



FY2027 Application Training

Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs
State of Colorado - Grants



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Welcome!



Introductions

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Agenda

- Neighborly Demonstration
- Eligibility Requirements
- Purpose of Funding
- Requirements
- Application Evaluation
- Grantee Requirements
- Questions
- Neighborly walk through
 - VTF/VCLC
- Post Survey



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Important Points



Please Remember:

- New Grantee Meetings
 - Email Lisa.Stamm@dmva.state.co.us
 - Meetings end Feb. 20

Application Essentials

- Competitive Grants
- Total requests up to \$100,000
- Ensure you submit under correct grant program
- Applications only accepted through Neighborly online platform
- Applications Due March 24, 2026
 - Late submissions will NOT be accepted
- Application Instructions on website
 - <https://vets.Colorado.gov/grants>



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Eligibility Requirements



Veterans Trust Fund (VTF):

- Focus on **financial need/assistance**
- Non-profit organization nationally recognized by Congress as one that serves veterans
 - Typically designated as a:
 - **501(c)(19)**
 - **501(c)(23)**
 - **501(c)(4)** in some cases
- Examples include:
 - **VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)**
 - **American Legion**
 - **DAV Chapters (Disabled American Veterans)**

Veterans Assistance Grant (VAG)

- Focus on **health and well being**
- A 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization
 - Excluding 501(c)(19) and 501(c)(23)
- Governmental entity in Colorado including:
 - City Governments
 - County Governments
- Provides services to veterans



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Eligibility Requirements 2



Both VTF and VAG

- Assist **Colorado veterans in need (financial need)**
- Funds must be used to:
 - Serve Colorado veterans in need
 - Veterans must have a release or discharge from active duty that is other than dishonorable



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Types of Programs Funded 1



- Childcare
 - Direct dependents only
- Food/Gas Cards
 - Store-specific
- Utilities (up to 3 months)
 - Water, Gas, Electric
 - Firewood, Propane
- Emergency Financial Assistance
 - Household bills (up to 3 months)
 - Insurance (up to 3 months)
 - Sleeping bags, toiletries, etc.
 - Hotel stays
- Housing
 - Housing Assistance
 - Rent/Mortgage (up to 3 months)
- Health and Wellness
 - Holistic services
 - Therapeutic recreational activities
 - Service animals
- Employment Related Services
 - Clothing
 - Tools
 - Professional services
 - Courses



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Types of Programs Funded 2



- Medical NOT covered by VA
 - Co-pays
 - Dental work
- Housing Repairs
 - Roof repair
 - AC repair
 - Furnace repair
 - NO capital improvements
- ADA Adaptions (needs prior approval)
 - Ramps
 - Other housing alternations

- Services for Surviving Spouses (VTF ONLY)
 - Support services
- Cremation Services (VTF ONLY)
 - Cremation services
- Transportation
 - Bus passes
 - Fuel
 - Car repairs (for primary vehicle only)
- Mental Health
 - Family Counseling (VAG ONLY)
 - Other mental health services not covered by the VA



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Types of Programs Funded 3



- Program Costs 10% (Both VTF and VAG)
 - Program related expenses
 - Software subscriptions
 - Office supplies
 - Marketing materials
 - Staff/contracted support
 - Must demonstrate no supplanting



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Unallowable Costs



- Capital Improvements
 - No administrative costs - only program costs
 - No capital construction (ONLY VCLC)
 - No capital improvement (ONLY VCLC)
 - No rent/lease or other refundable deposits
 - No indirect or overhead costs
- May not support memorials, club renovations, honor guards, or tributes to veterans
- Pass through funding is not allowed
- Funds must be expended only for veteran in need of material or financial assistance
 - Grantee makes those guidelines



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Required Attachments



- VCLC's exempt from the below.
- Completed and current IRS Form W-9 with EIN
- Pre-award Questionnaire- On Website
- Proof of Current letter of Good Standing from Colorado Secretary of State
 - City/County units of Government exempt
- IRS Determination Letter- Must be dated within past 5 years
 - City/County units of Government exempt number dated within 12 months of application
- Please Note: If your organization is awarded either the VAG or VTF grant, you will need to provide the Eligibility Policy for veterans to receive assistance



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Score Evaluation



- Geographic Distribution (10 points)
- Number of Veterans to be Served (10 points)
- Need for Services (10 points)
- Service Gaps (15 points)
- Local Partnerships (10 points)
- Outcomes and Effectiveness (10 points)
- Budget (15 points)
- Internal Score (20 points)
- Must score 60 points



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Grantee Requirements



- Attendance at Grant Trainings
- Supporting documentation of all expenditures
- Satisfaction Surveys for all program participants
- Quarterly reports submitted by deadline
- No Advancements - Both VAG and VTF grants are reimbursable funding
- Data Collection
- Underserved Veteran Data required to track on intake/application form
- Execute funds



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Review



- Post Survey
 - <https://forms.office.com/g/Yq6HYqYJgg>
- Grant Due March 24, 2026
 - Submit via Neighborly Platform
 - **Review, review, review!**
 - Once you hit submit that is it! You are unable to make changes.
- Questions
- Neighborly demonstration VTF-VCLC
 - Read instructions carefully
 - Different questions for VTF and VCLC



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