

Evers campaign: Announces more than \$549K in grants to organizations helping Wisconsin's veterans

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MADISON, Wis. — In case you missed it, Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) more than \$549K in grants for 14 organizations that are benefitting Wisconsin's veterans. The groups receiving grants provide financial assistance, entrepreneurship training, and other services to veterans.

Gov. Evers is focused on developing long-term solutions to the issues Wisconsin's veterans face. During his State of the State address, Gov. Evers [announced](#) the creation of a Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity to develop new initiatives to support the more than 300,000 veterans in our state. These initiatives will reduce barriers to education, employment, and job training for veterans.

Read more below on how Gov. Evers is helping Wisconsin's veterans.

[CBS 58: Gov. Evers announces more than \\$549K in grants to organizations helping Wisconsin veterans](#)

Governor Tony Evers and Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary Mary Kolar have announced \$549,560 in grants to nonprofit organizations benefiting Wisconsin veterans and their families.

The governor's office says the 14 nonprofit groups provide financial assistance, entrepreneurship training and other services to veterans.

"So much of our strength as a state is our ability to work together to tackle

challenges facing folks in our communities, and that includes our veterans,” said Gov. Evers. “Especially after the difficulties of the last two years, we must work to ensure our veterans have the resources and support they deserve. These grants will continue to bolster collaboration, strengthen the network of organizations working to provide care and assistance, and find long-term solutions to support our state’s and our country’s heroes and the challenges they face—both those that existed before the pandemic and others that worsened because of it.”

A list of nonprofit grant recipients is available below:

- Aurora Medical Group (Milwaukee) was awarded \$25,000 to help expand services through their four support groups: art & music therapy, movement therapy, a veteran’s support group, and a home front support group.
- T.S. Inc. (Appleton) was awarded \$25,000 to provide for veteran’s basic needs in their transitional shelters. They provide services to help people bridge from crisis care to independent living through four key areas that strengthen their resident’s self-sufficiency and enable them to leave homelessness for good.
- Center for Veterans Issues (Milwaukee) was awarded \$25,000 to help support their V.E.T. Woodshop which provides vocational, training, and therapeutic and employment. Center for Veterans Issues helps veterans recovering from addiction and provides housing and supportive services to help improve the quality of life for all veterans, their families, and the communities in which they live and serve.
- Family Health Center of Marshfield (Marshfield) was awarded \$25,000 to help offset any out-of-pocket dental expenses for veterans after all discounts have been applied. Providing no or low-cost dental services to individuals living at or below the 200 percent of the federal poverty level through a sliding fee discount program.
- Mental Health America of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) was awarded \$24,560 to help support the operation of their peer-run warmline and increase the ability of the veteran warmline to respond to the anticipated increased demand, as well as

to help veterans achieve wellness through healthier lives by promoting mental health as an essential element of wellness.

- Vincent De Paul, St. Joseph Conference (Marinette) was awarded \$25,000 to help veterans and their families with their basic needs such as rental assistance, vehicle repair, utilities, furniture, household items, heat, electric, water and gasoline.
- USO of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) was awarded \$25,000 to help support their current programs and expansion programs at Fort Mc Coy to better serve the military and veterans along with their families.
- University of Wisconsin Superior Foundation (Superior) was awarded \$25,000 to help support their events for their Veteran and Non-Traditional Student Center.
- War Memorial Center (Milwaukee) is awarded \$25,000 to continue their mission to “honor the dead—serve the living.”
- Wisconsin Veterans Network (West Allis) was awarded \$25,000 to support expenses for their VetsNet Intake, Assessment and Advocacy Programs, including Service Navigator salaries/benefits, emergency financial Assistance and outreach efforts as identified in the recently completed marketing strategy.

A list of entrepreneurship grant recipients is available below:

- Ashland Area Development Corporation (Ashland) was awarded \$100,000 to provide local mentorship, professional instruction, and customized coaching to veterans who will launch new businesses in Ashland and Bayfield Counties. Participants will attend classes to learn how to launch successful, sustainable businesses. Classes will tackle business plan development, legal consideration for business owners, bookkeeping skills, and other essential elements. For local

mentorship, professional instruction, and customized coaching to veterans who will launch new businesses in Ashland and Bayfield Counties.

- Fox Valley Technical College (Appleton) was awarded \$89,650 to conduct one Innovation Accelerator for Veterans cohort, in spring of 2022. The grant will assist in providing entrepreneurial training and technical support, net-working opportunities, one-on-one mentoring and provide funds for startup/growth expenses for veteran-owned businesses.
- Wisconsin Veterans Chambers of Commerce (Milwaukee) was awarded \$10,350 to support educational, networking, and to promotional programming dedicated to supporting veteran-own businesses across Wisconsin. By coordinating existing resources, offering educational programming for veterans, and organizing a new market of consumers, the Veteran Business Initiative creates the opportunity for sustainable growth for veteran-owned businesses.
- Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (Milwaukee) was awarded \$100,000 to assist in reaching 165 veterans, to purchase Military CEO: Guided business plan books and licensing to support their one-week business boot camp for 25 veterans.