

# American Legion Dept. of Wisconsin: State commander Clewell responds to U.S. VA decision to extend funding for Wisconsin homeless veterans

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(Portage, Wis.) – The following is a statement issued by Wisconsin American Legion state commander Laurel Clewell:

“The Wisconsin American Legion is extremely heartened by the overwhelming, bipartisan response to concerns we raised in late July about the loss of federal grant money for Wisconsin’s homeless veterans housing programs. This is a rare example of federal and state elected representatives reaching across party lines and fighting for veterans care.

“Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has only extended funding for Wisconsin’s programs for one year. While the action deserves acknowledgment and appreciation, it is but a temporary fix for a system that clearly needs more permanent restructuring.

“We look forward to working closely with veterans advocates, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Governor Walker, our Congressional delegation and legislative leaders in crafting a system of compassionate and effective care for our homeless veterans – a system that will merit continuing federal support.”