

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
Fiscal Year 2024 Michigan Veteran Homelessness Prevention Grant
Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement

AWARD INFORMATION

Funding Mechanism: Grant

Anticipated Number of Awards: 13

Award Amounts: \$150,000

Length of Grant: 1 year (October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024)

Anticipated Project Start Date: October 1, 2023

Cost Sharing/Match Required: No

Eligible Applicants: Grantee, or the selected fiduciary, must be a nonprofit organization (e.g., 501(c)3, 501(c)19, etc.) based in Michigan who serves veterans within the State and has a successful history of providing support to veterans in the community.

PURPOSE

The MVAA will be accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) for the Michigan Veteran Homelessness Prevention Grant (MiVHPG).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MVAA was created through Executive Order 2013-2 and is the central coordinating agency that provides advocacy and support to Michigan veterans through a vast array of services. The MVAA employs the 'no wrong door' approach to reaching veterans to reduce barriers for education, health care, employment, quality of life, and advocacy with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) for connection to federal benefits.

The MVAA is housed within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) and is the central coordinating agency responsible for the coordination of efforts in the State of Michigan providing advice and assistance to Michigan's veterans and eligible family members. The MVAA supports veterans directly with veterans' services while also supporting Veteran Service Organizations

Michigan is home to the 12th largest veterans' population in the country (as reported by USDVA GDX FY22) with an estimated 530,586 veterans, comprising 5.5 percent of the state's population. Historically, Michigan has ranked in the bottom third of the 50 states, two territories of Guam and Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia in the per capita receipt of federal expenditures. This is the reason that it is so important to connect our philanthropic community partners to other veteran service providers. These networking sessions are designed to create a space where organizations can gain exposure to other services and resources for veterans and their families external to the USDVA.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The MiVHPG grant funding is made available to provide financial assistance to Michigan-based nonprofit organizations that assist service members, veterans, and their families who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

“Veteran” means an individual who served in the United States Armed Forces, including the reserve components and National Guard, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Veteran includes an individual who died while on activity duty in the United States Armed Forces.

“Homeless” means that term as defined in section 103 of the McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act of 2009, 42 USC 11302.

Grant funding must be used to support a wide range of initiatives that offer immediate relief, sustainable housing solutions and comprehensive support services for veterans in need. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Immediate Relief and Emergency Shelter:** funding for temporary housing options including overnight stays in hotels to provide immediate relief to veterans experiencing homelessness.
- **Housing Development and Rehabilitation:** support for the construction or renovation of affordable housing units specifically designed to cater to the needs of veterans and their families.
- **Family Support Services:** funding for programs that provide comprehensive support to veterans and their families, including financial assistance, counseling services, childcare support, etc.
- **Landlord Incentive Programs:** programs in the community to encourage landlords to house veterans.
- **Training and Technical Assistance Programs:** a community-based approach to learning, developing, and understanding development of veteran housing.

ELIGIBILITY

Organizational Requirements:

- Grantee must be a nonprofit organization (e.g., 501(c)3, 501(c)19, etc.), or have a selected fiduciary, whose mission/purpose statement is to serve veterans in any capacity.
- Grantee must demonstrate a clear commitment to addressing veteran homelessness through various programs and initiatives and have a flexible and innovative approach to addressing the diverse needs of veterans in crises, with support from organizations that provide case management and support services.
- Grantee, or the selected fiduciary, must be able to provide a copy of its federal designation letter, governing by-laws and have a fully functioning board.
- Grantees must supply a minimum of two letters of support from partnering community organizations.

The applicant must complete and submit the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) to Apply, indicating that they are planning to apply for this grant. The LOI must be returned to MVAAGrants@michigan.gov by 5pm p.m. EST on **Friday, September 29, 2023.**

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Create and complete a program or project that offers immediate relief, sustainable housing and/or comprehensive support services to reduce or eliminate homelessness for Michigan service members, veterans and their families who are at risk or currently experiencing homelessness.

PROJECT NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

- Identify how the project will prevent or alleviate homelessness as described in the program description by providing immediate relief or emergency shelter, housing development and rehabilitation, family support services, landlord incentive programs, training, and technical assistance programs, etc. The project purpose, planning, and completion should be clearly outlined in the application Project Narrative.
- Identify how the program project will assist the MVAA goals of reducing barriers for education, health care, employment, quality of life, and advocacy with the USDVA for connection to federal benefits quickly and efficiently.

APPLICATION AND BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS

- Completed applications are due to MVAAGrants@michigan.gov by 5:00pm EST on Friday, October 27, 2023.
- The Project Narrative will be a maximum of five pages, not including any attachments. The document must be specific and concrete for the project. It must include all relevant details.
- The Budget Narrative/Justification must clearly justify the expense of items and services to meet the goals of the project and support the Project Narrative. The Budget Narrative/Justification must match the costs identified in the Item and Service Budget Request Form. The proposed costs must be reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary for the supported activity.
- All forms/templates will be part of the application and will be supplied by the MVAA.
- Receipts for all expenditures will be required with the Final Report to justify allowable expenditures.

DATA COLLECTION, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING

The MVAA will supply all the required reporting templates. The forms may not be altered in any manner.

The Grantee will be responsible for collecting and sharing information with the Grantor on the entirety of the project. It is required that the project be completed if matching funds are utilized within the fiscal year and that the project completion be verified by pictures or an onsite visit.

Grantees will also be required to submit a final budget and year-end report with itemized receipts in a format prescribed by the Grantor. Additional reports and/or supporting documents may be required depending on the approved project narrative.

The Grantee agrees to submit the final report, including all supporting documents for expenses, no later than October 5, 2024.

MONITORING

All grant recipients will be subject to monitoring of performance, expenditures, and data collection. Monitoring and audits will be conducted by the MVAA. Standardized templates for reporting and data collection will be provided with the Grant Award Letter.

If the MVAA determines, by audit or otherwise, that a Grantee expended the grant funds received for purposes other than those approved and listed in the Grant Agreement or Amendment, the MVAA shall not approve the improperly expended amounts and those funds must be returned to the State of Michigan.