of the program exceeds the grant amount, Jake's Journey Home will supplement funding through private donations, community fundraising, and additional grant sources. These funds will be used to expand the number of veterans served and provide continued support services such as resource navigation and follow-up care. This budget prioritizes direct impact, ensuring the majority of funds go directly to veterans in need while maintaining efficient program operations and accountability.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

By entering your full name below, you certify that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Jeanne Shuman



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

JAKES JOURNEY HOME
[REDACTED]

Date:
12/01/2020
Employer ID number:
[REDACTED]
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Form 990-PF required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
September 9, 2020
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053676002760

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a).

You're required to file Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation, annually, whether or not you have income or activity during the year. If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PF" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PF, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Private Foundations, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 1076 (Rev. 2-2020)
Catalog Number 35161A



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date:
06/21/2022

Employer ID number:

Form 990/990EZ/990-N required:

Yes

Person to contact:

Name: Carly Young

ID number: 31494

Telephone: 877-829-5500

JAKES JOURNEY HOME
[REDACTED]

Dear Applicant:

In your letter dated November 3, 2021, you requested a reclassification of foundation status as a public charity.

Our records indicate you are classified as a private foundation. You claim you're erroneously classified as a private foundation and are requesting correction of the error.

Based on the information you provided, we determined you meet the requirements for classification as a public charity described in IRC Sections 509(a)(2) and updated our records.

Because your tax-exempt status wasn't under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

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Letter 4425 (Rev. 8-2020)
Catalog Number 52256W

Jakes Journey Home

EIN: [REDACTED] | Folsom, California, United States

Publication 78 Data

Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of their contributions.

On Publication 78 Data List: Yes

Deductibility Code: PC 

Determination Letter

A favorable determination letter is issued by the IRS if an organization meets the requirements for tax-exempt status under the Code section the organization applied.

Final Letter(s)

- [FinalLetter 85-3207165 JAKESJOURNEYHOME 09302020 00.tif \[pub/epostcard/dl/FinalLetter 85-3207165 JAKESJOURNEYHOME 09302020 00.tif\]](#)
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Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

✓ **Tax Year 2023 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2022 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**


Copies of Returns (990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T)












Electronic copies (images) of Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or 990-T returns filed with the IRS by charities and non-profits.

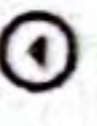

✓ **Tax Year 2021 Form 990PF**

✓ Tax Year 2020 Form 990PF

Here's a summary of the organization's filing with Tax990 [Show filing history](#)

Show entries 

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4C0007325153770-1 03/25/2025 08:15:23 AM	IB Form 990-EZ	2024	Accepted by the IRS	Go to Dashboard Amend this Return	  

Showing 1 to 4 of 4 Entries  

FB - Form Based Filing IB - Interview Based Filing

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Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

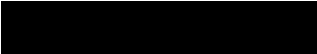
Name: Diane Muirhead
Email: [REDACTED]
App ID: 05842802
Status: Submitted
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Last Modified: Apr 23 2026 16:40 PDT by [REDACTED]
Last IP Address: [REDACTED]
Common App: 2026 COMMON APP for EDCF grants

Organization Information

Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization Military Family Support Group

Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO Box



City	PLACERVILLE
State	CA
Zip Code	95667
Phone Number	
Organization's Website Address	msfgonline.org
Attach your organization's logo.	
Grant contact name	Diane Muirhead
Grant contact email address	
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Christine Leigh-Taylor
Executive Director email address	
Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.	

President/Chairman - Christine Leigh-Taylor
Treasurer - Diane Muirhead
Secretary - Eddi Gilstrap

Year Incorporated	2010
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	30.00
Mission Statement	

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IRS Determination Letter.pdf

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CA Secretary of State Standing.png

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Grant Information

Grant Information

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El Dorado Veterans Stand Down

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

We are requesting funds for the El Dorado Veterans Stand Down. A two day event, that is free to all US Veterans and their immediate family. The stand down provides dental, vision and medical care, food, hair cuts, clothes, veterinary services - including vaccinations, food and supplies, VA Services and more.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 10000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado County, but some veterans may come from other counties. We will never turn away a veteran in need, regardless of where they live.

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

El Dorado County is home to more than 600 low-income senior and/or homeless veterans. Many of these individuals struggle to meet basic needs such as food, housing and utilities, making essential services like dental care, haircuts and pet vaccinations largely inaccessible,

The El Dorado Veterans Stand Down addresses these gaps by providing a wide range of critical services at no cost to eligible veterans and their immediate family members.

We are requesting funding to support the 2026 El Dorado Veterans Stand Down.

Due to rising costs and the recent loss of a provider that previously offered free dental and vision services the cost of delivering these essential services has increased significantly.

To ensure continuity of care we have developed a new approach by partnering with local dental providers who have agreed to offer services at reduced rates. Through this model eligible veterans will be referred and scheduled for appointments with participating dentists with the Stand Down covering the cost of care. We anticipate serving 50- 70 veterans and providing more than 100 dental procedures. Approximately \$7000 - \$8000 of the requested funds will be allocated specifically for dental services. The remaining funds will support essential event costs including food for participants, outreach and advertising, equipment rental, transportation and fuel, security and program materials.

These resources are critical to ensuring the event is accessible, well-coordinated and able to effectively serve veterans in need. This funding will allow us to continue delivering high-impact direct services to vulnerable veterans in El Dorado County.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

El Dorado County is home to approximately 11,500 to 12,000 veterans, representing about 8% of the population; nearly double the California average. This significant veteran population includes a large proportion of low income seniors.

As veterans age the need for dental care increases particularly for conditions such as gum disease, tooth loss and untreated decay that can contribute to serious health complications, if left unaddressed. VA dental care is only given to those with specific service-connected conditions or disability ratings. As a result many veterans in El Dorado County, particularly those who are low-income, uninsured or underinsured, do not qualify for routine or emergency dental services through the VA.

Local conditions further compound this issue. El Dorado County's rural geography creates significant barriers to accessing care including long travel distances, limited provider availability and transportation challenges.

At the same time the county's high cost of living places financial strain on residents making out-of-pocket dental care unaffordable for veterans living on fixed incomes. For vulnerable populations, including veterans experiencing housing instability or homelessness, access to dental care is often entirely out of reach. Untreated dental conditions can lead to chronic pain, infection and broader health complications while also impacting employability, social engagement and overall quality of life.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

The Stand Down Dental Program will directly address the gap in affordable dental care by providing targeted timely services to underserved veterans in El Dorado County. Through partnerships with local licensed dental providers the program will deliver both preventative and urgent dental care to veterans who are uninsured, underinsured or ineligible for dental coverage through the U S Department of Veterans Affairs.

Funding will be used to cover the cost of essential services including exams X-rays cleanings fillings and emergency procedures such as extractions and infection treatment By prioritizing early intervention and preventative care the program will reduce the progression of untreated dental conditions that often lead to more serious and costly health issues.

Veterans will be identified at the Stand Down, ensuring that those with the greatest need are served. Eligibility will be verified through proof of service (e.g.: DD214) and priority will be given to low-income individuals and those facing barriers to care including transportation challenges and financial hardship To maximize the impact of grant funds the program will leverage negotiated or reduced rates with participating dental providers allowing a greater number of veterans to receive care within the budget.

Any of the remaining budget not used for other Stand Down items, will be used for the dental program.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the
program/project that funding is being requested for.**

The mission of Military Family Support Group (MFSG) is to honor and empower military service members, veterans, and their families by providing resources and advocacy through community partnerships that improve well-being, reduce stress, and address unmet needs. This mission directly aligns with the request for funding to support the El Dorado Veterans Stand Down.

The Stand Down event is a direct expression of MFSG's mission in action. It brings together community partners to provide free, comprehensive services—including dental care, medical care, vision services, housing and employment assistance, food, and other essential supports—to veterans who are experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, or limited access to care.

Many of the veterans served through this program face significant unmet needs that create barriers to stability and well-being. By coordinating volunteers, service providers, and partner organizations, MFSG reduces these barriers and ensures that veterans receive critical services in a supportive, dignified environment.

The requested funding will specifically strengthen this mission by expanding access to dental care and supporting the overall operation of the Stand Down event. These services directly address urgent health and quality-of-life needs while reinforcing MFSG's commitment to community-based advocacy and collaborative service delivery.

Through this effort, MFSG not only provides immediate relief but also helps restore dignity, health, and stability to vulnerable veterans—fully aligning with its mission to improve well-being and address unmet needs through strong community partnerships.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Stand Down related expenses will be immediately before or after the Stand Down event.

Payment for dental cost will depend on how many appointments are fulfilled between the Stand Down and the fiscal year end. We currently anticipate that the funds will be expended prior to fiscal year end.

While we do not expect any funds remaining, should that happen, MFSG will provide the TOT committee with a report of said funds and request an extension to use the funds for the 2027 Stand Down or additional dental treatment.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

The objective of the Stand Down is provide as many services to as many veterans, as possible.

How will the objectives be measured?

Stand Down success will be measured through clear quantitative and qualitative indicators, including the number of veterans served, dental procedures completed, and timely access to care. Outcomes will also be assessed through participant feedback on what was helpful at the Stand Down, pain reduction, improved oral health and quality of life. Additional tracking will include service delivery efficiency, such as appointment completion rates and average time from referral to treatment, ensuring that grant funds are used effectively and result in measurable community impact.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 300

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 95

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Each individual must register at the gate upon arrival. Veterans must present a DD-214, VA Healthcare card, current military ID, or a California driver's license with veteran designation. The veteran must be present for accompanying family members to be admitted.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The El Dorado Veterans Stand Down will have a direct and measurable impact on the health, stability, and quality of life of vulnerable veterans in El Dorado County. By providing free, coordinated access to essential services—including dental care, medical care, housing assistance, and other critical supports—the program will address urgent unmet needs among low-income, senior, and homeless veterans.

We anticipate serving approximately 50–70 veterans through dental services alone, resulting in more than 100 completed procedures. These services will reduce pain, treat infections, and address long-ignored oral health conditions that often interfere with eating, speaking, employment, and overall well-being.

Beyond dental care, the Stand Down will connect veterans to a broader network of support services that can improve long-term stability, including housing resources, benefits assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and community-based support programs. This integrated service model helps reduce isolation and improves access to ongoing care.

The program's anticipated impact includes:

- Improved physical health and reduction in untreated dental disease

- Increased access to essential services for underserved veterans

- Enhanced dignity, comfort, and daily functioning

- Strengthened connections between veterans and local support systems

- Immediate relief of critical unmet needs within the veteran community

Overall, the program will provide both immediate intervention and meaningful improvements in quality of life for some of the most vulnerable veterans in El Dorado County, while strengthening the community network that supports them.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

Impact will be measured through a combination of quantitative and qualitative indicators, including the number of veterans served, dental procedures completed, and timely access to care. Outcomes will be assessed through participant surveys measuring reductions in pain and improvements in daily functioning, along with service delivery metrics such as appointment completion rates and referral efficiency. Together, these measures will demonstrate both the immediate and longer-term benefits of the program on veteran health and well-being in El Dorado County.

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What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

The El Dorado Veterans Stand Down is an annual event. We are currently looking into corporate sponsorships and fundraising.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 10000
Other Contributions	\$ 3000
Fundraising revenue	\$ 1000
Total Revenue	\$ 14000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
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Other	\$ 8000
Total Expenditures	\$ 13232

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

Grant funds will primarily be used to pay for dental services for 50 - 70 veterans, The remaining funds will be spent on standard Stand Down items, such as overnight security, food, printing and registration supplies, medical supplies, etcetra.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

Diane Muirhead

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAR 02 2011**

Employer Identification Number:

DLN:

601007025

Contact Person:

JO A CHRISTMAS

ID# 31546

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

June 30

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

August 18, 2010

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

No

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

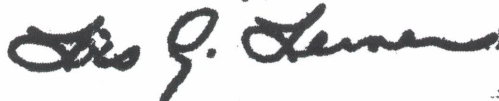
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Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: Caleb ARMSTRONG
Email: [REDACTED]
App ID: 05841111
Status: Submitted
Cycle: None
Last Modified: Apr 18 2026 23:13 PDT by [REDACTED]
Last IP Address: [REDACTED]
Common App: 2026 COMMON APP for EDCF grants

Organization Information

Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization

Non-profit Construction Corporation (DBA
Non-profit Community Catalyst)

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	GREENWOOD
State	CA
Zip Code	95635
Phone Number	
Organization's Website Address	www.non-profitconstruction.com
Attach your organization's logo.	549198932_122268101744033369_6354532421192778135_n(1).jpg
Grant contact name	Caleb Armstrong
Grant contact email address	
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Caleb Armstrong
Executive Director email address	
Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.	

Caleb Armstrong, President
Teresa Bonetti, Treasurer,
Nicoli Siracusa, Secretary

Year Incorporated	2024
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	7.00
Mission Statement	

NOT ENOUGH CHARACTERS ALLOWED FOR FULL MISSION STATEMENT PLEASE REFERENCE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED:
Specific Purpose: The purpose of Non-profit Construction Corporation is to provide housing homeownership opportunities.

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Veteran Community Services Catalyst

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

Non Profit Construction Corporation NPCC is requesting 20 000 in Veterans TOT funding to expand two essential services for veterans in rural El Dorado County reliable transportation and access to safe affordable home repairs These needs are consistently identified by Veteran Service Officers VA social workers and local veteran serving organizations as major barriers to health stability and independence To maximize impact if awarded NPCC has secured a 30 in kind transportation match from Reliable Med Transport RMT a veteran owned non emergency medical transportation company RMT will provide free transportation for veterans to medical appointments benefit appointments rehabilitation services and essential errands With 1 2 weeks notice for scheduling this partnership fills a critical gap for veterans who lack dependable transportation in our geographically dispersed communities NPCC's allocation of 5 000 toward transportation combined with RMT's in kind match expands the total transportation value to 6 500 ensuring more veterans can access the services they need without financial or logistical barriers The remaining 15 000 will capitalize NPCC's Veteran Home Improvement Program and establish Revolving Loan Fund which provides zero interest low impact repayment loans for essential home repairs accessibility modifications and safety improvements Unlike traditional grant expenditures these dollars are recycled not depleted Loan repayments flow back into the fund allowing NPCC to assist additional veterans year after year As the fund grows through repayments community donations partner contributions fundraisers and potential future TOT allocations its long term impact will expand significantly Together these two components create a high leverage sustainable model that addresses immediate transportation while building long term resource for veteran housing stability. Proposal ensures every dollar stretches further, serves more veterans and strengthens capacity over time. When repayment is not possible TOT committee will be notified and can approve loan be forgiven with no repayment.

Grant Amount Requested	\$ 20000
Geographic Area Served by this Grant	El Dorado County only for allocated dollars by TOT
What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?	

Veterans in rural El Dorado County face two persistent and well-documented barriers that directly affect their health, stability, and ability to access essential services: lack of reliable transportation and limited access to affordable home repairs and safety modifications. These challenges are consistently identified by Veteran Service Officers, VA social workers, and local veteran-serving organizations as major obstacles preventing veterans from maintaining independence, attending medical and benefits appointments, and safely remaining in their homes.

Transportation is one of the most urgent needs in our region. Many veterans live in remote areas without access to public transit, do not drive due to age or disability, or lack a dependable vehicle. Missed medical appointments, delayed benefits processing, and social isolation are common consequences. Service providers frequently report that they cannot connect veterans to needed care simply because transportation is unavailable. At the same time, many veterans—particularly seniors, disabled veterans, and low-income households—struggle to afford critical home repairs, accessibility improvements, and safety upgrades. Without support, these issues can lead to unsafe living conditions, increased fall risk, and premature displacement from their homes. Existing assistance programs are limited, competitive, or require long wait times. The need for practical, accessible, and sustainable solutions is clear. By addressing both transportation and home repair barriers, NPCC's proposed program directly supports veterans' ability to access healthcare, maintain stable housing, and remain active members of the community.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

El Dorado County currently provides no free county operated transportation services for veterans and the El Dorado County Veteran Services Office does not administer or fund any transportation program. Veterans must rely volunteer networks or the VA's regional transportation program, neither of which guarantees availability for rural communities. As a result veterans frequently miss medical appointments, benefits appointments rehabilitation services and essential errands simply because transportation is unavailable. Veteran Service Officers and VA social workers consistently identify transportation as one of the most urgent unmet needs in the county

At the same time local Veteran Service Organizations report a steady outflow of emergency repair assistance dollars often spending thousands of dollars per veteran on urgent repairs such as water heater failures, accessibility modifications, roof leaks and safety hazards. These one time high cost emergencies quickly deplete limited VSO emergency funds reducing their ability to assist additional veterans. Many veterans have stable monthly income but cannot absorb a large unexpected repair cost in a single payment creating financial strain and delaying critical repairs. NPCC's Veteran Home Improvement Program VHIP demonstrates that veterans can successfully repay small manageable monthly amounts when offered zero interest terms. A revolving loan fund preserves emergency dollars, provides immediate access to repair funding and grows over time through repayments and community contributions. Combined with NPCC's partnership with Reliable Med Transport which adds \$6,500.00 in total transportation value, this data shows a clear need for sustainable transportation and home repairs.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This program directly addresses the two most urgent and well documented needs facing veterans in El Dorado County, reliable transportation and access to affordable sustainable home repair resources. By combining a transportation partnership with a zero interest revolving loan fund NPCC provides both immediate relief and long term solutions. The transportation component is strengthened through NPCC's partnership with Reliable Med Transport RMT, a veteran owned non emergency transportation provider offering a 30% in kind match. With only 1-2 weeks notice required RMT will deliver free rides for veterans to medical appointments, benefits appointments, rehabilitation services and essential errands services that currently do not exist through any county operated program. This directly reduces missed appointments improves access to care and supports VSO and VA social worker referrals who currently have no reliable transportation resource to offer.

The second component NPCC s Veteran Home Improvement Program VHIP addresses the financial strain caused by large unexpected repair costs. Many veterans can manage monthly expenses but cannot absorb a major repair in a single lump sum placing heavy pressure on limited VSO emergency fund. By providing zero interest low impact repayment loans VHIP offers immediate access to critical repair dollars while preserving veterans financial stabilit. Because repayments flow back into the fund the resource grows over time reducing reliance on emergency assistance and expanding long term capacity to serve more veterans. Together these two strategies create a practical scalable and sustainable model that directly responds to the transportation and housing stability needs identified

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the
program/project that funding is being requested for.**

Non-Profit Construction Corporation (NPCC) is uniquely suited to meet the transportation and home-repair needs of veterans in El Dorado County because our mission is centered on removing practical barriers that prevent individuals and families from achieving safety, stability, and long-term independence.

As a nonprofit community catalyst, NPCC specializes in hands-on, solutions-driven support for rural residents who are underserved by traditional systems—including wildfire survivors, low-income households, and local veterans. Our Veteran Home Improvement Program (VHIP) has already demonstrated NPCC's ability to connect veterans with essential home-repair resources, safety improvements, and accessibility support. Although NPCC does not yet operate a revolving loan fund, VHIP consistently attracts veterans who are seeking assistance, information, and opportunities to participate in community projects.

This engagement has strengthened relationships with younger veterans as well, who often become involved in volunteer efforts, peer support, and project participation once they connect with VHIP. NPCC is equally well-positioned to address the transportation gap. Our partnership with Reliable Med Transport (RMT)—a veteran-owned provider offering a 30% in-kind match—creates the only reliable, scheduled, no-cost transportation option available to veterans in the county. This directly supports VSOs, VA social workers, and community partners who currently have no dependable transportation resource to refer veterans to.

Together, these program components align directly with NPCC's mission to deliver practical, community-driven, and sustainable solutions that strengthen veteran wellbeing and expand access to essential services across rural El Dorado County.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

All grant funds will be spent immediately upon assignment to a veteran project ensuring full expenditure within the required one year period NPCC will track each project individually and all veterans receiving services will provide a DD 214 for eligibility verification.

Funds are considered fully spent once they are allocated to a veteran project even if a portion of those dollars is later repaid into the VHIP revolving loan fund.

For transparency NPCC will report how many dollars were repaid into the fund at the end of the grant year.

Transportation Component: RMT Partnership. Upon grant approval NPCC will allocate the transportation portion directly to Reliable Med Transport RMT. These funds will be immediately converted into transportation credits available to Veteran Service Officers, VSOs, VA social workers and veterans. RMT will provide monthly invoices documenting in kind transportation ride logs and a copy of each rider's DD 214 VSOs and VA social workers will when scheduling rides can email cfo@non-profitconstruction.com and CC ceo@non-profitconstruction.com with verification documents. Transportation credits will be used continuously until fully expended.

Throughout the grant year NPCC will apply remaining funds to veteran home repair projects as they arise. Each project will be documented with scope of work cost and DD 214 verification . Any repayments made by veterans will be reported for transparency.

Major Milestones

Month1- Funding received transportation credits activated VHIP intake begins

Months 1-12 Continuous transportation delivery and veteran project approvals

Month 12 Final reporting including VHIP repayment totals.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

The program will achieve measurable, trackable outcomes in both transportation access and veteran home-repair support. All objectives will be documented through DD-214 verification, project files, RMT invoices, and NPCC reporting excel spread sheet and standard requirements for TOT grant reporting.

Transportation Objectives:

Provide a minimum of 75 free transportation rides to eligible veterans within the grant year through the Reliable Med Transport (RMT) partnership.

Ensure 100% of scheduled rides are verified with a DD-214 and documented through RMT's monthly invoices and ride logs.

Reduce missed medical and benefits appointments while increasing errands and possible car pools to further extended the use of the credits and in kind rides for.

Start utilizing transportation credits within 30 days of grant award and maintain continuous availability until fully expended. VSO, veterean TOT commitee will be welcome to share the program to local veterans.

Home-Repair Support Objectives (VHIP Engagement)

Support a goal of 10 veteran home-repair projects during the grant year using allocated funds.Document 100% of projects with DD-214 verification, scope of work, and cost reporting.

Report the total amount of dollars repaid into the VHIP revolving loan fund at year-end for transparency, while confirming that all grant dollars were fully allocated to veteran projects. The most impactful measurable outcome of the revolving loan fund is its projection to grow overtime and stay in El Dorado county as a vital resource for veterans and expand the resources the become scarce at the end of each grant year.

Increase veteran engagement with NPCC programs by at least 20%, measured by VHIP inquiries, project participation, and referrals from VSOs and VA social workers.These objectives ensure that every dollar produces measurable, high-impact outcomes for veterans in El Dorado County

How will the objectives be measured?

NPCC will measure all objectives using hard data documented verification and year end financial reporting. Every veteran served will provide a DD 214 and each service transportation or home repair support will be recorded in NPCC's project tracking system.

Transportation Measurement: Reliable Med Transport RMT will provide monthly invoices documenting number of rides provided, type of ride such as medical benefits, rehabilitation, essential errands, miles traveled and DD 214 verification for each rider and in kind match value delivered.

NPCC will track total veterans, served total rides, completed and transportation credits used, VSOs and VA social workers will be able to confirm if the transports have been beneficial.

Home Repair Measurement VHIP Engagement :

For each veteran home repair project NPCC will document DD 214 verification, scope of work completed, total project cost number of veterans served and grant dollars allocated. We will as well track the repayment dollars that come back, what was an actual and feasible payment for each veteran, whom participated and as well we are providing one feed back assesment form for our planned reporting of the revolving loan fund impact and its own specific measurements.

As a contingency if a Veteran participating in the revolving loan fund comes into fiancial hardship and cannot repay the NPCC Executive Director will reach out to the TOT commitee and request that the loan be forgiven.Total dollars repaid into the fund by year end, report number of repayment plans active or completed and total dollars available for reuse.

Statistically, NPCC expects that by the annual reporting deadline new dollars will be available in the revolving loan fund demonstrating that instead of being entirely spent a portion of the funds has regenerated and is ready for reuse within the veteran community. This is a key indicator of sustainability and impact.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 40

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 30

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

DD-214 Collection (Required for All Services) . Every veteran must provide a DD-214 and photo ID and or VA ID prior to receiving transportation or home-repair support. DD-214s may be submitted directly by the veteran, a VSO, or a VA social worker as well. NPCC will maintain a secure digital record of each DD-214 linked to the corresponding project or ride log.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The anticipated impact of this project is significant because this grant will establish El Dorado County's first revolving loan fund dedicated to veteran home repairs through NPCC's Veteran Home Improvement Program (VHIP). Creating this fund positions NPCC to build a long-term, sustainable resource that continues to serve veterans year after year. Once established, the revolving loan fund becomes a powerful tool for leveraging additional partnerships, sponsorships, and donations, allowing NPCC to grow the fund and expand its reach.

This includes amplifying existing relationships with the Home Depot Foundation and Diamond Pacific Lumber, both of which publicly support veterans and help NPCC reduce material costs for veteran projects.

The impact extends beyond home repairs. When combined with NPCC's transportation partnership with Reliable Med Transport, the program delivers a dual-solution model that addresses two of the most persistent barriers veterans face: safe housing and reliable access to medical, benefits, rehabilitation services and local errands. Together, these components create a comprehensive support system that improves stability, health outcomes, and quality of life for veterans across the county. Nationally, revolving loan funds and transportation partnerships have proven to be among the most effective, scalable models for veteran support. By implementing this first-of-its-kind program locally, NPCC brings a proven, research-supported approach to El Dorado County—one that will generate measurable outcomes today and long-lasting benefits for years to come

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

Veterans participating in the 0% interest revolving loan fund will complete an NPCC-administered assessment that asks:
How the loan assisted them

Whether this was the only resource available

How the funds improved safety, accessibility, or stability

Whether the payment plan was manageable

What improvements could be made to the process

These assessments are not overly rigorous but are designed to elicit meaningful data for an in-depth report.

NPCC will also track: Total number of veterans served

Total projects completed

Total dollars allocated to each project

Total dollars repaid into the revolving loan fund

Statistically, NPCC anticipates that by the annual reporting deadline, new dollars will already be available in the revolving loan fund, demonstrating sustainability and the ability to reuse funds for additional veterans.

Transportation Impact Measurement (RMT-Provided Data)

RMT will complete their own assessment and provide NPCC with detailed monthly data, including:

Total miles traveled

Number of rides provided

Types of rides (medical, benefits, rehabilitation, essential errands)

DD-214 verification

Whether the 30% in-kind match was met

Feedback on the intake process

Suggestions for improvement

Examples of the most impactful rides

A 1-10 rating of how beneficial the Catalyst Partnership was

How were veterans made aware of the available transportation services

This combined data will allow NPCC to produce a comprehensive, evidence-based impact report for the TOT Committee.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

This project contains both time-limited and long-term components. The transportation partnership with Reliable Med Transport (RMT) is a one-time program for this grant year, designed to test the effectiveness of providing scheduled, no-cost transportation for veterans. Continuation of the transportation component will depend on measurable success, veteran satisfaction, and the strength of RMT's 30% in-kind match. If the program demonstrates strong impact—such as increased access to medical and benefits appointments, high utilization, and positive assessment responses. NPCC will work to amplify and extend the partnership through continued in-kind matching, community sponsorships, and future grant opportunities.

The Veteran Home Improvement Program (VHIP) revolving loan fund, however, is designed to be ongoing and permanent. This grant will establish the first revolving loan fund of its kind in El Dorado County dedicated to veteran home repairs. Once created, the fund will continue indefinitely, growing through veteran repayments, donor contributions, sponsorships, and partner support. NPCC will leverage this fund to attract additional partners—including the Home Depot Foundation and Diamond Pacific Lumber—who already support NPCC's veteran projects and help reduce material costs.

As repayments accumulate, NPCC anticipates that new dollars will already be available for reuse by the annual reporting deadline, demonstrating sustainability and long-term community benefit.

What Determines Whether the Program Continues?

Because this project establishes a revolving loan fund, its continuation is determined by the fund's ability to regenerate, grow, and remain in active use within the veteran community. A revolving loan fund is successful when the dollars loaned out are repaid reliably, allowing those same dollars to be reused for additional veteran home-repair projects. The core indicator of long-term impact is whether the initial \$15,000 in start-up funds can be fully repaid and begin generating new, available dollars by the annual reporting deadline. We anticipate with a zero interest loan and low payment structure for what is affordable to every veteran, as long as the payment schedule is affordable it will be successful.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	\$ 1500

Fundraising revenue	\$ 0
Total Revenue	\$ 21500

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 0
Travel and meetings	\$ 0
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 5000
Other	\$ 1500
Total Expenditures	\$ 6500

Budget Narrative

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NPCC is requesting \$20,000 from the Veterans' TOT Grant to launch El Dorado County's first Veteran Home Improvement Program (VHIP) revolving loan fund and to provide direct transportation support for veterans. Reliable Med Transport (RMT) will contribute a 30% in-kind match valued at \$1,500, bringing the total program value to \$21,500.

Because this project includes a revolving loan fund, the budget structure differs from standard nonprofit spend-down models. The requested \$15,000 is not an expenditure; it becomes loan capital that will be issued to veterans at 0% interest for essential home repairs. These dollars will then be repaid and re-loaned, allowing the same funds to support multiple projects over time. For this reason, the \$15,000 does not appear in the expenditure table. Those categories are designed for programs where funds are fully spent, not capitalized and reused. The \$6,500 in listed expenditures reflects the portion of the program that will be spent during the grant year:

Transportation Credits \$5000 This amount is dedicated to providing free transportation for veterans through NPCC's partnership with Reliable Med Transport. These funds purchase transportation credits that VSOs and VA social workers can schedule with 1-2 weeks' notice. RMT will track miles traveled, ride types, DD-214 verification, and in-kind match totals. This ensures veterans have reliable access to medical, benefits, rehabilitation, and essential-needs appointments. "Other" \$1,500 (RMT In-Kind Match) This represents the 30% in-kind contribution from RMT. It is not cash received by NPCC, it reflects the value of free rides provided beyond the \$5,000 in transportation credits. This match amplifies the impact of the program and increases the total transportation capacity available to veterans.

NPCC's Contribution and Long-Term Commitment.

Last year, NPCC was awarded \$20,000 for our Veteran Home Build-Out. Through our job-training program and our CSLB license, we generated significant earned revenue that was reinvested directly into multiple aspects of that project. This demonstrated our ability to multiply the impact of grant dollars through skilled labor, earned revenue, and community partnerships. We intend to do the same with this revolving loan fund. NPCC will continue contributing to the fund through: Revenue generated from future job-training projects, additional grant opportunities, donor support and community sponsorships.

Partnerships with the Home Depot Foundation and Diamond Pacific Lumber
As repayments accumulate, the fund will grow creating a permanent, renewable resource for veterans. This budget reflects more than financial planning. It reflects NPCC's belief that veterans deserve safety, dignity, stability, and opportunity. The revolving loan fund is a long-term promise, one built on strategy, sustainability, and heart. NPCC is committed to standing beside the veterans of El Dorado County today, tomorrow, and for years to come. Our veteran community has been our number one supporters showing love and compassion to our initiatives not only for veterans but for the critical resources we provide in home ownership and home rehabilitation work, working for every dollar needed.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

Caleb Ty Armstrong



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
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NON-PROFIT CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION
C/O CALEB ARMSTRONG
[REDACTED]

Date:
07/22/2024
Employer ID number:
[REDACTED]
Person to contact:
Name: JeremiahJohn
ID number: 86004
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
February 28, 2024
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053593005024

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

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Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization RRUFF Healing Heroes

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	Rocklin
State	CA
Zip Code	95765
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	https://www.rruffhealingheroes.org/
Attach your organization's logo.	RRUFF Logo Vector (1).jpg
Grant contact name	Brianna Callahan
Grant contact email address	[REDACTED]
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Brianna Callahan
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Heather Clark: Board Chair

Rose Smooth: Board Secretary

Lori Wattlelett: Board
Treasurer

Year Incorporated	2011
Number of paid staff	1.00
Number of volunteers	25.00
Mission Statement	

Support and empower disabled veterans and first responders through canine-assisted therapy and other healing strategies.

Fiscal Agent's confirmation letter- this is only needed if the community based organization that is applying is using a Fiscal Agent (because they are not their own nonprofit). Fiscal Agent must write a letter stating that they are taking fiscal responsibility of the grant funds on the community-based organization's behalf if they are granted funds. Fiscal Agents will keep specific program related funds restricted/accounting separate for this particular project request.

Fiscal Agent letter must be dated within 90 days of the grant submittal.

Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?

EIN or TIN



Attach the IRS Determination letter that contains your organization's Employer Identification Number AND verifies that your organization has been given 501c3 status.

501c3 IRS Letter 2025.pdf

Click on this link for the IRS database to find your organization. Please take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name and the IRS filings for the past year(s). This page should show that your organization has filed its 990, 990EZ or 990N in the past three years at least once.

Tax Exempt Organization Search Details.pdf

THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED unless organization is a faith based organization, a government entity or a Native American Tribe recognized by the federal government.

Visit the CA Secretary of State website and search for your organization. Take a screenshot of that page that shows your organization is active and up-to-date with your statement of information.

If your entity is registered in a state other than California, please provide a screenshot of your state's registration entity proving your active and up-to-date status. Also, your organization should be registered in CA if you are doing business in CA (like applying for these funds:)).

Statement of Information.pdf

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Lastly, visit the CA Department of Justice website to verify your organization's registration. Search for your organization , and take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name, and that its registration with the Department of Justice is CURRENT. Upload this screenshot here.

All organizations that "do business in California" are required to file annually with the CA DOJ.

DOJ Registry.pdf

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Grant Information

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Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

Service Dog Training for El Dorado County Veterans

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

RRUFF Healing Heroes is requesting funding to support two El Dorado County veterans through a structured, 12-18 month service dog training program. This program serves veterans living with PTSD and other service-related conditions by providing access to professional training that builds both canine skill and handler independence.

Participants enter the program with either a suitable dog they already own or are guided by professional trainers in selecting a dog through temperament testing. Training is conducted by experienced providers who follow Assistance Dogs International (ADI) standards, ensuring a consistent, high-quality approach to service dog development.

Veteran-dog teams participate in weekly training sessions, complete daily at-home exercises, and progress through a structured curriculum that includes foundational obedience, public access training, and task-specific work tailored to each veteran's needs. Throughout the program, both the veteran and the dog are evaluated to ensure steady progress and readiness for real-world environments.

Service dogs are trained to perform tasks that directly mitigate symptoms of PTSD and anxiety, such as interrupting panic responses, creating physical space in public settings, and providing grounding support during moments of distress. As a result, veterans gain increased confidence, improved emotional regulation, and the ability to safely engage in everyday activities that were previously difficult or inaccessible.

Grant funds will be used exclusively for service dog training expenses, including professional instruction, assessments, and program delivery. At a cost of \$7,800 per team, this funding will directly remove financial barriers and ensure that participating veterans can fully access the program. By investing in this project, the El Dorado County Veterans' TOT Grant will directly support local veterans in achieving greater independence, stability, and reintegration into their communities.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 15600

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado County

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

Veterans in El Dorado County face ongoing challenges related to PTSD, anxiety, and other service-related conditions that can significantly impact daily functioning. These challenges often include difficulty navigating public spaces, maintaining employment, and managing emotional regulation.

While traditional services exist, many veterans lack access to consistent, practical support in real-world environments. El Dorado County is home to approximately 12,000 veterans, according to the California Department of Veterans Affairs, representing a meaningful population in need of accessible and effective support services. Many are aging or living with long-term service-related conditions, increasing the need for interventions that support independence and stability.

Service dogs provide a unique form of support by performing trained tasks that directly mitigate symptoms of PTSD and anxiety, such as interrupting panic responses and providing grounding. They also assist with physical tasks including balance stabilization, retrieving items, and supporting mobility. This enables veterans to safely re-engage in daily life.

Service dog training is intensive, with a total cost of approximately \$20,000 per team. While nonprofit training partners subsidize a portion, veterans are still responsible for approximately \$7,800. This remains a barrier for many, particularly when combined with other life expenses.

RRUFF Healing Heroes also offers additional support for dog acquisition and select veterinary costs. With training programs starting quarterly, veterans can access services more quickly than many programs with long waitlists.

This project removes financial and access barriers, ensuring El Dorado County veterans receive meaningful support that improves independence, stability, and quality of life.

**Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for
VETERANS in El Dorado County.**

El Dorado County is home to approximately 12,000 veterans, according to the California Department of Veterans Affairs, representing a significant local population in need of ongoing support. Nationally, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 11-20% of veterans who served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom experience PTSD in a given year, with additional prevalence among Vietnam-era veterans and those with other service-related conditions.

Beyond PTSD many veterans experience co-occurring challenges such as anxiety depression and physical limitations that impact daily functioning. These conditions can make it difficult to safely navigate public spaces, maintain employment, and engage in community life. Veterans experiencing these challenges often require practical daily support beyond traditional clinical care.

At the same time, access to service dog training remains limited. The total cost of training averaging approximately \$20,000 per team creates a barrier to entry and many programs nationwide report waitlists ranging from one to three years. This delay can significantly impact veterans who would benefit from timely intervention.

RRUFF Healing Heroes continues to see strong and growing demand for service dog training across the populations it serves, including veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders. In 2025, eight service dog teams entered training, and in the current year, the organization has already funded six teams, with several additional veterans in the intake and evaluation process. This sustained growth highlights the need to expand access to services, particularly for veterans residing in El Dorado County.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This project addresses the identified need by focusing on both access and effectiveness, ensuring that veterans are not only able to participate in service dog training, but are set up for long-term success.

First, the program removes a key barrier by offsetting the cost of participation, allowing eligible veterans to enroll based on need rather than financial capacity. This is critical in expanding access to a resource that would otherwise remain out of reach for many.

Second, RRUFF Healing Heroes partners with experienced training providers who follow Assistance Dogs International (ADI) standards, ensuring that veterans receive high-quality, structured training with consistent expectations and measurable outcomes. This model prioritizes both the safety and success of the veteran-dog team.

Finally, the program improves timeliness of support. Unlike many service dog programs that have extended waitlists, RRUFF connects participants to training opportunities on a regular basis, allowing veterans to begin receiving support sooner. This reduces delays in care and helps address challenges before they escalate.

By combining financial accessibility, a structured and standards-based training model, and timely program entry, this project delivers a practical and effective solution that directly responds to the needs of veterans in El Dorado County.

How is your organization suited to meet this need? Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.

RRUFF Healing Heroes is well-positioned to meet this need through a long-standing commitment to supporting veterans and a proven, evolving program model. Founded in 2011, with the Healing Heroes Program established in 2014, the organization has over a decade of experience serving veterans and refining its approach to service dog training support.

The organization's mission, to improve the lives of veterans and first responders through access to trained service dogs, directly aligns with the need for practical, daily support for individuals living with PTSD and other service-related conditions. This alignment ensures that resources are focused on interventions that promote independence, stability, and long-term quality of life.

RRUFF Healing Heroes has developed strong partnerships with reputable training providers who follow structured, standards-based approaches to service dog development. These relationships have been built and refined over time, with a focus on working only with trainers who demonstrate consistent, successful outcomes. This commitment to quality ensures that veterans are connected to programs that are both effective and reliable.

In addition, the organization has established a network of resources to support the full process, including guidance in identifying suitable dogs through evaluation, rescue partnerships, and breeder relationships when appropriate. This allows the program to remain flexible while maintaining high standards for success.

Through its experience, partnerships, and commitment to quality, RRUFF Healing Heroes is uniquely equipped to deliver a program that directly addresses the needs of veterans in El Dorado County.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Upon award, grant funds will be deployed to support two El Dorado County veterans entering service dog training. RRUFF Healing Heroes pays the participant training cost upfront, allowing funds to be fully utilized at the start of each veteran's program. The organization conducts ongoing outreach across the region and is confident in identifying and enrolling eligible veterans residing in El Dorado County within the grant period.

The training program spans approximately 12-18 months, depending on the progress of each veteran-dog team, and follows a structured approach aligned with Assistance Dogs International (ADI) standards. Each team progresses through clearly defined phases, beginning with enrollment and dog assessment or selection, followed by foundational obedience and handler communication. Training then advances to individualized task development to mitigate service-related conditions, and ultimately to public access training to ensure the team can safely and confidently navigate real-world environments. Throughout the program, teams complete formal evaluations and benchmarks, including assessments such as the AKC Canine Good Citizen test and other program-specific measures of readiness.

While the full training timeline may extend beyond the one-year grant period, funds are fully expended at program start, and progress continues within this established framework, ensuring both immediate use of funds and sustained, measurable outcomes.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

The measurable objectives of this project focus on program completion, skill attainment, and functional improvements in daily life. Due to privacy protections and the clinical nature of PTSD diagnoses, RRUFF Healing Heroes does not directly track or measure changes in medical or mental health status. Instead, the organization evaluates outcomes through observable progress, training benchmarks, and program engagement.

A primary objective is successful completion of the service dog training program within the expected 12-18 month timeframe. RRUFF has demonstrated strong outcomes in this area, with only one team not completing training over the past two years, reflecting a high level of program retention and effectiveness.

Progress is measured through structured milestones established by professional trainers and aligned with Assistance Dogs International (ADI) standards. These include advancement through foundational obedience, task-specific training, and public access readiness, as well as successful completion of formal evaluations such as the AKC Canine Good Citizen test and other program-specific assessments.

Additional objectives include consistent participation in training and demonstrated functional improvements, such as increased ability to navigate public environments, perform daily tasks, and maintain independence. These outcomes are documented by training providers through ongoing evaluation and annual recertification requirements.

Together, these measurable objectives provide clear indicators of progress and program effectiveness while maintaining appropriate participant privacy.

How will the objectives be measured?

Program objectives are measured through structured training benchmarks, completion tracking, and ongoing evaluation by professional training partners. RRUFF Healing Heroes relies on its training providers to document progress throughout the program using established standards aligned with Assistance Dogs International (ADI).

Each hero-dog team progresses through defined training phases, with measurable benchmarks at each stage, including foundational obedience, task-specific skill development, and public access readiness. Trainers assess performance during regular sessions and through formal evaluations, including recognized benchmarks such as the AKC Canine Good Citizen test and additional program-specific assessments.

Program completion within the expected 12-18 month timeframe serves as a key indicator of success. Following completion, teams are required to maintain their skills through annual recertification. This ongoing evaluation ensures that both the veteran and the service dog continue to meet performance and behavior standards over time.

Due to privacy protections, RRUFF does not directly measure clinical outcomes; however, functional improvements, such as increased independence and the ability to navigate public environments, are observed and documented by training providers through regular interaction with participants.

This multi-layered approach ensures that program objectives are consistently measured, verified, and sustained while maintaining appropriate participant confidentiality.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 2

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 67

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Veteran status is verified through documentation collected by RRUFF Healing Heroes' training partners as part of the program intake process. Participants are required to provide official proof of military service, most commonly a DD214. Training partners securely collect and review this documentation prior to enrollment to confirm eligibility.

RRUFF Healing Heroes confirms that verification has been completed prior to funding a participant's training. While personal documents are maintained by training partners to protect participant privacy, RRUFF is able to verify that all funded participants have met eligibility requirements and can provide confirmation of this process for reporting purposes.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The anticipated impact of this project is the restoration of independence, stability, and community connection for participating El Dorado County veterans. Through service dog training, veterans gain a reliable, daily support system that helps them manage the emotional and physical effects of service-related conditions, allowing them to more confidently engage in everyday life.

As veterans progress through the program, they are better able to navigate public environments, complete daily tasks, and participate in activities that were previously difficult or avoided. This increased independence often leads to broader improvements, including stronger family relationships, greater social engagement, and the ability to re-enter or maintain employment.

Beyond individual outcomes, this project creates meaningful community impact. Veterans who are able to manage their conditions and re-engage in public life are more likely to participate in local events, contribute to the workforce, and build and maintain supportive relationships. This reduces isolation and strengthens the overall health and cohesion of the community.

The impact of this investment is also long-lasting. Once trained, service dogs provide ongoing support for years, extending the benefits of this program well beyond the initial training period. By funding two veteran-dog teams, this project will help restore connection, rebuild confidence, and empower veterans to more fully participate in their communities and family life.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

Impact will be measured through a combination of program-level outcomes, long-term participant engagement, and verification provided by training partners. RRUFF Healing Heroes tracks the number of veteran-dog teams that successfully complete training, which serves as a primary indicator of program effectiveness and participant success.

In addition to completion, impact is measured by sustained engagement over time. Following graduation, teams are required to participate in annual recertification, ensuring that both the veteran and the service dog continue to meet established performance standards. This provides a long-term measure of success beyond the initial training period.

RRUFF also evaluates impact at the program level by monitoring overall retention and completion rates across funded participants. These metrics demonstrate the organization's ability to support veterans through a rigorous, multi-month training process and reflect the reliability of its training partnerships.

While individual clinical outcomes are not directly measured due to privacy protections, impact is confirmed through consistent program participation, successful completion, and continued use of the service dog in daily life. Training partners maintain ongoing contact with participants, providing an additional layer of insight into long-term outcomes. This approach allows RRUFF to measure both immediate and sustained impact while maintaining appropriate confidentiality for participants.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

The requested project is part of RRUFF Healing Heroes' ongoing program, which has been in operation since 2014. Service dog training is a core component of the organization's work and will continue beyond the grant period.

Funding for the program is sustained through a diversified approach that includes individual donations, fundraising events, corporate sponsorships, and grant funding from multiple sources. RRUFF actively works to build and maintain a broad base of support to ensure that no single funding source is relied upon to sustain the program.

The organization also plans and allocates funding annually based on projected capacity and demand. In 2025, RRUFF secured funding to support 10 service dog teams and successfully funded 8. In the current year, the organization has anticipated funding for 12 teams and has already funded 6, with additional potential participants in process. This demonstrates both responsible financial planning and sustained demand for services.

The continuation of the program is driven by demonstrated impact and ongoing need. RRUFF evaluates program effectiveness through completion rates, long-term engagement, and feedback from training partners. As long as the program continues to deliver strong outcomes and there is clear demand from veterans and first responders seeking access to training, RRUFF remains committed to maintaining and expanding this work.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 15600
Other Contributions	\$ 0
Fundraising revenue	\$ 0
Total Revenue	\$ 15600

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 0
Travel and meetings	\$ 0
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 0
Other	\$ 15600
Total Expenditures	\$ 15600

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

The requested grant amount of \$15,600 will be used exclusively to fund the participant cost of service dog training for two El Dorado County veterans. RRUFF Healing Heroes covers the veteran's portion of the training cost, which is \$7,800 per individual, paid directly to the training provider at the start of the program. Grant funds will be fully allocated to these two participants, with no portion used for administrative or operational expenses.

Additional support may be provided, as needed, through RRUFF's existing programs, including assistance with dog acquisition or select veterinary costs; however, these expenses are not included in this request and are funded separately through organizational fundraising and donor support.

This structure ensures that 100% of grant funds are directly applied to program delivery, maximizing the impact of the investment and providing immediate access to training for participating veterans.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

Brianna Callahan



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
PO Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date:
September 8, 2025
Employer ID number:
[REDACTED]
Form 990 required:
Yes
Person to contact:
Name: A. Burrell
ID number: 3855977

RRUFF HEALING HEROES
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madam:

We're responding to your request dated July 15, 2025, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in May 2011, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period.

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Rruff Healing Heroes

EIN: [REDACTED] Rocklin, California, United States

Other Names

ROCKLIN RESIDENTS UNITE FOR FIDO

Rocklin Residents Unite For Fido

RRUFF ROCKLIN RESIDENTS UNITE FOR FIDO

Publication 78 Data

Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of their contributions.

On Publication 78 Data List: Yes

Deductibility Code: PC [?](#)

Determination Letter

A favorable determination letter is issued by the IRS if an organization meets the requirements for tax-exempt status under the Code section the organization applied.

Final Letter(s)

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Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

 **Tax Year 2015 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

 **Tax Year 2014 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

 **Tax Year 2013 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

 **Tax Year 2012 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

 **Tax Year 2011 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

Copies of Returns (990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T)

Electronic copies (images) of Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF or 990-T returns filed with the IRS by charities and non-profits.

 **Tax Year 2024 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2023 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2022 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2021 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2021 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2020 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2019 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2018 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2017 Form 990EZ**

 **Tax Year 2016 Form 990EZ**



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Office of the Secretary of State
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CA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

California Secretary of State
 1500 11th Street
 Sacramento, California 95814
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Entity Details				
Corporation Name	RRUFF HEALING HEROES			
Entity No.	3361133			
Formed In	CALIFORNIA			
Street Address of California Principal Office of Corporation				
Street Address of California Office	[REDACTED]			
Mailing Address of Corporation				
Mailing Address	[REDACTED]			
Attention				
Officers				
	Officer Name	Officer Address	Position(s)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brianna Callahan	[REDACTED]	Chief Executive Officer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rose Smoot	[REDACTED]	Secretary	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lori Wattelet	[REDACTED]	Chief Financial Officer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The entity's bylaws allow the CEO (President) to be the Secretary or CFO (Treasurer).				
Additional Officers				
	Officer Name	Officer Address	Position	Stated Position
	Heather Clark	[REDACTED]	Chairperson of Board	
Agent for Service of Process				
	Agent Name	Brianna Callahan		
	Agent Address	[REDACTED]		
Email Notifications				
	Opt-in Email Notifications	Yes, I opt-in to receive entity notifications via email.		
Electronic Signature				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By signing, I affirm that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized by California law to sign.			
	<i>Victoria Curtis</i>	02/01/2026		
	Signature	Date		

Certificate Verification No.: 416931228 Date: 02/01/2026

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Registrant Details

Entity type: Corporate Class as registered with the Secretary of State or based on founding & registration documents.

Organization Name:	RRUFF HEALING HEROES	IRS FEIN:	██████████
Entity Type:	Charitable or nonprofit corporation	SOS/FTB Corporate/Organization Number:	3361133

Registry Status:	Current	Renewal Due/Exp. Date:	5/15/2026
RCT Registration Number:	CT0173502	Issue Date:	7/20/2011
Record Type:	Charity Registration	Effective Date:	7/20/2011
Date of Last Renewal:	4/10/2025	DBA:	RRUFF-ROCKLIN RESIDENTS UNITE FOR FIDO

Mailing Address

Street:	3031 STANFORD RANCH RD. STE 2, #125
Street Line 2:	
City, State Zip:	ROCKLIN CA 95765

Filings & Correspondence

Founding Documents	Founding Documents
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Legacy Document	Confirmation of Registration Letter - Confirmation of Registration Letter
Founding Documents	Amended Articles - Name Change
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Renewal Filing	2022
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Form RRF-1	2020
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Annual Renewal Data

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Fundraising Platform Data

Related Registrations & Event Reports

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- Raffle Registrations relate to Raffle Reports.
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No Related Records

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: Seth Culver
Email: [REDACTED]
App ID: 05826892
Status: Submitted
Cycle: None
Last Modified: Apr 10 2026 13:41 PDT by [REDACTED]
Last IP Address: [REDACTED]
Common App: 2026 COMMON APP for EDCF grants

Organization Information

Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization

Sierra Nevada Post No. 2680, Veterans
of Foreign Wars

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	Placerville
State	CA
Zip Code	95667
Phone Number	
Organization's Website Address	vfwpost2680.org
Attach your organization's logo.	
Grant contact name	Seth Culver
Grant contact email address	
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Seth Culver
Executive Director email address	

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Seth Culver- Board President
Mike Berkery - Board Secretary
Max Romero - Board Treasurer

Year Incorporated	1930
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	101.00

Mission Statement

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) mission is to foster camaraderie among U.S. military veterans of overseas conflicts, serve veterans, the military, and their communities, and advocate on behalf of all veterans. Their vision is to ensure veterans are respected, receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for their sacrifices. To lobbying for veterans' rights, benefits, and healthcare on Capitol Hill and to provide assistance to veterans, service members, and their families.

Fiscal Agent's confirmation letter- this is only needed if the community based organization that is applying is using a Fiscal Agent (because they are not their own nonprofit). Fiscal Agent must write a letter stating that they are taking fiscal responsibility of the grant funds on the community-based organization's behalf if they are granted funds. Fiscal Agents will keep specific program related funds restricted/accounting separate for this particular project request.

Fiscal Agent letter must be dated within 90 days of the grant submittal.

Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?

EIN or TIN



Attach the IRS Determination letter that contains your organization's Employer Identification Number AND verifies that your organization has been given 501c3 status.

IRS 990 postcard.pdf

Click on this link for the IRS database to find your organization. Please take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name and the IRS filings for the past year(s). This page should show that your organization has filed its 990, 990EZ or 990N in the past three years at least once.

Certificate of Status 2026.pdf

THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED unless organization is a faith based organization, a government entity or a Native American Tribe recognized by the federal government.

Visit the CA Secretary of State website and search for your organization. Take a screenshot of that page that shows your organization is active and up-to-date with your statement of information.

If your entity is registered in a state other than California, please provide a screenshot of your state's registration entity proving your active and up-to-date status. Also, your organization should be registered in CA if you are doing business in CA (like applying for these funds:)).

CA Statement of Information.pdf

THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED unless organization is a faith based organization, a government entity or a Native American Tribe recognized by the federal government.

Lastly, visit the CA Department of Justice website to verify your organization's registration. Search for your organization , and take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name, and that its registration with the Department of Justice is CURRENT. Upload this screenshot here.

All organizations that "do business in California" are required to file annually with the CA DOJ.

NonProfit Register.pdf

THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED unless organization is a faith based organization, a government entity or a Native American Tribe recognized by the federal government.

Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

Supporting Local Veterans and their families in times of need.

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

Our VFW post was first established in 1930 and has been serving the needs of the veterans in El Dorado County since then. There are approximately 12,000 veterans living in El Dorado County and their needs can vary greatly. Many veterans struggle with the return to civilian life, and the transition can be very difficult. Our organization provides not only comradeship and support in good times but also provides access to vital services and funding in times of need. The grant funds would increase our ability to assist veterans and their families with financial stability and give them crucial support to prevent homelessness, hunger, and social isolation.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 15000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

Our grant funds will be spent on El Dorado County veterans their families.

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

Veterans face unique hurdles and needs in coping with life after the military. Approximately 2 million service members have been deployed since 2001, many returning veterans have serious physical and psychological traumas from sustained combat operations around the globe. Many veterans just want to get far away from the military when their enlistments or time is up, and they do not realize they are missing out on the support and help they need to transition back to the civilian world. Unfortunately, many individuals become aware of this issue too late, resulting in them missing out on the necessary support and assistance.

Many veterans are not aware of the resources available to them and a fraternal military organization is often their first point of contact.

We frequently receive requests for financial help while individuals await VA disability payments or other assistance to begin. Veterans are asking for assistance with back rent payments, overdue bills, vehicle registration or repairs, and food assistance.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

There are approximately 12,000 veterans living within El Dorado County, about 7% of the total population, significantly higher than the average within the state of California. This group of veterans is proportionally a large number of Vietnam era veterans, but there is also a significant group of Global War on Terrorism veterans, veterans who have served since September 11th, 2001. Many of these younger veterans are affected by food and housing insecurity, substance abuse, low rates of unemployment, and incarceration for low-level offenses. In addition to the litany of disabilities resulting from injuries sustained during their tenure in the military, including "invisible injuries" such as PTSD and TBI, and the stigmas associated with mental health disorders, some local veterans face an increased risk of disability due to age and lack of access to healthcare in the remote and rural areas in which they live.

Our organization works in conjunction with other county groups; NGOs, churches and support organizations, and we all share information about veterans struggling with a myriad of difficulties. We often receive request for financial assistance to help as well help with day to day issues.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

With the funds received from this grant we will be able to assist worthy veterans in gaining access to vital resources. The funds can aid in repairing a vehicle allowing the veteran to attend medical appointments, seek and keep gainful employment or attend college or other higher education goals. We will be able to empower a veteran to get access to needed benefits from the VA, state and county programs. Other funds can assist in meeting urgent needs or unexpected expenses that would be beyond the normal items a veteran and their families may not be able to budget for. For veterans that are incarcerated, the courts can impose fees or program costs that would hinder their success, and we could assist them in paying those fees.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.**

One of our core tenets in the VFW organization is assisting veterans in both good times and bad. We have a diverse group of veterans from this community who have "walked a mile" in their shoes and know how difficult the transition can be from military to civilian life. Many of our members have sought out the same resources that new veterans are trying to connect with. Our members have established a robust partnership and the needed rapport with other organizations and people who can easily direct a veteran to the right person. We also work in conjunction with other groups and often combine resources and funds to help another veteran who may not have been on our list. Our ability to forge and maintain strong partnerships with a wide and diverse group of organizations demonstrates our commitment to community collaboration and growth.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Our timeline will be based on the calendar year of January 1, 2027, to December 31st 2027. However; in the Christmas season we often sponsor several veteran families in need by purchasing dinners and gifts for the family, so we would be a bit ahead of the quarterly review process and start the calendar years some funds already spent.

We will have a quarterly review of expenditures to ensure we are track to meet the spending goals of the grant in the time frame allowed.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

The measurable objectives of this program are to provide funds to worthy veterans to prevent homelessness, unemployment, substance abuse, and mental health issues. The objective will be to minimize the stressors cause by financial insecurity many veterans experience in their daily lives.

How will the objectives be measured?

The objective will be measured by collecting information about the successes or failures of the veterans we assist. We will keep historical data on these veterans to follow their progress from start to finish. We will also work in conjunction with other organizations to keep data on the veterans we assist.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 25

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 75

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

We will request a DD 214 from the veteran to prove their status as a veteran. We will also use Veteran Service Officer to ensure the individual is a veteran if they are in a homeless or transition type of situation.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The impact of this project will be to help veterans who are struggling with everyday life issues; we hope to prevent veterans from losing access to stable housing, or having to choose between paying bills or purchasing groceries, to stop them from losing employment or missing a medical appointment.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

We will measure the impact of this program by the success of the veteran we assist. We will follow up with the veteran or the organization that was requesting assistance to see if they attained the goals or issues, they wanted help with. We will go back over the resources and money we spent on a quarterly basis and then again reach out to that person to follow up with them. We can modify our program based on the data we collect, whether it was a success or failure. This will provide us the information we can use to better assist veterans in future requests.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has a normal relief fund in their regular budget to aid veterans but those funds are based on donations and fund raising by the post itself. The relief fund is often depleted quickly and we have to wait for another fund raising event to refill the fund. The grant funds will allow us to budget better throughout the year and give us a greater ability to allocate funds easier.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 15000
Other Contributions	\$ 450
Fundraising revenue	\$ 2600
Total Revenue	\$ 18050

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 00
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 1350
Equipment	
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 1950
Travel and meetings	
Marketing and advertising	\$ 500
Staff and volunteer training	
Contract services	
Other	\$ 15000
Total Expenditures	\$ 18800

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

Revenue:

"Other Contributions" - \$450, represents cash contributions received during the bi-annual Buddy Poppy drive the VFW post does during Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

"Fundraising" - \$2600, represents the funds the post collects during the monthly Bingo games by selling food, drinks and snacks during the games.

Expenses:

"Staff Salaries, Wages, and Benefits" We are an all-volunteer organization and do not pay staff or benefits.

"Occupancy and Utilities" \$1350: We pay the Veterans Memorial building a "fee" based on monies collected during various events throughout the year.

"Supplies, materials, and printing" \$1950: This represents the costs of printing programs for the bingo games, purchasing food for various fund-raising events, the cost of bingo cards used during the games, banners used for advertising events.

"Marketing and Advertising" \$500: This represents the cost of maintaining our website on-line, it provides a point of information for events and meeting of the post.

"Other" \$15,000 has been budgeted to cover the costs of requests we receive throughout the year for assistance in paying bills, covering costs of lodging and housing, paying for groceries, vehicle repairs, providing transportation costs, and other daily living expenses.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

Seth James Culver

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

EIN: [REDACTED] | Placerville, California, United States

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

^ Tax Year 2024 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Tax Period:

2024 (07/01/2024-06/30/2025)

EIN:

[REDACTED]

Organization Name (Doing Business as):

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

Mailing Address:

PO BOX 100
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667
United States

Principal Officer's Name and Address:

MAX ROMERO
[REDACTED]
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667
United States

Gross receipts not greater than:

\$50,000

Organization has terminated:

No

Website URL:

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Secretary of State Certificate of Status

I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

Entity Name: SIERRA NEVADA, POST NO. 2680, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
Entity No.: 0210726
Registration Date: 10/17/1946
Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Mutual Benefit
Formed In: CALIFORNIA
Status: Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of April 08, 2026.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

Certificate No.: 443720325

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File No.: BA20241 060

Date Filed: 10/ /2024

Entity Details			
Corporation Name	SIERRA NEVADA, POST NO. 2680, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES		
Entity No.	0210726		
Formed In	CALIFORNIA		
Street Address of California Principal Office of Corporation			
Street Address of California Office		[REDACTED]	
Mailing Address of Corporation			
Mailing Address		PO BOX 100 PLACERVILLE, CA 95667	
Attention			
Officers			
Officer Name	Officer Address	Position(s)	
Seth Culver	[REDACTED] PLACERVILLE, CA 95667	Chief Executive Officer	
■ Max Romero	[REDACTED] PLACERVILLE, CA 95667	Chief Financial Officer	
MICHAEL J BERKERY	[REDACTED] SOMERSET, CA 95684	Secretary	
Additional Officers			
Officer Name	Officer Address	Position	Stated Position
None Entered			
Agent for Service of Process			
Agent Name		JAMES R ROWELOT	
Agent Address		[REDACTED]	
Email Notifications			
Opt-in Email Notifications		Yes, I opt-in to receive entity notifications via email.	
Electronic Signature			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By signing, I affirm that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized by California law to sign.			
<u>Seth J. Culver</u>		<u>10/09/2024</u>	
Signature		Date	

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Registrant Details

Entity type: Corporate Class as registered with the Secretary of State or based on founding & registration documents.

Organization Name: SIERRA NEVADA, POST NO. 2680, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES IRS FEIN: [REDACTED]

Entity Type: Charitable or nonprofit corporation

SOS/FTB Corporate/Organization Number: 0210726

Registry Status:	Mutual Benefit	Renewal Due/Exp. Date:	
RCT Registration Number:		Issue Date:	6/30/2006
Record Type:	Charity Registration	Effective Date:	11/12/2008
Date of Last Renewal:	7/16/2009	DBA:	

Mailing Address

Street:	P.O. BOX 100
Street Line 2:	
City, State Zip:	PLACERVILLE CA 95667

Filings & Correspondence

No Related Documents

Annual Renewal Data

No Annual Renewal Data

Fundraising Platform Data

Related Registrations & Event Reports

The related records shown below depend on the record type being viewed:

- Charity Registrations relate to Professional Fundraising Events which relate to Professional Fundraiser Registrations.
- Raffle Registrations relate to Raffle Reports.
- Click on the **RCT Registration No** to navigate to the related record.

No Related Records

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: STACIE WALLS
Email: [REDACTED]
App ID: 05820140
Status: Submitted
Cycle: None
Last Modified: Apr 17 2026 22:44 PDT by [REDACTED]
Last IP Address: [REDACTED]
Common App: 2026 COMMON APP for EDCF grants

Organization Information

Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization SSgt Sky Mote Det 697

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**

PO Box 591

City	Shingle Springs
State	CA
Zip Code	95682
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	4641 Neef Lane
Attach your organization's logo.	Mcleaguelogo.jpg
Grant contact name	[REDACTED]
Grant contact email address	[REDACTED]
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Joseph Thuesen
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Joseph Thuesen- Commandant (Board President)
Stacie Walls- Adjutant (Secretary) and Paymaster (Treasurer)

Year Incorporated	1994
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	75.00

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Marine Corps League is to preserve the interests and traditions of the United States Marine Corps, strengthen the fraternity of Marine and their families, serve Marines and FMF Navy Personal. Through various programs and initiatives the Marine Corps League actively participates in community service supporting veterans and their families and contributing to local and national causes

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Fiscal Agent letter must be dated within 90 days of the grant submittal.

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Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

MCL DSO

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

Our Detachment Service Officer (DSO) will use the funds for immediate low income or struggling Veteran needs- emergency or transitional housing/home repairs or disability needs at the home/ vehicle repairs and DMV, utility costs, In custody Veterans and Veterans Court

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 10000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

East and West slope of El Dorado County

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

We encounter a number of low income/ homeless Veterans and their families in El Dorado County. Most of them are unable to pay in full for basic needs- vehicle repairs, home repairs, utilities, rent, new disability needs (ramps) in the home etc. This funding will ensure that our Veterans are afforded some assistance in those needs.

Unfortunately the needs are ever evolving and changing- We know of one disabled service connected Veteran that was doing very well medically, then had a medical complication that necessitated the emergency install of a ramp to his home and the install of a wheelchair carrier onto his vehicle.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

Our Detachment Service Office works closely within the 8 congressionally chartered Veterans organizations, the County Veteran Service officer, The Military Family Support Group and a number of other Veteran related entities within our county to assist Veterans in need. Funding for those Veterans in need is usually a collaboration of all entities working together.

The Marine Corps League has only in the past been able to provide \$1000.00 in funding to our DSO to assist our local Veterans and it is usually spent within months ie:: set of tires \$700.00, DMV owed fee's - \$250.00

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

With added grant funds we will be able to assist more Veterans in our community get back on track to being self supportings and/ or provide emergency medical needs (installing ramps at the home/ wheelchair carrier on vehicle).

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.**

The Marine Corps League mission is to assist Veterans in need of services by either direct involvement or if we are unable directing to those that can assist them.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Due to the number of requests for assistance, we believe the funding will be utilized within the set time frame.

We anticipate assisting up to 10 veterans for certain needs- vehicle repairs/ assistance with emergency house/ utilities etc.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

Assisting our locate Veterans with unanticipated expences- vehicle, medical, utilities so they are still able to be self sustaining.

How will the objectives be measured?

At least 10 veterans assisted with unanticiptated expences, and little to no funds left from the grant

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 10

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 100

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

We do have an "intake form" that is required to be filled out for every Veteran requesting service by our Judge Advocate and verify their DD214 (seperation paperwork from the military) We keep a copy of the intake form only as the DD214 does have PPI information on it

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

More of our Veterans becoming financially stable- not behind on their bills, and providing much needed handicapped access to their homes.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

A minimum of 10 Veterans receiving assistance to keep current with their utilities and assisting with payment for medical needs/ ramps.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

Our program continues every year- but with a much smaller budget (\$1000.00)

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 10000
Other Contributions	
Fundraising revenue	\$ 1000
Total Revenue	\$ 11000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 0
Travel and meetings	\$ 0
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 0
Other	\$ 0
Total Expenditures	\$ 0

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

We do participate in fundraising. The funds we raise for the detachment (Under \$17,000 in 2025) are used for taxes, dues, recruitment, schorships, Veteran service Officer events and funerals/memorials for the Marines that we have lost. We are only able to budget \$1000.00 for the Detachment Service Officer to assist Veterans

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

By entering your full name below, you certify that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Stacie L. Walls



Confirmation

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Confirmation Number: 00000191180320514

Entity ID:

[REDACTED]

Entity Name:

MARINE CORPS
LEAGUE SSGT
SKY MOTE
DETACHMENT
#697

Account Period Information

Account Period

Beginning:

7/1/2024

Account Period

Ending:

6/30/2025

This is not your entity's first year in business.

Your entity has not terminated or gone out of business.

Your entity has not changed the account period.

Gross Receipts: \$17657

This is not an amended return.

An IRS Form 1023/1024 is not pending.

Entity Information

FEIN:

[REDACTED]

Doing Business

As:

MCL SSGT SKY

MOTE DET 697

Website

Address:

Entity's Mailing Address

[REDACTED]

Principal Officer's Information

[REDACTED]

Contact Information

Name:

STACIE WALLS

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue
Email: [REDACTED]
App ID: 05846325
Status: Submitted
Cycle: None
Last Modified: Apr 23 2026 16:04 PDT by [REDACTED]
Last IP Address: [REDACTED]
Common App: 2026 COMMON APP for EDCF grants

Organization Information

Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	Orangevale
State	CA
Zip Code	95662
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	[REDACTED]
Attach your organization's logo.	stars-&-stripes-dog-rescue-logo-color-2.jpg
Grant contact name	[REDACTED]
Grant contact email address	[REDACTED]
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Susan Aimes
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Susan Aimes - Founder/CEO
Christine Sloand - Secretary
Ashleen Aimes - Treasurer

Year Incorporated	2022
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	5.00
Mission Statement	

Our mission is to rescue at-risk dogs and transform them into highly trained companion and PTSD-support dogs that are placed at no cost with veterans in need. We are dedicated to improving the lives of both dogs and veterans by providing in-home, non-clinical support that reduces isolation, strengthens emotional stability, and promotes independence. Through compassionate rescue, professional training, and a sustainable dual-impact model, we create life-changing connections that honor service, restore purpose, and build lasting well-being for veterans and the animals who support them.

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IRS EIN approval.pdf

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Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue IRS detail 2026 .jpg

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Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue DOJ status 2026.jpg

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Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

No-Cost Companion & PTSD-Support Dogs for Veterans in El Dorado County

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

Our organization is requesting funding to expand a program that rescues at-risk dogs and trains them to become reliable companion and PTSD-support dogs for veterans in El Dorado County, California. These dogs are then placed with veterans at no cost, ensuring access to consistent, daily support regardless of financial circumstances.

This program addresses critical gaps in care for veterans—particularly those living in rural or underserved areas—by providing in-home, non-clinical support that does not rely on transportation, appointments, or access to limited local services. Each dog is carefully selected, medically cleared, and trained in foundational skills such as grounding during anxiety, interrupting negative behavioral patterns, and providing a calming, stabilizing presence.

Funding will support the full lifecycle of each dog in the program, including rescue, veterinary care, training, and placement, as well as ongoing support to ensure long-term success for both the veteran and the dog. The program also includes thoughtful matching to align each dog with a veteran's specific needs, lifestyle, and environment.

By integrating trained dogs into veterans' daily lives, the program helps reduce isolation, improve emotional regulation, and increase overall stability and independence. In addition, the program operates on a sustainable model in which public adoptions of similarly trained dogs help offset costs, allowing more veterans to be served over time.

This funding will directly increase the number of dogs trained and placed, expanding access to a proven, practical solution that improves quality of life for veterans while also saving dogs in need.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 5000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

This program will serve veterans residing within El Dorado County and surrounding communities within approximately a 1-hour driving distance. This defined service area ensures we can provide consistent, hands-on support, including in-person placements, follow-up visits, and ongoing training assistance. Primary service areas include communities throughout El Dorado County such as Placerville, El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, Shingle Springs, Pollock Pines, Georgetown, and South Lake Tahoe (as feasible within the 1-hour range). Services may also extend to nearby portions of Sacramento, Placer, and Amador counties that fall within this travel radius. Maintaining a 1-hour service boundary allows our team to ensure timely response, quality support, and strong program oversight, which are essential for successful placements and long-term outcomes. Because the program delivers in-home support through trained companion and PTSD-support dogs, this approach allows us to effectively reach veterans in both suburban and rural areas while maintaining the level of care needed to ensure success.

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

El Dorado County, California is home to an estimated 11,500–12,000 veterans, representing 6–8% of the population—nearly double the state average. This veteran-dense community includes both older veterans, who often face isolation and mobility limitations, and post-9/11 veterans, who experience higher rates of PTSD, anxiety, and reintegration challenges.

The county's rural and geographically dispersed landscape creates significant barriers to care. Many veterans have limited access to transportation, fewer nearby clinical services, and inconsistent mental health support. These challenges contribute to social isolation, unmet behavioral health needs, and increased risk of crisis-level intervention. Veteran housing instability, including unsheltered individuals, further underscores the need for accessible, stabilizing supports.

Traditional service models—clinic-based therapy and periodic appointments—are often insufficient or inaccessible in this environment. Veterans need solutions that are consistent, immediate, and integrated into daily life, rather than dependent on travel or scheduling.

This program addresses these gaps by providing trained companion and PTSD-support dogs at no cost, delivering in-home, non-clinical support that promotes emotional regulation, reduces isolation, and increases daily stability. By bringing support directly to veterans, this approach aligns with the unique geographic and demographic realities of El Dorado County and offers a practical, scalable solution to an urgent and unmet need.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

El Dorado County, California has a significant veteran population with documented needs across mental health, housing, and access to services. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county is home to approximately 11,480-12,000 veterans, representing about 6-8% of the population—nearly double the California average (~4%).

This high concentration of veterans, combined with the county's rural and geographically dispersed landscape, creates barriers to care, including limited transportation and fewer nearby mental health and support services.

Need is further demonstrated by veteran homelessness and housing instability. Local data identified 46 homeless veterans, with the majority unsheltered, indicating gaps in accessible, ongoing support systems.

Mental health challenges are also significant. National data indicates that over 30% of veterans experience mental health conditions such as PTSD or depression, and local estimates suggest thousands of veterans in the county may be affected, particularly in rural settings where access to care is limited.

Additionally, El Dorado County has an older population (25% age 65+), increasing the likelihood of isolation—one of the most critical risk factors for declining mental and physical health among veterans.

Together, these data points demonstrate a clear and ongoing need for accessible, in-home, and non-clinical support solutions that can reach veterans where traditional systems fall short, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This program addresses the critical needs of veterans in El Dorado County by providing trained companion and PTSD-support dogs at no cost, delivering consistent, in-home support that overcomes barriers common in rural communities.

Many veterans face limited access to care due to transportation challenges, geographic isolation, and gaps in available services. This program removes those barriers by placing highly trained dogs directly into veterans' daily lives, ensuring 24/7 support without reliance on appointments or travel.

Each dog is prepared with foundational PTSD-support skills, including grounding during anxiety, interrupting negative behaviors, and providing a calming, stabilizing presence. This support helps veterans better manage symptoms, reduce stress, and regain confidence in everyday situations.

In addition to task-based support, the dogs provide consistent companionship, helping to reduce isolation—one of the most significant challenges for both older and transitioning veterans. The presence of a trained dog encourages routine, increases social engagement, and supports overall emotional well-being.

By removing financial barriers and delivering practical, daily support, this program improves stability, promotes independence, and reduces reliance on crisis or emergency services. It offers a sustainable, high-impact solution that directly addresses the unique needs of veterans in this region.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the
program/project that funding is being requested for.**

Our organization is uniquely suited to address the needs of veterans in El Dorado County through a mission that directly connects rescue, rehabilitation, and service. We save at-risk dogs—many facing euthanasia—and transform them into highly trained, stable companions equipped with foundational PTSD-support skills. This dual-purpose model aligns seamlessly with the needs of a veteran population experiencing isolation, limited access to care, and ongoing mental health challenges.

Our program is specifically designed to deliver in-home, non-clinical support, which is critical in a rural region where transportation and access to traditional services are often barriers. By placing trained dogs with veterans at no cost, we remove financial obstacles while providing consistent, daily support that cannot be replicated through periodic appointments alone.

In addition, our structured training, careful matching process, and ongoing support ensure long-term success for both the veteran and the dog. Our sustainable model—partially funded through public adoptions—allows us to continue expanding access while maintaining high standards of care and training.

By aligning life-saving rescue work with veteran support services, our organization offers a practical, scalable, and deeply impactful solution to the unmet needs within our community.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

The proposed project will be implemented over a 12-month grant cycle, with clearly defined phases and milestones to ensure timely progress, measurable outcomes, and full utilization of funds.

Months 1-2: Program Intake & Dog Selection

- Identify and rescue dogs from high-risk shelters
- Complete initial veterinary evaluations and stabilization
- Begin baseline temperament and behavioral assessments.

Months 3-6: Training & Rehabilitation

Dogs enter structured training, including obedience, socialization, and CGC preparation

Begin foundational PTSD-support task training

Ongoing health care and behavioral progress evaluations.

Months 6-9: Veteran Outreach & Matching

Conduct veteran outreach and application intake

Assess veteran needs and lifestyle compatibility

Match trained dogs with selected veterans

Prepare veterans through orientation and transition planning.

Months 9-12: Placement & Follow-Up Support

Complete dog placements with veterans at no cost

Conduct follow-ups at 30, 60, and 90 days post-placement

Provide continued training support and adjustments as needed

Key Milestones Include:

Number of dogs rescued and enrolled in program

Completion of training benchmarks (including CGC certification)

Successful placement of trained dogs with veterans

Documented improvements in veteran well-being through follow-ups

All grant funds will be fully expended within the 12-month period, directly supporting program activities from rescue through placement and follow-up. This structured timeline ensures both efficient implementation and measurable impact within the grant cycle.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

The program will track clear, measurable objectives to ensure effectiveness, accountability, and impact for veterans served in El Dorado County.

1. Dogs Rescued, Trained, and Placed

Rescue and enroll 20 dogs annually into the program

Successfully train and certify 20 dogs with CGC and foundational PTSD-support skills

Place 3 trained dogs with veterans at no cost within the grant period in the El Dorado County area

2. Veteran Outcomes (Pre/Post Assessment)

At least 80% of participating veterans will report a reduction in PTSD/anxiety symptoms within 90 days of placement

At least 75% will report decreased feelings of isolation and loneliness

At least 70% will demonstrate improved daily functioning and routine stability

3. Program Retention & Success

Achieve a 90%+ successful placement rate (dogs remaining in the home beyond 6 months)

Maintain low return rates (<10%) through proper matching and ongoing support

4. Access & Equity

Provide 100% of veteran placements at no cost, eliminating financial barriers

Prioritize service to rural and underserved veterans within the county

5. Community & System Impact

Reduce reliance on crisis-based services, with participants reporting fewer emergency interventions

Increase veteran engagement, with at least 60% participating in community, volunteer, or social activities post-placement

6. Ongoing Support & Follow-Up

Conduct regular check-ins at 30, 60, and 90 days, and quarterly thereafter

Provide continued training support as needed to ensure long-term success

These objectives ensure the program delivers measurable improvements in mental health, stability, and quality of life while maintaining high standards of care and accountability.

How will the objectives be measured?

Program objectives will be measured using a combination of quantitative tracking, standardized assessments, and structured follow-up to ensure accuracy and accountability.

1. Program Output Tracking. We will maintain a centralized database to track:

- Number of dogs rescued, trained, and placed

- Completion of medical care and training milestones (including CGC certification)

- Placement timelines and costs per dog

2. Veteran Outcome Measurement (Pre/Post Assessments.) Veterans will complete brief assessments at intake (pre-placement) and at 30, 60, and 90 days post-placement, then quarterly. Tools will include:

- Self-reported PTSD and anxiety symptom scales (e.g., PCL-style checklists)

- Quality of life and daily functioning surveys

- Loneliness and social connection indicators Changes over time will be used to measure improvement in emotional regulation, stability, and well-being.

3. Placement Success & Retention.

- Track whether dogs remain successfully placed at 3, 6, and 12 months

- Monitor and document any returns, including reasons and corrective actions

- Maintain a target of 90%+ long-term placement success

4. Engagement & Independence Indicators. Through follow-ups and check-ins, we will document:

- Participation in work, volunteer, or social activities

- Increased ability to manage daily routines

- Reduction in reported crisis events or emergency interventions

5. Ongoing Support Documentation.

All follow-ups, training adjustments, and support services will be logged to ensure consistency and identify trends.

This multi-layered approach ensures both measurable outcomes and real-world impact, demonstrating the program's effectiveness in improving veterans' quality of life.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 5

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 100

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

We will verify and document veteran status using official, auditable documentation and maintain secure records for grant reporting.

1. Required Primary Documentation (one of the following):

DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) – preferred standard

VA Benefits Summary/Service Verification Letter (from VA.gov or eBenefits)

2. Intake & Verification Process

Applicants are required to submit documentation during the intake process (secure upload or in-person review).

Staff verify authenticity by reviewing: Name match with application Branch of service and discharge status (must not be dishonorable)

A Veteran Status Verification Form is completed and signed by staff confirming review.

3. Recordkeeping & Compliance

A copy of the verification document (or a redacted version, if required) is stored in the participant's secure digital file.

Files are maintained in a password-protected database with restricted staff access, in compliance with privacy best practices.

Each verified participant is assigned a unique ID for tracking and reporting purposes.

4. Reporting - For grant reporting, we will provide:

Total number of veterans served

Type of verification used (DD214, VA letter, etc.)

De-identified records if requested Full documentation can be made available for audit upon request, with sensitive information appropriately redacted.

This process ensures accurate verification, confidentiality, and full compliance with grant reporting requirements.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The anticipated impact of this project is a measurable improvement in the mental health, stability, and overall quality of life for veterans in El Dorado County, alongside the successful rescue and rehabilitation of at-risk dogs.

Veterans who receive trained companion and PTSD-support dogs are expected to experience reduced symptoms of PTSD, anxiety, and depression through consistent, in-home support. The daily presence of a trained dog provides grounding during moments of distress, encourages routine, and helps interrupt negative stress responses. As a result, veterans are expected to show improved emotional regulation, increased independence, and greater ability to manage daily life challenges.

A significant anticipated outcome is a reduction in social isolation, particularly among rural and older veterans who often lack consistent access to care or community connection. The program fosters companionship and engagement, helping veterans re-establish structure and confidence in their daily lives.

At the community level, the program is expected to reduce reliance on crisis-based services by offering a proactive, non-clinical support model that complements existing mental health resources. This approach helps bridge critical gaps in access, especially in geographically isolated areas.

In addition, the program will result in the rescue, rehabilitation, and training of multiple dogs annually, preventing euthanasia and transforming them into highly functional companions that serve a life-saving role.

Overall, the project creates a dual-impact system: improving veteran well-being while saving animal lives, resulting in long-term benefits for individuals, families, and the broader community.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

The impact of this project will be measured through a combination of structured veteran assessments, program tracking systems, and long-term outcome monitoring to ensure both accuracy and accountability.

Veteran outcomes will be measured using pre- and post-placement evaluations conducted at intake, 30, 60, and 90 days, and then quarterly. These assessments will track changes in:

PTSD and anxiety symptom severity (self-reported scales)

Emotional regulation and stress response

Daily functioning and routine stability

Feelings of isolation and social connection

Improvement trends over time will be used to determine the effectiveness of the program for each participant.

Program output will be tracked through an internal database documenting:

- a. Number of dogs rescued, medically cleared, and trained
- b. Completion of CGC certification and PTSD-support task training
- c. Number of successful veteran placements

Placement success will be measured by retention rates, with follow-up tracking at 3, 6, and 12 months. A successful placement is defined as a dog remaining in the home without return or disruption.

Additional impact indicators will include:

Reduction in reported crisis events or emergency interventions
Increased participation in community, work, or social activities
Veteran engagement during scheduled follow-ups and support check-ins

All data will be reviewed regularly to identify trends, improve outcomes, and ensure program effectiveness.

This multi-layered evaluation approach ensures the program's impact is measurable, verifiable, and continuously improving, demonstrating its value in improving veteran well-being and long-term stability.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

Yes, this is an ongoing program designed for long-term sustainability and growth. The requested grant will support expansion—allowing us to rescue, train, and place more dogs with veterans at no cost—while strengthening the infrastructure needed to serve veterans consistently beyond the grant cycle.

Sustainability is supported through a diversified funding model. A key component is our dual-impact approach: while dogs are placed with veterans at no cost, public adoptions of similarly trained dogs generate fees that help offset expenses such as veterinary care, training, and daily operations. In addition, we secure individual donations, corporate sponsorships, fundraising events, and community partnerships, as well as pursue additional grants to ensure continued program funding. In-kind contributions, including supplies and veterinary support, further reduce costs.

Continuation of the program is determined by both measurable impact and operational capacity. We evaluate success through:

Improvements in veteran outcomes (reduced PTSD/anxiety symptoms, increased stability, decreased isolation)

High placement success and retention rates (dogs remaining successfully placed long-term)

Consistent demand from veterans in the community

Ability to maintain high standards of training, care, and follow-up support

We also assess program efficiency, including cost per placement and the ability to sustain funding streams. If outcomes demonstrate meaningful, consistent impact and resources remain stable, the program will continue and expand to serve more veterans.

Ultimately, the program's continuation is driven by its ability to deliver measurable, life-changing results—improving veteran well-being while saving and repurposing dogs into highly trained companions.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 5000
Other Contributions	\$ 8000
Fundraising revenue	\$ 18000
Total Revenue	\$ 31000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits

Occupancy and utilities

Equipment

Supplies, materials and printing \$ 10000

Travel and meetings \$ 2195

Marketing and advertising \$ 7000

Staff and volunteer training \$ 1000

Contract services

Other \$ 14000

Total Expenditures \$ 33195

Budget Narrative

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The funds requested in this grant application will directly support the rescue, training, medical care, and placement of dogs trained as companion and PTSD-support animals for veterans in El Dorado County, California. The requested amount reflects the full cost of sponsoring and supporting a Service Dog and their Veteran Handler for life.

This program operates on a dual-impact model in which dogs are placed with veterans at no cost, while public adoptions help offset a portion of program expenses. However, grant funding is essential to sustain and expand capacity, particularly for veteran placements that do not generate revenue.

How Grant Funds Will Be Used

Grant funds will be allocated across four primary categories:

1. Rescue and Intake (approximately 15-20%) Funds will cover shelter pull fees, transportation from high-risk shelters, and initial intake evaluations. Many dogs enter the program from overcrowded shelters where they are at immediate risk of euthanasia. This funding ensures we can continue saving dogs in need.

2. Veterinary Care (approximately 25-30%) A significant portion of funds will support comprehensive veterinary services, including spay/neuter procedures, vaccinations, microchipping, diagnostic care, and treatment for medical conditions identified during intake. Many rescued dogs require extensive initial medical stabilization before training can begin.

3. Training and Rehabilitation (approximately 30-35%) Funds will support structured training programs that include obedience, Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

certification, socialization, and foundational PTSD-support task training. This also includes trainer oversight, behavior modification, and controlled exposure to real-world environments to ensure reliability and stability.

4. Placement, Matching, and Veteran Support (approximately 10-15%) These funds support the careful matching process between dogs and veterans, as well as post-placement follow-up, training reinforcement, and ongoing support to ensure long-term success and retention.

Additional Funding Sources

This grant does not cover the full cost of the program.

Remaining expenses are supported through:

- Public adoption fees, which help offset rescue, training, and operational costs
- Individual donations and community fundraising efforts
- Corporate sponsorships and event-based fundraising
- In-kind donations (supplies, veterinary partnerships, training resources)

Public adoption revenue is a critical component of sustainability, as it directly supports the cost of training dogs that are later placed with veterans at no cost.

Sustainability and Cost Coverage

Veteran placements are fully subsidized through a combination of grant funding and revenue generated from public adoptions. This structure ensures that financial barriers never prevent a veteran from receiving a trained support dog.

Summary

Grant funds will be used to expand capacity, increase the number of dogs rescued and trained, and ensure more veterans in El Dorado County receive life-changing support at no cost. Combined with diversified funding streams, this investment strengthens a sustainable model that delivers ongoing, measurable impact for both veterans and animals.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

By entering your full name below, you certify that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Susan Aimes

Date of this notice: 02-25-2022

Employer Identification Number:
[REDACTED]

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

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1-800-829-4933

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WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 88-0888840. This EIN will identify your entity, accounts, tax returns, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

Taxpayers request an EIN for business and tax purposes. Some taxpayers receive CP575 notices when another person has stolen their identity and are operating using their information. If you did **not** apply for this EIN, please contact us at the phone number or address listed on the top of this notice.

When filing tax documents, making payments, or replying to any related correspondence, it is very important that you use your EIN and complete name and address exactly as shown above. Any variation may cause a delay in processing, result in incorrect information in your account, or even cause you to be assigned more than one EIN. If the information is not correct as shown above, please make the correction using the attached tear-off stub and return it to us.

When you submitted your application for an EIN, you checked the box indicating you are a non-profit organization. Assigning an EIN does not grant tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations. Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your organization, has details on the application process, as well as information on returns you may need to file. To apply for recognition of tax-exempt status, organizations must complete an application on one of the following forms: Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; Form 1023-EZ, Streamlined Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; Form 1024, Application for Recognition Under Section 501(a); or Form 1024-A, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Nearly all organizations claiming tax-exempt status must file a Form 990-series annual information return (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) or notice (Form 990-N) beginning with the year they legally form, even if they have not yet applied for or received recognition of tax-exempt status.

If you become tax-exempt, you will lose tax-exempt status if you fail to file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, unless a filing exception applies to you (search www.irs.gov for Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File). We start calculating this three-year period from the tax year we assigned the EIN to you. If that first tax year isn't a full twelve months, you're still responsible for submitting a return for that year. If you didn't legally form in the same tax year in which you obtained your EIN, contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this letter. For the most current information on your filing requirements and other important information, visit www.irs.gov/charities.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- * Keep a copy of this notice in your permanent records. This notice is issued only one time and the IRS will not be able to generate a duplicate copy for you. You may give a copy of this document to anyone asking for proof of your EIN.
- * Use this EIN and your name exactly as they appear at the top of this notice on all your federal tax forms.
- * Refer to this EIN on your tax-related correspondence and documents.
- * Provide future officers of your organization with a copy of this notice.

Your name control associated with this EIN is STAR. You will need to provide this information along with your EIN, if you file your returns electronically.

Safeguard your EIN by referring to Publication 4557, Safeguarding Taxpayer Data: A Guide for Your Business.

You can get any of the forms or publications mentioned in this letter by visiting our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions about your EIN, you can contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this notice. If you write, please tear off the stub at the bottom of this notice and include it with your letter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep this part for your records.

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Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

Name: Marissa Muscat
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Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	South Lake Tahoe
State	CA
Zip Code	96151
Phone Number	
Organization's Website Address	http://taoehomeless.org
Attach your organization's logo.	TCH Portrait.jpg
Grant contact name	Marissa Muscat
Grant contact email address	
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Tom Makris, Board President
Executive Director email address	

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Tom Makris, Board President
Leigh Wayne Miller, Treasurer
Kate Hebert, Secretary

Year Incorporated	2015
Number of paid staff	19.00
Number of volunteers	15.00

Mission Statement

We partner with our community to house, shelter and support our neighbors experiencing or at risk of homelessness to foster their independence

Fiscal Agent's confirmation letter- this is only needed if the community based organization that is applying is using a Fiscal Agent (because they are not their own nonprofit). Fiscal Agent must write a letter stating that they are taking fiscal responsibility of the grant funds on the community-based organization's behalf if they are granted funds. Fiscal Agents will keep specific program related funds restricted/accounting separate for this particular project request.

Fiscal Agent letter must be dated within 90 days of the grant submittal.

Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?

EIN or TIN



Attach the IRS Determination letter that contains your organization's Employer Identification Number AND verifies that your organization has been given 501c3 status.

501(c)(3) Verification Letter (4).pdf

Click on this link for the IRS database to find your organization. Please take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name and the IRS filings for the past year(s). This page should show that your organization has filed its 990, 990EZ or 990N in the past three years at least once.

IRS Copies TCH.png

THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED unless organization is a faith based organization, a government entity or a Native American Tribe recognized by the federal government.

Visit the CA Secretary of State website and search for your organization. Take a screenshot of that page that shows your organization is active and up-to-date with your statement of information.

If your entity is registered in a state other than California, please provide a screenshot of your state's registration entity proving your active and up-to-date status. Also, your organization should be registered in CA if you are doing business in CA (like applying for these funds:)).

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Lastly, visit the CA Department of Justice website to verify your organization's registration. Search for your organization , and take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name, and that its registration with the Department of Justice is CURRENT. Upload this screenshot here.

All organizations that "do business in California" are required to file annually with the CA DOJ.

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Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

Veteran Outreach and Support Program

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless (TCH) is requesting \$20,000 to begin a Veteran Outreach and Support Program (VOSP). We will serve veterans in El Dorado County (EDC) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with support to either obtain or maintain housing. This program will supplement and expand our current programs for outreach and rapid rehousing. It will also begin efforts at prevention and diversion from homelessness for veterans. This award will initiate more intensive outreach to veterans in El Dorado County, and create connections between our organization and other groups supporting former service members. Case management with veterans will identify their individual goals and needs. Referrals will be made to available programs. Financial assistance will be provided to assist veterans in self-determined ways to keep them off the streets. This could be in the form of rental deposit, rental assistance, payment of utility bills, car repairs, job training costs, or other needs that we cannot predetermine but would help foster independence. For example, clients may qualify for a program for housing but need funds for furniture or transportation. Gap funds in this project would be flexible to meet those unforeseen needs. Funding the VOSP improves the lives of vets with housing instability or homelessness.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 20000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado County

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

The Veteran Outreach Support Program (VOSP) meets the needs of veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. When we connect with veterans through our intake system, we assess what programs they are eligible for at TCH and what local resources to investigate. Historically, we referred clients who are veterans to Only Kindness, a nonprofit dedicated to serving veterans in El Dorado County. With their closing slated for June of 2026, a gap will be present for local vets. Our program helps to fill that need in the realm of housing insecurity or homelessness. It does so by providing outreach to build relationships with potential clients and community partners, and supporting veterans with case management and financial aid. By keeping direct aid flexible, we can help former service members with some of the incidental or unexpected costs associated with ending homelessness or maintaining housing.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

On a single day "point in time" homeless count performed in January 2024, there were 284 people experiencing homelessness in El Dorado County. A voluntary survey of 84 of them found that 6 reported that they were veterans. In the US, 7.6% of all veterans live below the poverty level, making them vulnerable to housing instability. With El Dorado County having roughly 17,000 local veterans, that means nearly 1,300 vets are at risk. Last year, TCH served 802 people experiencing homelessness through the Coordinated Entry System, which provides intakes of all people experiencing homelessness for the county and makes referrals to resources based on vulnerabilities and needs. In our system last year, 45 clients were veterans, which is 6% of all of the clients we served. TCH maintain's the EDC "by name list", which is a comprehensive list of homeless people in our community. Currently 25 of those individuals are veterans. We know that Only Kindness, a nonprofit organization that exclusively supports veterans in El Dorado County, will be ceasing operations in the summer of 2026, which will leave a gap for homeless and impoverished veterans. This program can help fill a small part of the hole that they leave behind, by making community partners aware of our services and assisting veterans with housing instability or homelessness.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This program will address the needs above by performing outreach, case management, and direct financial assistance. TCH staff will make regular contact with local organizations that serve veterans, to inform them of our programs and to connect with vets who face homelessness or housing insecurity. Local groups currently identified are Veteran Affairs, County Veteran Service Representatives, Veterans of Foreign War Posts, American Legion Posts, Victory Village, Volunteers of America, and veteran liaisons at Lake Tahoe Community College and Folsom Lake College. Case managers will work directly with clients to create a self-directed plan based on the veteran's individual needs and values. Staff will work to build trust and develop strong relationships with clients. Referrals will be made to community and government partners and services. When specific financial needs are identified that will contribute to establishing or maintaining homelessness, direct financial assistance will be provided. These efforts should lead to improving the housing situation of local former servicemen.

How is your organization suited to meet this need?

Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.

Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless has a mission to house, shelter and support our neighbors experiencing or at risk of homelessness to foster independence. We provide permanent housing, rapid rehousing, case management, and housing navigation across both slopes of El Dorado County. Throughout our decade-long tenure, we have supported veterans across all our programs. In 2022, through our Project Homekey, we reached "functional zero" for veterans in South Lake Tahoe, which means that for a specific population (in this case, veterans), homelessness is reduced to a point where it is rare, brief, and non-recurring. There are currently 25 people on the list of people experiencing homelessness in EDC who are veterans being tracked by TCH - 6 in South Lake Tahoe and 19 on the Western Slope. Today, we house 6 veterans in South Lake Tahoe at our Permanent Supportive Housing sites. Last year we reached 26 veterans through our outreach program, and served 57 veterans across both slopes of the county. The year prior we helped 2 veterans exit homelessness through our Rapid Rehousing program. We feel with increased outreach and relationship building, we can increase support for veterans in our community. Our track record of housing and supporting veterans will grow with better outreach, and our direct impact will increase with this grant award.

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Funding will be awarded by September of 2026. In the first 30-60 days of the grant award, materials specific to this program will be developed and finalized. Outreach will begin to local partners in the first 30-60 days as well. Throughout the year of the program, referrals will be made through the Coordinated Entry System. Case management and outreach will be ongoing throughout the grant cycle. Funding will be completely spent within one year of receipt of the award.

Fundraising to support our programs also will occur throughout the year. TCH holds fundraising events and activities throughout the year, with mailers that will be distributed in early fall and during the Thanksgiving holiday season. November is Homelessness Awareness Month, and an awareness/fundraising event is scheduled. In May, the Big Day of Giving Campaign will occur to continue to initiate funding for our programs. Grant writing applications also are ongoing. A final major milestone is a grant we've already applied to for Street Outreach and Rapid Rehousing through the Emergency Solutions Grant. If awarded, we anticipate funding for 2 years beginning in early 2027.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

- Number of veterans entered into our programs
- Number of veterans served with case management and financial assistance
- Number of veterans housed or prevented from becoming homeless
- Dollars spent per veteran on direct financial aid

How will the objectives be measured?

The ability to measure our objectives is built into our routine organizational structure. Anyone who encounters Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless enters through the "Front Door", which is the Coordinated Entry System for all of El Dorado County. Front Door staff connect people to available services and housing across El Dorado County. Any veteran who receives direct services will be entered and progress will be followed using the Homeless Management Information System, a HUD-mandated database which is a secure local database to collect, store, and analyze confidential, client-level data for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Data will be reviewed and collated at the end of the grant period for measurement/reporting purposes.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 12

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 6

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless will verify veteran status through one of three methods. The first is the DD214 form which summarizes a veteran's service record to include dates of service, type of discharge and reason for separation. If the DD214 form is not available, TCH will use the SQUARES application which verifies eligibility for healthcare and VA programs. Lastly, if we are unable to verify through the other methods, we will reach out for assistance through Veterans Affairs.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The impact of funding this project will be that 12 veterans will receive case management and support services from TCH. This will hopefully lead to 12 veterans maintaining or obtaining housing. Another effect will be improved relationships with community partners that serve veterans, such as Veteran Affairs, County Veteran Service Representatives, Veterans of Foreign War Posts, American Legion Posts, Victory Village, Volunteers of America, and veteran liaisons at Lake Tahoe Community College and Folsom Lake College. That impact will last long after the year-long grant period has ended and allow all of our programs to reach more veterans. Our hope is to increase the number of veterans in contact with our system compared to last year. In 2025 we reached 46 veterans, and anticipate a 10 percent increase of reaching over 50 veterans in 2026-27.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

Measuring impact is built into the structure of the organization. Any person who encounters TCH undergoes a vulnerability assessment and their information is entered into the Homeless Management Information Database (confidential and secure). We will track data related to services provided using this database. We will be able to see if we are receiving more referrals from veteran service partners using the database.

Some of our impact will be less objective and more difficult to measure, although it is possibly more important. By performing outreach, more veterans will be aware of the services we provide. By providing some solutions for veterans, we will build trust between our team and veteran service providers. In the long term we expect that our ability to assist former service members will increase because of these efforts.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

TCH has programs which are ongoing for our clients including Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, case management, medical respite, and day habilitation. We also are building programs for prevention/diversion from homelessness. Veterans are eligible for all of our existing programs, in addition to services available to veterans through specific veteran resources. This grant will assist us in performing veteran rservice partner outreach. Those efforts will outlive the grant cycle. The outreach should build a foundation for relationships between TCH and veteran service providers. TCH has been awarded funding for Rapid Rehousing and Street Outreach in prior years from federal and state sources, and we continue to apply for similar funds, which can be utilized by veterans if awarded. We actively seek grants for our clients, including veteran specific funds. Unrestricted donations are sometimes used for gap funding for clients as well, which could be applied in future years to maintain impact. .

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	
Fundraising revenue	
Total Revenue	\$ 20000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 5000
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 12000
Equipment	

Supplies, materials and printing	
Travel and meetings	\$ 500
Marketing and advertising	
Staff and volunteer training	
Contract services	
Other	\$ 2500
Total Expenditures	\$ 20000

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

For the VOSP program, we will be applying \$20,000 as follows:

\$5,000 will be used to fund case managers. We anticipate that 1-2 case managers will work 8 hours monthly performing outreach and direct services for veterans referred to the program.

\$12,000 will be in direct funds for veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. We hope to directly serve 12 veterans with these funds, in addition to the impacts to others through our outreach programs. With \$12,000 we expect we will be able to house or divert from homelessness at least 1 veteran, and prevent an additional 11 from becoming homeless by assisting with utility payments or other financial assistance.

\$500 will be applied towards transportation expenses for case managers to meet directly with clients or resource providers throughout El Dorado County.

\$2,500 will be indirect costs - this is to support the expenses necessary to operate the organization that cannot be specifically assigned to a specific project. Included items might be rent, utilities, and accounting.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

**By entering your full name below,
you certify that all information is
true and correct to the best of your
knowledge.**

Marissa R. Muscat

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 17 2016**

TAHOE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS
[REDACTED]

Employer Identification Number:
[REDACTED]

DLN:
17053095306026

Contact Person:
ZENIA LUK

ID# 31522

Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
June 30

Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:
July 27, 2015

Contribution Deductibility:
Yes

Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.


If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 947

TAHOE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey I. Cooper". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jeffrey I. Cooper
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

Deadline : April 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT(Midnight) - CLOSED

Applicant Information

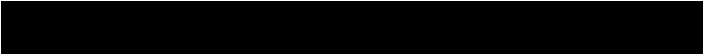
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Email: [REDACTED]
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Common App: 2026 COMMON APP for EDCF grants

Organization Information

Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization Victory Village Inc

Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO Box



City	JACKSON
State	CA
Zip Code	95642
Phone Number	
Organization's Website Address	www.vvvets.org
Attach your organization's logo.	VV Logo dark.jpg
Grant contact name	
Grant contact email address	
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Nichole Mulford
Executive Director email address	

Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.

Jason Mulford, President
Leland Meyer, Vice-President/Treasurer
Cameron Begbie, Secretary

Year Incorporated	2013
Number of paid staff	7.00
Number of volunteers	15.00
Mission Statement	

Victory Village's purpose and mission is to develop affordable housing with innovative supportive services and programs for veterans, seniors, families, women, and children experiencing homelessness, poverty, and vulnerability in underserved communities.

Fiscal Agent's confirmation letter- this is only needed if the community based organization that is applying is using a Fiscal Agent (because they are not their own nonprofit). Fiscal Agent must write a letter stating that they are taking fiscal responsibility of the grant funds on the community-based organization's behalf if they are granted funds. Fiscal Agents will keep specific program related funds restricted/accounting separate for this particular project request.

Fiscal Agent letter must be dated within 90 days of the grant submittal.

Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?

EIN or TIN



Attach the IRS Determination letter that contains your organization's Employer Identification Number AND verifies that your organization has been given 501c3 status.

VV IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter.pdf

Click on this link for the IRS database to find your organization. Please take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name and the IRS filings for the past year(s). This page should show that your organization has filed its 990, 990EZ or 990N in the past three years at least once.

IRS VV Screenshot.jpg

THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED unless organization is a faith based organization, a government entity or a Native American Tribe recognized by the federal government.

Visit the CA Secretary of State website and search for your organization. Take a screenshot of that page that shows your organization is active and up-to-date with your statement of information.

If your entity is registered in a state other than California, please provide a screenshot of your state's registration entity proving your active and up-to-date status. Also, your organization should be registered in CA if you are doing business in CA (like applying for these funds:)).

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Lastly, visit the CA Department of Justice website to verify your organization's registration. Search for your organization , and take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name, and that its registration with the Department of Justice is CURRENT. Upload this screenshot here.

All organizations that "do business in California" are required to file annually with the CA DOJ.

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Grant Information

Grant Information

Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

Mental Health

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

Victory Village, Inc. is requesting funding to expand access to community-based clinical therapy for veterans and their families in El Dorado and Amador Counties —two rural regions with limited mental health resources and significant barriers to care. Victory Village has served veterans in El Dorado County since 2014, building trusted relationships and a strong foundation of support within the community. Amador County is included to ensure sufficient participant enrollment and to maximize regional impact, with group and individual counseling services offered in either county based on the needs and accessibility of each cohort. Many of the veterans we serve are justice-involved, experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and living with untreated trauma, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders. This project will strengthen our existing supportive services by increasing access to licensed clinical therapy in a setting that is trusted, culturally competent, and accessible. Funds will be used to provide direct therapeutic services, including individual counseling, trauma-informed care, and crisis intervention, as well as to support care coordination between clinicians, case managers, and community partners. Victory Village's model is built on engagement by veterans with lived experience, allowing us to reach individuals who are often resistant to traditional systems. By embedding clinical services within our existing programs, we reduce stigma and remove barriers such as transportation, cost, and distrust of institutions. The goal of this project is to improve mental health outcomes, increase stability, and reduce reliance on emergency services, law enforcement, and hospitalization. Veterans will receive consistent, relationship-based care that addresses the root causes of instability and supports long-term healing. By investing in this program, the El Dorado Community Foundation will directly support some of the region's most vulnerable veterans, ensuring they have access to the care they need to heal, stabilize, and thrive in their communities.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 20000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado County, Amador County

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

El Dorado and Amador Counties face a critical and growing need for accessible mental health services for veterans, particularly in the area of suicide prevention. Veterans in rural communities are at a significantly higher risk of suicide due to isolation, limited access to care, and the lasting impacts of trauma, including post-traumatic stress, depression, and substance use disorders. Many of the veterans served by Victory Village are justice-involved, experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and disconnected from traditional systems of care. These factors place them at even greater risk for crisis and suicide. In these counties, access to licensed clinical therapy is extremely limited, with long wait times, transportation barriers, and a shortage of providers trained in veteran-specific, trauma-informed care. Too often, veterans only receive support at the point of crisis—through emergency rooms, law enforcement, or hospitalization—rather than through consistent, preventative mental health care. This gap leaves many without the ongoing support needed to address underlying issues and reduce suicide risk. Victory Village has established trusted relationships with veterans who are often reluctant to engage with traditional services. However, the demand for accessible, community-based clinical therapy focused on suicide prevention exceeds current capacity. This project addresses an urgent need by expanding access to timely, culturally competent clinical therapy and early intervention services. By providing consistent, relationship-based care, the program aims to reduce suicide risk, increase stability, and ensure that veterans in our community have the support they need to survive and heal.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

Veteran suicide is a significant and well-documented public health crisis with data consistently showing elevated risk among veterans particularly in rural communities like El Dorado County Nationally veterans account for approximately 13%-14% of all adult suicides while representing only about 7%-8% of the population demonstrating a disproportionate burden In California suicide remains a leading cause of death and statewide data from the California Department of Public Health confirms ongoing concern around suicide and self-harm particularly in regions with limited access to behavioral health services Rural communities face even higher risk Research shows that veteran suicide rates are consistently higher in rural and less populated counties where factors such as geographic isolation limited access to care and economic instability contribute to increased vulnerability El Dorado County reflects many of these risk factors With a population of approximately 180 000 spread across a large geographic area residents especially those in outlying communities face significant transportation and access barriers to consistent mental health care Additionally the transition from military to civilian life is a critical risk period In the first year after leaving service the suicide rate among veterans can reach over 46 per 100 000 significantly higher than the general population Local providers including Victory Village regularly encounter veterans experiencing untreated trauma depression substance use disorders and housing instability all key risk factors associated with suicide Without timely accessible clinical intervention these conditions often escalate into crisis situations requiring emergency services These data points demonstrate a clear and urgent need

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

This project directly addresses the urgent need for veteran suicide prevention in El Dorado County by expanding access to timely community-based clinical therapy and early intervention services. Victory Village will integrate licensed clinical therapists into its existing veteran-centered programs ensuring that mental health support is accessible, consistent, and delivered in a trusted environment. By embedding clinical services within a setting already utilized by veterans, the program removes common barriers to care including transportation challenges, long wait times, cost, and stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment. Veterans will have access to individual therapy, trauma-informed care, crisis intervention, and ongoing support tailored to their unique experiences. A key component of this project is early identification and intervention. Through outreach conducted by veterans with lived experience, individuals at risk of suicide will be engaged before reaching a crisis point. Clinical staff will work in coordination with case managers and community partners to provide wraparound support addressing underlying factors such as housing instability, substance use, and social isolation. The program will also strengthen continuity of care by ensuring that veterans receive consistent, relationship-based services rather than episodic, crisis-driven interventions. This approach has been shown to improve engagement, reduce suicide risk, and support long-term stabilization. Ultimately, this project shifts the system from reactive to preventative care, reducing reliance on emergency services while improving mental health outcomes. By increasing access to culturally competent, veteran-specific clinical therapy, Victory Village will help ensure that veterans in El Dorado County receive the support they need to survive, heal,

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the
program/project that funding is being requested for.**

Victory Village Inc is uniquely positioned to address the urgent need for veteran suicide prevention and expanded access to clinical therapy in El Dorado County. Our mission, Welcome Home Housing With Heart, is rooted in ensuring that veterans and their families have access to the support, stability, and services they need to thrive. This includes addressing the critical connection between housing instability, mental health, and suicide risk. Founded out of lived experience, Victory Village was created to fill the very gaps that still exist today, particularly for veterans who fall through traditional systems of care. For over a decade, we have served veterans across rural Northern California, including El Dorado and Amador Counties, building trusted relationships with individuals who are often disconnected from or reluctant to engage in mainstream services. Our organization operates multiple programs serving homeless, at-risk, and justice-involved veterans, and we have extensive experience coordinating care that addresses complex needs, including mental health, substance use, and housing instability. Our outreach model is led by veterans with lived experience, which allows us to effectively engage high-risk individuals, including those at risk of suicide. Victory Village already integrates supportive services with housing and case management, making it a natural and effective platform for expanding clinical therapy. By embedding licensed clinicians into our existing programs, we are able to deliver culturally competent, trauma-informed care in a setting where veterans feel safe and supported. Our longstanding partnerships with local courts, healthcare providers, and community organizations further strengthen our ability to provide coordinated

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Project Milestones and Service Structure (12-Month Period)

Months 1-2: Enrollment and Program Launch

- Identify and enroll veterans and family members through outreach and referrals
- Complete clinical assessments to determine acuity and appropriate level of care
- Begin first cohort in foundational group therapy

Months 3-12: Ongoing Service Delivery (Cohort-Based Model)

Foundational Group Therapy 6-8 Weeks per Cohort

- Serve 10-12 participants per group
- Provide psychoeducation on mental health MH substance use disorders SUD and co-morbidity
- Build core coping skills emotional regulation and peer support

Individualized Care Pathways (Post-Foundational Group)

- Following the foundational group each veteran will be placed on a tailored care pathway based on individual needs acuity and family dynamics

Step-Down Group for Co-Morbidity (6 Weeks)

- Continued structured support focused on relapse prevention and stabilization

Individual Therapy (3 Months per Participant)

- Weekly one-on-one clinical sessions
- Prioritized for veterans experiencing relapse significant life changes or elevated suicide risk

Couples/Significant Other Program (6 Weeks)

Weeks 1-2 Significant other support groups

Weeks 3-6 Joint couples sessions to strengthen relationships and support systems

Optional Veterans Legal Transition Class

- Available to participants as needed
- Provides education and support related to navigating legal challenges including justice involvement compliance requirements and reintegration
- Delivered in coordination with legal partners and supportive services staff

Ongoing Throughout the Year

- Two full cycles of the program model
- Continuous reassessment and adjustment of care plans
- Coordination between clinical services case management and community partners

Projected Annual Impact Serve 25-40 veterans and family members through two complete program

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

Measurable Objectives:

1. Serve 25–40 veterans and family members through two complete program cycles within a 12-month period
2. Provide 100% of enrolled participants with a clinical assessment to determine acuity and appropriate care pathway
3. Achieve at least 80% completion rate for participants enrolled in the foundational 6–8 week group therapy program
4. Deliver a minimum of 2 full foundational group cohorts, each serving 10–12 participants
5. Provide weekly individual therapy sessions for up to 3 months to at least 60% of participants identified as high acuity or at risk of relapse or crisis
6. Facilitate at least 2 step-down groups (6 weeks each) for participants with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders
7. Provide couples/significant other programming to at least 50% of participants, strengthening family support systems
8. Offer optional Veterans Legal Transition classes, with at least 25% of participants engaging in legal education or support services
9. Demonstrate improved mental health outcomes, with at least 70% of participants showing progress toward treatment goals (as measured by clinical assessments, engagement, and self-reported well-being)
10. Reduce crisis interventions, with at least 60% of participants avoiding emergency room visits, psychiatric hospitalization, or law enforcement contact during program participation Increase ongoing engagement in care, with at least 65% of participants continuing in services or connected to long-term support upon program completion

How will the objectives be measured?

Victory Village will utilize a combination of quantitative and qualitative data collection methods to measure program outcomes and ensure accountability. All participants will receive an initial clinical assessment upon enrollment, with follow-up assessments conducted at regular intervals and at program completion. Standardized screening tools (such as PHQ-9 for depression and GAD-7 for anxiety, as appropriate) will be used to measure changes in mental health symptoms over time. Program participation and completion rates will be tracked through attendance logs for all group sessions, individual therapy appointments, and couples/family programming. Service utilization data will include the number of participants served, number of sessions provided, and level of engagement across each component of the program. Progress toward individual treatment goals will be documented by the clinical provider through case notes and care plans, allowing for evaluation of improvements in stability, coping skills, and overall functioning. Crisis-related outcomes will be monitored through self-reporting and case management follow-up, including tracking reductions in emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and law enforcement involvement during program participation. Additionally, participant feedback will be collected through surveys or informal check-ins to assess satisfaction, perceived benefit, and areas for program improvement. All data will be reviewed regularly by program leadership to ensure objectives are being met and to inform any necessary adjustments to service delivery. This approach ensures that outcomes are measurable, data-driven, and aligned with the program's goal of reducing suicide risk and improving long-term stability for veterans and their families.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 35

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 90

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Victory Village will verify and document veteran status using multiple accepted forms of official documentation to ensure accuracy and compliance with reporting requirements. Primary verification will include collection and review of DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), which is the standard proof of military service. When available, this document will be copied or securely stored in the participant's file. In cases where a DD-214 is not immediately accessible, Victory Village will accept alternative forms of verification, including: VA Identification Card (VIC) Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) Military ID (active, reserve, or retired) Official documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, including benefit award letters or enrollment verification Verification through VA or community partner systems, such as referrals from VA case managers, VSO, etc. For participants lacking documentation, Victory Village staff will assist veterans in obtaining their DD-214 or other official records through the National Archives or VA systems, ensuring no eligible participant is denied services due to documentation barriers. All verification documents will be maintained in secure client files in compliance with confidentiality and data protection standards. Veteran status will also be recorded in the organization's data tracking system to support accurate reporting in grant deliverables and final reports. This multi-layered approach ensures both accessibility for veterans and rigorous documentation to meet funder requirements.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

This project will have a direct and meaningful impact on veterans and their families in El Dorado and Amador Counties by increasing access to timely, structured, and culturally competent mental health services. Through a combination of group, individual, and family-based therapy, the program will address the underlying factors contributing to veteran suicide risk—treating the invisible wounds of war. Over the 12-month period, Victory Village anticipates serving 25–40 veterans and family members through two full program cycles. Participants will experience improved mental health stability, increased coping skills, and stronger support systems as a result of consistent engagement in therapy and wraparound services. The structured, cohort-based model is expected to reduce isolation and stigma while building peer connection and accountability. Individualized care pathways will ensure that veterans receive the appropriate level of support based on their acuity, leading to more effective and sustained outcomes. In addition, the inclusion of couples and family programming will strengthen relationships and equip support systems with the tools needed to assist in long-term recovery and stability. For veterans facing legal or justice-related challenges, access to supportive education through the Veterans Legal Transition class will further reduce barriers to reintegration. Overall, the program is expected to reduce crisis episodes, including emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and law enforcement involvement, while increasing engagement in ongoing care. By shifting from reactive crisis response to proactive, preventative care, this project will contribute to long-term reductions in suicide risk and improved quality of life for veterans in the community.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

Victory Village will measure the impact of this program through a combination of clinical outcomes, service utilization data, and participant engagement metrics. Clinical impact will be assessed using standardized mental health screening tools, administered at intake, periodically throughout the program, and at completion. Changes in scores will help demonstrate reductions in symptoms and overall improvement in mental health. Program engagement and retention will be tracked through attendance records for group sessions, individual therapy, and family programming. Completion rates for each component of the program—including foundational groups, step-down groups, and individual therapy—will be used as indicators of participant stability and program effectiveness. Impact related to crisis reduction will be measured through participant self-reporting and case management follow-up, including tracking decreases in emergency room visits, psychiatric hospitalizations, and law enforcement involvement during and after program participation. Progress toward individualized treatment goals will be documented by the clinical provider through care plans and case notes, allowing for evaluation of improvements in coping skills, emotional regulation, and daily functioning. Additionally, participant feedback will be collected through surveys and informal check-ins to assess perceived improvements, satisfaction with services, and overall well-being. Data will be reviewed regularly to monitor trends, measure progress toward outcomes, and make any necessary adjustments to improve program effectiveness. This comprehensive approach ensures that the program's impact is measurable, data-driven, and clearly tied to reducing suicide risk and improving long-term stability for veterans and their families.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

The continuation of this program will be determined by demonstrated outcomes, participant engagement, and the overall effectiveness of services in reducing risk factors associated with veteran suicide. Victory Village will evaluate success based on measurable indicators, including improvements in mental health outcomes (as demonstrated through standardized assessments), high participation and completion rates in group and individual therapy, and increased engagement in ongoing care. A key measure of impact will also include reductions in crisis-related events, such as emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and law enforcement involvement. Participant feedback will play an important role in determining program value. Input from veterans and their family members regarding the relevance, accessibility, and effectiveness of services will help guide decisions about program continuation and refinement. In addition, the program's ability to successfully engage high-risk and underserved veterans—particularly those who are justice-involved, experiencing homelessness, or resistant to traditional services—will be a critical factor in assessing its impact. If the program demonstrates positive outcomes, Victory Village will pursue sustainability through diversified funding, including additional grants, local partnerships, and integration into existing program structures. Because this project builds on an established service model with in-house clinical capacity, it is well-positioned to continue beyond the initial grant period. Ultimately, the program will continue based on its ability to show meaningful, measurable improvements in the lives of veterans and their families, particularly in reducing suicide risk and increasing long-term stability.

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Contract services	
Other	
Total Expenditures	\$ 20000

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative

The requested \$20,000 will directly support the implementation of community-based clinical therapy services for veterans and their families in El Dorado and Amador Counties. Staff Salaries, Wages, and Benefits (\$12,000): Funds will support a portion of salary and benefits for Victory Village's in-house licensed clinical provider, who will deliver individual therapy, facilitate group counseling sessions, and provide clinical oversight. This also includes staff time for care coordination, case management support, and program administration to ensure continuity of care and successful participant outcomes. Occupancy and Utilities (\$2,500): This includes the cost of maintaining safe, confidential spaces for therapy sessions in both El Dorado and Amador Counties, including rent, utilities, and shared facility costs associated with hosting group and individual counseling. Supplies, Materials, and Printing (\$1,000): Funds will cover therapeutic materials, curriculum development for group sessions, participant workbooks, and printed educational resources related to mental health, substance use disorders, and family support. Travel and Meetings (\$2,000): This supports staff travel between El Dorado and Amador Counties to provide flexible service delivery based on participant needs, as well as mileage reimbursement for outreach and coordination with community partners. Marketing and Advertising (\$2,000): Funds will be used for targeted outreach to identify and engage veterans in need of services, including printed materials, digital outreach, and community awareness efforts to reduce stigma and increase program participation. Staff and Volunteer Training (\$500): This will support ongoing training in areas such as suicide prevention, trauma-informed care, and co-occurring disorder treatment to ensure high-quality service delivery. Other Funding Sources: Victory Village will leverage existing organizational resources, including administrative support, case management infrastructure, and established community partnerships, to supplement this grant. Additional in-kind contributions include staff time not covered by the grant and operational support that ensures full program implementation. This funding will allow Victory Village to deliver structured, cohort-based clinical therapy services within a 12-month period, serving 25-40 veterans and family members while addressing critical mental health needs and reducing suicide risk.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

By entering your full name below, you certify that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Nichole Mulford



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

P.O. Box 2508, Room 4010
Cincinnati OH 45201

In reply refer to: 4077556534
May 13, 2014 LTR 4168C 0

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VICTORY VILLAGE INC
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Employer Identification Number: [REDACTED]
Person to Contact: Ms LeNard
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Jan. 28, 2014, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in August 2013.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Tamera Ripperda
Director, Exempt Organizations

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

AUG 26 2013

AMADOR COUNTY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
[REDACTED]

Employer Identification Number:

DLN:

17053060337013

Contact Person:

SHAWNTEL R SANDERS

ID# 31456

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

December 31

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

March 9, 2012

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947 (DO/CG)