

Wells Fargo VeteranWINS® Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the VeteranWINS® Grant Program?

A: The **VeteranWINS®** Grant Program provides financial resources to help invest, strengthen, and support sustainable military and veteran housing programs. Grant dollars may be utilized for new construction, capital improvement/ rehabilitation work, and supportive services projects that focus on neighborhood revitalization and stabilization efforts. Wells Fargo is committed to working with local nonprofits to provide solutions in support of efforts to address safe and secure housing for all veterans, specifically veterans at-risk of becoming homeless and/or homeless veterans.

Q: What type of programs/projects can be funded with this grant?

A: The types of programs/project that can be funded with this grant include:

- New Construction
- Rehabilitation/Capital Improvement Work
- Supportive Services
 - other housing initiatives to support independent living
 - rental assistance programs
 - other means of housing support to help ensure safe and secure neighborhoods and homes for veterans.

**All grant dollars must benefit veterans.*

Q: What are the program/project funding restrictions?

A: Program/project funding restrictions:

- Grant cannot be used for administrative costs
(*Example:* Salaries and benefits of employees/staff cannot be paid.)
- Grant cannot be used for operational costs
(*Example:* Rent and utilities of the non-profit organization cannot be paid.)

Q: What are the Program/project restrictions?

A: Program/project restrictions:

- Nonprofits who have received VeteranWINS® funding in previous year(s), must have met the conditions of the grant agreement and submit an online impact report prior to applying for additional VeteranWINS® funding. Applications will be declined for not meeting reporting requirements associated with a previous VeteranWINS® grant.
- Nonprofit must have completed at least two consecutive years of operations (in the veterans space) as of the date of application.
- Nonprofit may only apply for one grant per calendar year through this program.

Q: What is required for the project/program summary in the application?

A: A detailed project/program description that specifically explains:

- what the project is,
- exactly how the grant dollars will be used,
- how the project directly impacts veterans, and
- why your organization is requesting grants dollars for this specific project/program.

Please note: A general organizational overview alone will not meet these requirements.





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Q: What is required for the budget summary in the application?

- A: The budget summary requires:
- A specific budget focused on the project/program with a full cost breakdown clearly demonstrating how the grant will be utilized.
 - If there will be multiple components or homes impacted, a specific detailed line item project/program budget for each aspect of the project/program clearly demonstrating how all grant dollars will be allocated to support veterans.

Please note: A general operational project/program budget of the organization will not suffice in meeting this requirement.

Q: Who can apply for this grant funding?

- A: The following entities are eligible to apply for a **VeteranWINS®** grant:
- 501(c)(3) public charities with 509(a)(1) and 509(a)(2) designations.
 - 501(c)(3) public charities with 509(a)(3) designation – Type I or II only - if documented by the IRS, OR if legal opinion is provided.
 - Governmental agencies (charitable purpose), including public schools.

Q: Who cannot apply for this grant funding?

- The following entities are **not** eligible to apply for a **VeteranWINS®** grant:
- Private foundations
 - 501(c)(3) public charities with 509(a)(3) – Type III designation

Q: When do you accept applications?

- A: Applications are accepted:
- Jan. 2, 2019 through Feb. 8, 2019 through the online application portal.
 - Eligible applicants must complete and submit an online application to be considered for funding.

Q: When are the funding decisions announced?

A: Applicants will be notified via e-mail of funding decisions by late May 2019.

Q: How many grants will be awarded in 2019?

A: A total of 17 grants will be awarded in 2019.

Q: What are the grant amounts available per market size?

Market Size	Population	# of Grants Available	Grant Size
Large	250,000 plus residents	12	\$40,000/each
Small to Medium	Up to 249,999 residents	5	\$25,000/each

A total investment of more than \$600,000 has been committed to the **VeteranWINS®** Grant Program in 2019.



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Q: *How many grants can one nonprofit apply for?*

A: Nonprofit may only apply for one grant per calendar year from this program.

Q: *What are tips for creating a winning application?*

All eligible completed applications will be considered. Higher consideration will be given to applications:

- that focus on veteran homelessness
- that have a greater number of veterans impacted through the grant
- that are submitted by organizations whose mission is solely focused on veteran services
- where the full grant amount requested is able to complete the entire project, with no other funds being required
- where funds will be utilized earlier rather than later in the year
- that contain letters of support from the mayor, government entities (HUD, VA other agencies) or other local community partners

Q: *What is required of the award winners?*

Grant award winners are required to:

- Use grant funding within one year of the grant award date.
- Complete an on-line **VeteranWINS®** impact report within 30 days of project completion, and prior to applying for additional **VeteranWINS®** grant funding.

If possible, include representation from Wells Fargo at ceremonial project events (ribbon cutting or project completion).

Q: *How do I apply?*

A: Information about the **VeteranWINS®** Grant Program, qualification information, and instructions on how to apply for funding is available on the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation website:

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/housing-foundation/>

Q: *Who do I contact if I have questions about the VeteranWINS® grant program?*

A: Contact the **VeteranWINS®** Program Manager at VeteranWINS@WellsFargo.com or 612-667-5131.

