

Summary of Veterans Cash Grants Approved

Since January 1, 2011



Grant #287: American Legion, Department of Illinois

Awarded \$100,000 in support of their efforts to assist Illinois veterans in applying for Federal benefits.



Grant #288: Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association

Awarded \$25,000 for their Healthy Minds – Healthy Bodies program which gives veterans an opportunity to get fit and remain active within their own communities, using the help of personal trainers and park district facilities.



Grant #289: VAC of Kankakee County

Awarded \$50,000 to support their efforts to provide low income veterans in Kankakee County with dental, vision, and audiology care.



Grant #290: Thresholds

Awarded \$41,315 to assist and inspire veterans with severe mental illness to reclaim their lives by providing the support, skills, and respectful encouragement they need to achieve hopeful and successful futures.



BRAVEHEARTS
THERAPEUTIC RIDING &
EDUCATIONAL CENTER

**Grant #293: Bravehearts Therapeutic
Horsemanship**

Awarded \$100,000 in support of their equine therapy program for injured veterans and those suffering from PTSD and other mental ailments.



Grant #295: Revelation Golf

Awarded \$100,000 in support of their alternative therapy program for injured veterans and those suffering from severe physical impairments.



**Grant #296: Disabled American Veterans, Department
of Illinois**

Awarded \$100,000 in support of their efforts to assist Illinois veterans in applying for Federal benefits.



Grant #297: Chicago Heights Vet Center

Awarded \$16,000 to provide clinical intervention to combat and non-combat veterans who are encountering medical and/or psychological issues.

Grant #298: Evanston Vet Center

Awarded \$13,000 to provide instruction for uRest meditation classes for veterans of combat zones and sexual trauma.



**Grant #299: Midwest Shelter for Homeless
Veterans**

Awarded \$99,687 in support of their ongoing mission to help veterans transition from homelessness to independent, self-sufficient living in less than two years.



Grant #300: VAC of McHenry County

Awarded \$35,000 to support their efforts to provide low income veterans in Kankakee County with dental, vision, and audiology care.



Grant #304: Vietnam Veterans of America, Illinois State Council

Awarded \$100,000 in support of their efforts to assist Illinois veterans in applying for Federal benefits.



Grant #305: Western Illinois University

Awarded \$74,998 to provide additional academic, personal, and social support systems to student veterans and military personnel who are likely to experience barriers associated with Post-Traumatic Stress.



The Chicago Lighthouse
for People Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Grant #306: The Chicago Lighthouse for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Approved for \$100,000 to serve 40 veterans who are blind or vision impaired; to provide an evaluation of their functional vision, screen for depression and offer intervention if needed; to provide low vision lenses and devices to maximize their remaining vision; to provide training in the use of these devices; and provide vocational evaluation and employment counseling.



Grant # 307: A Safe Haven Foundation

Awarded \$63,000 to assist in the rehabilitation and furnishing of a new transitional facility for homeless veterans.



Grant #310: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Illinois

Awarded \$100,000 in support of their efforts to assist Illinois veterans in applying for Federal benefits.



Grant #311: Northern Illinois University

Awarded \$67,970 to provide services to student veterans as they transition from service to college.

Vet Center

Grant #314: Evanston Vet Center

Awarded \$3,350 to provide counseling and referral services to veterans of conflict zones and veterans who have experienced sexual trauma while in the military.



Grant #316: Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association

Awarded \$28,525 to promote and support the optimal development and well being of injured military who have a primary physical or visual disability, through the provision of inclusive recreational, fitness and sports activities.



Grant #317: Volunteers of America of Illinois

Awarded \$90,000 to provide veterans with the support, resources and hope they need to successfully win “the war at home” and achieve their full potential in all areas of life.



Southern
Illinois University
Carbondale

Grant #318: Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Awarded \$81,080 to support the office of Disability Support Services in their efforts to assist the transition to student life for veterans who have physical or mental health needs.



Grant #319: Matthew House, Inc.

Awarded \$55,850 to provide homeless veterans in Chicago with food, shelter, housing and supportive services.



Grant #320: Evanston Vet Center

Awarded \$4,310 for counseling of female veterans who have experienced sexual trauma in the military.

Grant #321: Evanston Vet Center

Awarded \$13,240 for counseling of couples who have at least one member of whom is a veteran with mental illness.

Transitional Living Services



Education & Training for Veterans

Grant #323: Transitional Living Services (Now known as TLS Veterans)

Awarded \$10,227 to help improve the facility that they use to house and assist 20 homeless veterans.



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Grant #324: Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Awarded \$10,000 to launch the Lean on Me program, which will match trained volunteers with elderly veterans to provide companionship and respite care to their families.



Grant # 325: North Side Housing and Support Services

Awarded \$25,000 to provide homeless veterans housing and supportive services and to strive to end the social conditions that cause, contribute to and exacerbate homelessness.



EdgeAlliance

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Grant #326: Edge Alliance

Awarded \$67,700 to renovate Alpha House, Edge Alliance's new homeless veterans center for those who have dual diagnosis' of mental illness and addiction problems.



Grant #327: Vets4Vets

Awarded \$31,000 to help grow the Vets4Vets community supporting Iraq and Afghanistan veterans with support groups throughout the Chicago area.