

Veterans' Employment Services

Preparing Michigan's veterans for meaningful and long-term careers

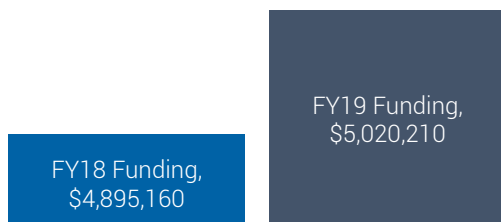


The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Workforce Development (LEO-WD) Veterans' Employment Services (VES) team consists of highly skilled Veterans' Career Advisors (VCA) and Veterans' Employment Representatives (VER) who are trained to assist veterans with the unique challenge of transitioning out of the military and into the civilian workplace and overcoming specific barriers to employment.

The concept of veterans helping veterans is a trademark of the program and one of the keys to its success.

Veterans face many challenges when transitioning out of the military – finding meaningful employment shouldn't be one of them. The individualized, one-on-one career services provided are designed to assist veterans in reducing or eliminating identified barriers with maximum emphasis directed toward serving veterans who are economically or educationally disadvantaged, homeless or are vocational rehabilitation clients. This is accomplished through advocacy, community outreach, engagement, and encouragement.

The Jobs for Veterans' State Grants (JVSG) provide federal funding to VES to hire staff dedicated to providing veteran services:



On average, 1,100 veterans are assisted each year through VES. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Career guidance
- Comprehensive assessment interviews
- Staff-assisted job search activities
- Labor Market Information
- Individual Employment Plans (IEPs)
- Employer outreach

Employment rate for veterans served by VES team:

FY18

57.8%

FY19 (up to Q3)

64.1%

Median monthly income:

\$5,891

\$6,237

Priority of Service for Military Veterans

Veterans with at least one day of active military service and eligible spouses are eligible to receive Priority of Service when they visit a Michigan Works! Service Center. This allows them to receive services before non-veterans. Once a veteran has been identified, a Michigan Works! representative will connect them with a Veterans' Career Advisor with VES.

For additional information on Veterans' Employment Services, call 1-800-285-WORKS (9675) to be connected to your nearest Michigan Works! Service Center.

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