

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

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Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization Growlersburg VFW POST 9241

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VFW Post 9241 PO BOX 649

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State	CA
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Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.	

Tracy Wilson, Commander
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Year Incorporated	1947
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	15.00
Mission Statement	

"That the purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies."

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Fiscal Agent letter must be dated within 90 days of the grant submittal.

Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?

EIN or TIN



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Grant Information

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Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting

VFW Canteen Modernization Project
Building Veteran Community Spaces

Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.

The VFW Canteen Modernization Project is designed to revitalize a vital gathering space that serves as the heart of connection, support, and camaraderie for local veterans and their families. We are requesting funding to replace outdated and worn tables, chairs, cabinets, and flooring in the canteen, creating a safer, more welcoming, and functional environment that honors the service and sacrifice of our veteran community.

The VFW canteen is more than a social space—it is a hub for community-building activities, peer support, resource sharing, and events that promote veteran wellness and reduce social isolation. However, the current furnishings and flooring are aged, in varying states of disrepair, no longer meet the needs of our growing community, pose safety risks, and detract from the dignity of the space. This project will provide durable, comfortable seating, accessible table arrangements, cabinetry for storage, and updated flooring that improves safety, cleanliness, and overall usability.

The upgrades will allow us to better host community events, veteran programs, and outreach efforts that directly benefit those who have served. By investing in this modernization effort, we are strengthening a trusted community resource that fosters connection, promotes well-being, and creates a space where veterans feel respected and valued. The improvements will have a lasting impact, ensuring the canteen remains a welcoming and functional

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 20000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

The Divide's historic towns: Georgetown, Greenwood, Garden Valley, Pilot Hill, Camino, Cool, Quintette

What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?

The VFW canteen serves as a central gathering space for veterans, their families, and the broader community, providing opportunities for connection, peer support, and access to programs that promote wellness and reduce social isolation. Many veterans, particularly older and rural veterans, face challenges such as loneliness, limited access to resources, and a lack of safe, welcoming environments where they can build relationships and find support. Currently, the canteen's aging tables, chairs, cabinetry, and flooring are in varying states of disrepair. These conditions create safety concerns, limit accessibility, and reduce the functionality of the space. Worn flooring presents potential trip hazards, while unstable or outdated furniture restricts the ability to host events and accommodate veterans comfortably.

The overall condition of the facility no longer reflects the level of respect and dignity our veterans deserve. There is a clear and ongoing need for a safe, functional, and inviting community space where veterans can gather, participate in programs, and access informal peer support. Improving the physical environment directly supports increased participation, enhances program delivery, and strengthens community engagement.

By addressing these facility deficiencies, this project will remove barriers to participation, improve safety and accessibility, and create a space that fosters connection, belonging, and well-being. Ultimately, the project supports the broader need to ensure that veterans in our community have a reliable, respectful, and supportive environment dedicated to their service and continued quality of life.

Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.

El Dorado County has a significantly higher veteran population than both the state and national averages, underscoring a strong and ongoing need for dedicated veteran services and community spaces. Approximately 10,500-12,000 veterans live in El Dorado County, representing about 6.8%-7.8% of the total population, compared to just 4% statewide and 5.9% nationally.

This means the county has over 1.5 times the concentration of veterans compared to California overall, highlighting a disproportionate demand for veteran-focused programs, facilities, and support networks. In addition, El Dorado County has a notably large population of Vietnam-era veterans, who make up the largest service group in the region. These veterans are now aging and are more likely to experience social isolation, mobility challenges, and increased need for accessible, safe community environments.

Rural and semi-rural conditions in El Dorado County further amplify this need. With a population spread across a large geographic area, many veterans face limited access to centralized services, transportation barriers, and fewer opportunities for regular social engagement. Community-based gathering spaces like VFW canteens play a critical role in bridging these gaps.

How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?

The VFW Canteen Modernization Project directly addresses the demonstrated need for safe, accessible, and welcoming community spaces for veterans in El Dorado County by improving the physical environment where connection, support, and programming occur. With a higher-than-average veteran population—many of whom are aging and face increased risks of social isolation—there is a critical need for spaces that are both functional and inviting.

By replacing worn and unstable tables and chairs, installing safe, durable flooring, and adding functional cabinetry, this project will remove existing safety hazards and significantly improve accessibility for veterans with mobility challenges. Updated furnishings and layout will allow the space to better accommodate gatherings, support group meetings, and community events that foster peer connection and engagement.

The improved environment will enhance the VFW's ability to host programs that promote veteran wellness, provide informal peer support, and connect individuals to local resources. A clean, well-maintained, and respectful space also encourages increased participation, particularly among veterans who may currently feel discouraged from attending due to the condition of the facility. Additionally, investing in durable, commercial-grade materials ensures long-term usability and sustainability, allowing the canteen to continue serving as a reliable hub for years to come. By strengthening this central gathering space, the project directly supports the broader need to reduce isolation, improve quality of life, and ensure veterans in the community have a place where they feel valued, respected, and connected.

**How is your organization suited to meet this need?
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the
program/project that funding is being requested for.**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of veterans in El Dorado County as our core mission is to support advocate for and foster camaraderie among those who have served. Our organization exists to ensure that veterans have access to resources a strong support network and a welcoming environment where they can connect with others who share similar experiences. The VFW canteen serves as the heart of our local post and is a primary location where this mission is carried out It is the space where veterans gather for peer support community events outreach programs and informal connections that are critical to reducing isolation and promoting overall well-being. Through regular activities community engagement and partnerships with local organizations we consistently provide opportunities for veterans to stay connected and supported.

Our organization has a proven track record of serving the veteran community through ongoing programs volunteer leadership and responsible stewardship of resources. We actively fundraise collaborate with community partners and maintain programs that directly benefit veterans and their families. The proposed Canteen Modernization Project directly aligns with our mission by strengthening the physical space where these vital services and connections occur. By improving safety accessibility and functionality we are enhancing our ability to serve a growing and aging veteran population more effectively With an established presence in the community dedicated leadership and a clear mission focused on veteran well-being the VFW is well-equipped to successfully implement this project and ensure it delivers lasting impact for

What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?

Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.

Grant Timeline & Major Milestones The VFW Canteen Modernization Project will be completed within a 12-month period following receipt of funds, with a structured timeline to ensure efficient implementation and minimal disruption to ongoing programs.

Month 1-2: Planning & Procurement Finalize measurements, layout, and project sequencing Obtain quotes and select vendors Order tables, chairs, and flooring materials Develop installation schedule

Month 3-4: Phase 1 - Tables Replacement Remove and dispose of outdated tables Receive and assemble new tables Arrange layout to improve accessibility and functionality

Month 5-6: Phase 2 - Chairs Replacement Remove and dispose of worn seating Receive and set up new chairs Ensure adequate seating capacity and comfort for veterans

Month 7-9: Phase 3 - Flooring Installation Clear space and temporarily relocate furniture Remove existing flooring and prepare subfloor Install new durable, slip-resistant flooring Reinstall furniture with improved layout Month 10: Final Setup & Safety Review Conduct safety and accessibility checks Make final adjustments to layout and usability

Month 11-12: Program Activation & Evaluation Resume full programming and community events Monitor usage and gather feedback from veterans Evaluate project impact and long-term sustainability

Project Completion: All major improvements will be completed within 9-10 months, with remaining time dedicated to full utilization and evaluation, ensuring compliance with the one-year funding requirement.

What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?

Measurable Objectives Within 12 months of funding, the VFW Canteen Modernization Project will complete key facility upgrades, including replacing 100% of outdated tables and chairs with durable, commercial-grade furnishings, installing new slip-resistant flooring, and adding functional cabinetry. All improvements will meet safety and accessibility standards. The project will increase veteran participation by at least 20% within six months of completion and support 2-4 veteran-focused events per month. Safety will be enhanced by eliminating trip hazards, improving mobility access, and achieving zero safety incidents related to furniture or flooring. Veteran experience will be evaluated through feedback, with a goal of 80% or higher satisfaction regarding comfort, safety, and overall environment. The upgraded canteen will remain in consistent use as a central hub for programs, peer support, and community engagement, with all improvements actively utilized for at least 12 months following completion.

How will the objectives be measured?

These measurement methods ensure accountability, demonstrate impact, and provide clear evidence that the project is meeting the needs of the veteran community.

Facility Improvements: Completion will be verified through purchase records, installation receipts, and before-and-after documentation. A final walkthrough will confirm that all tables, chairs, cabinetry, and flooring have been fully installed and meet safety and accessibility standards.

Participation & Usage: Attendance logs will be maintained for canteen events and gatherings to track changes in participation. Monthly comparisons before and after project completion will be used to measure the targeted 20% increase in attendance. Event frequency will also be tracked to ensure 2-4 veteran-focused activities per month are consistently held.

Safety & Accessibility: Safety improvements will be assessed through internal inspections and incident tracking. The goal of zero safety incidents related to furniture or flooring will be monitored through ongoing reporting and observation.

Veteran Satisfaction: Feedback will be collected through informal surveys, comment cards, and direct input from members. Responses will be reviewed to achieve at least 80% positive feedback regarding comfort, safety, and usability of the space.

Sustained Use: Ongoing use of the canteen will be documented through event scheduling, attendance records, and program continuity over a 12-month period.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 175

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 75

How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report

Verification of Veteran Status The VFW will verify veteran status using established eligibility and documentation standards to ensure all veterans served through this project meet qualifying criteria, while also recognizing the role of Auxiliary members in supporting the veteran community. Primary verification will occur through VFW and Auxiliary membership records. VFW members are required to provide proof of honorable military service (such as a DD214 or qualifying service records) during the membership process. Auxiliary members are eligible through their relationship to a qualified veteran and are verified through the VFW Auxiliary membership system. For non-member participants utilizing the canteen or attending programs, veteran status will be verified through one of the following: DD214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) Department of Defense-issued identification card Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) and CA DMV records that show veteran status.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The VFW Canteen Modernization Project will have a meaningful and lasting impact on veterans in El Dorado County by creating a safer, more accessible, and welcoming environment that supports connection, engagement, and overall well-being. By upgrading tables, chairs, cabinetry, and flooring, the project will eliminate safety hazards and improve accessibility for veterans of all ages and abilities, particularly those with mobility challenges. A modernized and comfortable space will encourage increased participation, with an anticipated 20% growth in attendance at events and gatherings. The improved environment will strengthen the canteen's role as a central hub for peer support, community-building, and veteran-focused programming. Veterans who may currently feel isolated or hesitant to participate due to the condition of the facility will be more likely to engage, fostering stronger relationships and a greater sense of belonging.

Additionally, the project will enhance the VFW's capacity to host consistent programming, outreach efforts, and community events, ensuring sustained use of the space. The investment in durable, long-lasting materials will provide benefits for years to come, maximizing the value of the funding. Ultimately, this project will directly contribute to improved quality of life for local veterans by providing a dignified space where they feel respected, supported, and connected to their community.

How will you measure the impact of this project/program?

The impact of the VFW Canteen Modernization Project will be measured using a combination of quantitative data and qualitative feedback to demonstrate improvements in safety, participation, and overall veteran experience.

Participation & Engagement: Attendance logs will be maintained for all events and canteen usage. Pre- and post-project attendance will be compared to measure the targeted 20% increase in participation, as well as tracking the number of veteran-focused events held monthly.

Veteran Reach (Unduplicated Count): Sign-in sheets and membership records will be used to track the number of unduplicated veterans utilizing the space over the 12-month period.

Safety Improvements: Internal safety checks and incident logs will be used to confirm the elimination of hazards and track the goal of zero safety incidents related to furniture or flooring.

Veteran Satisfaction & Experience: Feedback will be collected through short surveys, comment cards, and direct input. Results will be evaluated to achieve at least 80% positive feedback regarding comfort, accessibility, and overall environment.

Facility Use & Sustainability: Ongoing use of the canteen will be documented through event schedules, program frequency, and consistent utilization over time.

Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.

What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?

The VFW Canteen Modernization Project is a one-time capital improvement project with long-term benefits that will support ongoing programs and services for veterans. While the grant funds will be used for the initial upgrades (tables, chairs, cabinetry, and flooring), the improved space will continue to serve veterans well beyond the grant cycle. Ongoing maintenance and future minor improvements will be supported through VFW operational funds, fundraising efforts, community donations, and partnerships with local organizations. The VFW has an established history of sustaining its programs through member support, events, and community engagement, ensuring the longevity of the facility and its use. The continuation of the project's impact will be determined by consistent utilization and measurable outcomes, including sustained or increased attendance at events, ongoing veteran participation, and continued positive feedback regarding the space. The ability to safely and effectively host programs, meetings, and community activities will also be a key indicator of success. If the upgraded canteen continues to function as a well-used, safe, and welcoming hub for veterans—supporting connection, reducing isolation, and enhancing overall experience—the project will be considered successful and sustainable. The durable, commercial-grade improvements will minimize long-term costs and ensure the space remains functional for years to come.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	\$ 500
Fundraising revenue	\$ 500
Total Revenue	\$ 21000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits
Occupancy and utilities
Equipment
Supplies, materials and printing
Travel and meetings
Marketing and advertising
Staff and volunteer training

Contract services	\$ 1000
Other	
Total Expenditures	\$ 1000

Budget Narrative

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The total cost of the VFW Canteen Modernization Project is \$21,000, which will be used to improve safety, functionality, and accessibility within the canteen through a phased approach. Grant funds will primarily support the replacement of outdated furnishings and flooring. Approximately \$7,000 will be allocated for the purchase of durable, commercial-grade tables and chairs, ensuring adequate seating capacity and long-term use. An additional \$10,000 will fund the purchase and installation of slip-resistant, commercial-grade flooring, including materials and necessary subfloor preparation to address existing safety concerns. Approximately \$3,000 will be used for cabinetry and storage solutions, improving organization and functionality within the space. A total of \$1,000 is allocated for contract services, which will include professional assistance for flooring installation and any specialized labor required to ensure proper and safe completion of the project. If the full project cost exceeds available grant funding, the remaining balance will be covered through VFW operational funds, fundraising efforts, and community donations. The VFW is committed to completing the project in full and has the capacity to supplement funding as needed. All purchases will prioritize cost-effective, durable materials to ensure long-term sustainability and responsible use of grant funds.

Submit Grant Application

Signature and Affirmation

By entering your full name below, you certify that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Tracy N Wilson



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Entity No.: 0247221
Registration Date: 07/28/1950
Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Mutual Benefit
Formed In: CALIFORNIA
Status: Active

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

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