

Dept. of Veterans Affairs: REMINDER: Grant applications to help veteran entrepreneurs due Sept. 14

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) reminded interested parties that [completed grant applications are due Friday, September 14, 2018](#) from registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) non-profit organizations that provide entrepreneurship training, or technical, business or other assistance to veteran entrepreneurs to improve employment outcomes.

“Entrepreneurship and military service go hand-in-hand,” Secretary Daniel J. Zimmerman said. “A tireless work ethic, dedication, and selflessness are just a few common elements. Veterans make great entrepreneurs because these traits are nurtured in them from the first days of their military service. WDVA is excited to support those Veterans interested in realizing their dreams of owning and operating a successful business.”

The Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Grant program includes a maximum total of up to \$400,000 during the period of July 2, 2018 – June 30, 2019. To qualify, non-profit organizations must be located in this state and registered and in good standing with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

In 2017, six non-profit organizations received a Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Grant. Grantees used funds awarded to provide veterans with entrepreneurial training and technical support such as business classes, business skills assessment, educational

workshops, field experience, peer support, and business mentoring. Grants were also used to provide veterans career-building skills such as volunteer management, fundraising, scheduling, and marketing.

The following criteria and more will be evaluated as part of the grant application:

- Background and Organizational History
- Experience Working with Veterans
- Need for Grant Funding
- Outreach and Referral Plan
- Program Goals and Objectives
- Past Working Relationships with Start-up Businesses & Entrepreneurship Programs

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