

## Wells Fargo VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup> Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What is the VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup> Grant Program?**

A: The **VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup>** 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 can be funded with this grant?**

A:

- 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.
- Eligible programs/projects must address veteran housing, with priority given to projects that focus on veteran homelessness

*\*All grant dollars must benefit veterans.*

### **Q: What are the Program Restrictions?**

A:

- Grant cannot be used for administrative or operational costs (*for example: salaries and benefits cannot be paid*).
- Nonprofits who have received VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup> 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<sup>SM</sup> funding. Applications will be declined for not meeting reporting requirements associated with a previous VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup> grant.
- Nonprofit organization must not be operating in a deficit.
- Nonprofit must have completed at least two consecutive years of operations (in the veterans space) as of the date of application.
- Nonprofit may only receive one grant per calendar year from this program.

### **Q: What is required for a complete application?**

A:

- A detailed project summary that specifically explains what the project is, how the project directly impacts veterans and include details as to why your organization is requesting grant dollars for this project is required.
- A detailed project budget with a specific line item(s) explaining how the grant dollars will be allocated to this project and support veterans is required.

### **Q: Who can apply for this grant funding?**

A: The following entities are eligible to apply for a **VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup>** 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



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**Q: Who cannot apply for this grant funding?**

- A: The following entities are not eligible to apply for a VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup> grant
- Private foundations
  - 501(c)(3) public charities with 509(a)(3) – Type III designation

**Q: When do you accept applications?**

A: The online application portal opens February 21, 2017 and closes March 17, 2017. 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 June 2017.

**Q: How many grants will be awarded each year?**

A: Six grants will be awarded (two per market size)

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

A:

Market Size	Population	# of Grants Available	Grant Size
Large	250,000 plus residents	2	\$40,000/each
Medium	75,000 to 249,999 residents	2	\$ 35,000/each
Small	up to 74,999 residents	2	\$ 25,000/each

A total investment of \$200,000 has been committed to this veteran effort for 2017.

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

A: A non-profit may apply for one grant per market size.

**Q: What are the application selection criteria?**

- A: All eligible applications will be considered. Higher consideration will be given to applications:
- that focus on veteran homelessness
  - that are submitted by organizations whose mission is solely focused on veteran services
  - where the full grant amount requested is able to complete the 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?**

- A:
- Grant funding must be used within one year of grant award date.
  - An on-line **VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup>** impact report must be completed within 30 days of project completion.
  - Wells Fargo representation at ceremonial project events (ribbon cutting, project completion, and the like) is preferred, if possible.



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**Q: How do I apply?**

A: Information about the **VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup>** Grant Program, qualification information, and instructions on how to apply for funding is found on the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation website at: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/housing-foundation/>

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

A: Contact the **VeteranWINS<sup>SM</sup>** Program Manager at: 612-667-5131 / [VeteranWINS@WellsFargo.com](mailto:VeteranWINS@WellsFargo.com)

