

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
Fiscal Year 2025 Michigan Veteran Homelessness Prevention Grant
Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement

AWARD INFORMATION

Funding Mechanism: Grant

Anticipated Number of Awards: 10

Award Amounts: \$0-\$250,000

Length of Grant: 4 years (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2028)

Anticipated Project Start Date: October 1, 2024

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 is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) 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

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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

“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 and sustainable housing solutions to veterans and their families who are 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.
- **Landlord Incentive Programs:** programs in the community to encourage landlords to house veterans.
- **Rental/Mortgage Assistance:** funding for rental and/or mortgage payments to prevent homelessness.

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. Priority will be given to organizations in areas with the least amount of services available to veterans.
- 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.

PROJECT NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

- Identify how the project will prevent or eliminate homelessness as described in the program description by providing immediate relief, emergency shelter, housing development and rehabilitation, landlord incentive programs, or rental/mortgage assistance.
- If requesting use of grant funds for housing development or rehabilitation identify a timeline of project milestones and expected completion dates for each milestone, and include documentation showing all permits, zoning requirements, and local obligations have been met to begin the project and to obtain a certificate of occupancy upon project completion.
- Identify how the project will assist the MVAA's 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.
- 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 as outlined.

BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS

- 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.

TIMELINE

September 5, 2024	Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement and Request for Letters of Intent to Apply posted.
September 19, 2024	Letters of Intent to Apply due to MVAAGrants@michigan.gov by 5pm EST
September 23, 2024	Video Informational Meeting: Intent and general overview of grant goals, application technical assistance, and Q&A.
September 30, 2024	Applications due to MVAAGrants@michigan.gov by 5pm EST
October 1, 2024	FY25 grant-cycle begins

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Create and complete a program or project that offers immediate relief and/or sustainable housing to reduce or eliminate homelessness for Michigan service members, veterans, and their families who are at risk of, or are currently experiencing homelessness.
- Complete and submit quarterly financial and progress reports according to a form and format prescribed by the Grantor including supporting documentation of eligible project expenses. Receipts for all expenditures will be required with the report to justify allowable expenditures.

DATA COLLECTION, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING

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 and that the project completion be verified by pictures or an onsite visit.

All grant recipients will be subject to monitoring of performance, expenditures, and data collection. Monitoring and audits will be conducted by the MVAA.

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.