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Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs will award grants to organizations serving homeless veterans Statewide organizations encouraged to apply for Grants for Veterans' Services program

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) will award up to nine hundred thousand dollars in grant money to organizations throughout the state that assist homeless veterans. Eligible applicants must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Organizations will use the money to help veterans in any of the following areas:

- Work to eliminate homelessness
- Prevent near-term homelessness
- Provide safe and secure living conditions for homeless veterans
- Provide assistance for veterans moving from public housing programs toward home ownership or long-term rental status
- Provide assistance in finding available state and federal resources
- Provide on-the-job training and job search assistance
- Provide therapeutic services.

The solicitation for the Grants for Veterans' Services (GVS) program is now available on the IDVA website and includes details and guidelines about the grant program and eligibility criteria. The GVS program originated through an act of legislation designed to provide funding for organizations that serve veterans.

Through the GVS, the IDVA plans to award nearly a dozen grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The IDVA will also assist recipients by creating marketing materials to explain the services they provide to veterans.

"We are thrilled about the prospect of working with great organizations across the state that every day seek to end veteran homelessness," said Dennis Wimer, IDVA director. "The GVS program will improve the lives of veterans by providing organizations across Indiana needed funding."

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All applications, procedures and documentation should follow Indiana Code, Indiana Administrative Code, and Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs policies. Applications are due on December 20 by 4 p.m. GVS money will be awarded by early 2020.

GVS may only be used to provide services to veterans who reside in the state of Indiana, served in any branch of the U.S. armed forces and hold an honorable discharge in the form of a DD-214 or National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 22.

More information and a link to the application can be found on IDVA's homepage or by clicking here.