

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

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Applicant Information

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Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue

**Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO
Box**



City	Orangevale
State	CA
Zip Code	95662
Phone Number	
Organization's Website Address	
Attach your organization's logo.	stars-&-stripes-dog-rescue-logo-color-2.jpg
Grant contact name	
Grant contact email address	
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Susan Aimes
Executive Director email address	

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

Susan Aimes - Founder/CEO
Christine Sloand - Secretary
Ashleen Aimes - Treasurer

Year Incorporated	2022
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	5.00
Mission Statement	

Our mission is to rescue at-risk dogs and transform them into highly trained companion and PTSD-support dogs that are placed at no cost with veterans in need. We are dedicated to improving the lives of both dogs and veterans by providing in-home, non-clinical support that reduces isolation, strengthens emotional stability, and promotes independence. Through compassionate rescue, professional training, and a sustainable dual-impact model, we create life-changing connections that honor service, restore purpose, and build lasting well-being for veterans and the animals who support them.

Fiscal Agent's confirmation letter- this is only needed if the community based organization that is applying is using a Fiscal Agent (because they are not their own nonprofit). Fiscal Agent must write a letter stating that they are taking fiscal responsibility of the grant funds on the community-based organization's behalf if they are granted funds. Fiscal Agents will keep specific program related funds restricted/accounting separate for this particular project request.

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

Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?

EIN or TIN



Attach the IRS Determination letter that contains your organization's Employer Identification Number AND verifies that your organization has been given 501c3 status.

IRS EIN approval.pdf

Click on this link for the IRS database to find your organization. Please take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name and the IRS filings for the past year(s). This page should show that your organization has filed its 990, 990EZ or 990N in the past three years at least once.

Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue IRS detail 2026 .jpg

THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED unless organization is a faith based organization, a government entity or a Native American Tribe recognized by the federal government.

Visit the CA Secretary of State website and search for your organization. Take a screenshot of that page that shows your organization is active and up-to-date with your statement of information.

If your entity is registered in a state other than California, please provide a screenshot of your state's registration entity proving your active and up-to-date status. Also, your organization should be registered in CA if you are doing business in CA (like applying for these funds:)).

CA State SOI 2026.jpg

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Lastly, visit the CA Department of Justice website to verify your organization's registration. Search for your organization , and take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name, and that its registration with the Department of Justice is CURRENT. Upload this screenshot here.

All organizations that "do business in California" are required to file annually with the CA DOJ.

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Grant Information

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

No-Cost Companion & PTSD-Support Dogs for Veterans in El Dorado County

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

Our organization is requesting funding to expand a program that rescues at-risk dogs and trains them to become reliable companion and PTSD-support dogs for veterans in El Dorado County, California. These dogs are then placed with veterans at no cost, ensuring access to consistent, daily support regardless of financial circumstances.

This program addresses critical gaps in care for veterans—particularly those living in rural or underserved areas—by providing in-home, non-clinical support that does not rely on transportation, appointments, or access to limited local services. Each dog is carefully selected, medically cleared, and trained in foundational skills such as grounding during anxiety, interrupting negative behavioral patterns, and providing a calming, stabilizing presence.

Funding will support the full lifecycle of each dog in the program, including rescue, veterinary care, training, and placement, as well as ongoing support to ensure long-term success for both the veteran and the dog. The program also includes thoughtful matching to align each dog with a veteran's specific needs, lifestyle, and environment.

By integrating trained dogs into veterans' daily lives, the program helps reduce isolation, improve emotional regulation, and increase overall stability and independence. In addition, the program operates on a sustainable model in which public adoptions of similarly trained dogs help offset costs, allowing more veterans to be served over time.

This funding will directly increase the number of dogs trained and placed, expanding access to a proven, practical solution that improves quality of life for veterans while also saving dogs in need.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 5000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

This program will serve veterans residing within El Dorado County and surrounding communities within approximately a 1-hour driving distance. This defined service area ensures we can provide consistent, hands-on support, including in-person placements, follow-up visits, and ongoing training assistance. Primary service areas include communities throughout El Dorado County such as Placerville, El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, Shingle Springs, Pollock Pines, Georgetown, and South Lake Tahoe (as feasible within the 1-hour range). Services may also extend to nearby portions of Sacramento, Placer, and Amador counties that fall within this travel radius. Maintaining a 1-hour service boundary allows our team to ensure timely response, quality support, and strong program oversight, which are essential for successful placements and long-term outcomes. Because the program delivers in-home support through trained companion and PTSD-support dogs, this approach allows us to effectively reach veterans in both suburban and rural areas while maintaining the level of care needed to ensure success.

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

El Dorado County, California is home to an estimated 11,500–12,000 veterans, representing 6–8% of the population—nearly double the state average. This veteran-dense community includes both older veterans, who often face isolation and mobility limitations, and post-9/11 veterans, who experience higher rates of PTSD, anxiety, and reintegration challenges.

The county's rural and geographically dispersed landscape creates significant barriers to care. Many veterans have limited access to transportation, fewer nearby clinical services, and inconsistent mental health support. These challenges contribute to social isolation, unmet behavioral health needs, and increased risk of crisis-level intervention. Veteran housing instability, including unsheltered individuals, further underscores the need for accessible, stabilizing supports.

Traditional service models—clinic-based therapy and periodic appointments—are often insufficient or inaccessible in this environment. Veterans need solutions that are consistent, immediate, and integrated into daily life, rather than dependent on travel or scheduling.

This program addresses these gaps by providing trained companion and PTSD-support dogs at no cost, delivering in-home, non-clinical support that promotes emotional regulation, reduces isolation, and increases daily stability. By bringing support directly to veterans, this approach aligns with the unique geographic and demographic realities of El Dorado County and offers a practical, scalable solution to an urgent and unmet need.

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

El Dorado County, California has a significant veteran population with documented needs across mental health, housing, and access to services. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county is home to approximately 11,480-12,000 veterans, representing about 6-8% of the population—nearly double the California average (~4%).

This high concentration of veterans, combined with the county's rural and geographically dispersed landscape, creates barriers to care, including limited transportation and fewer nearby mental health and support services.

Need is further demonstrated by veteran homelessness and housing instability. Local data identified 46 homeless veterans, with the majority unsheltered, indicating gaps in accessible, ongoing support systems.

Mental health challenges are also significant. National data indicates that over 30% of veterans experience mental health conditions such as PTSD or depression, and local estimates suggest thousands of veterans in the county may be affected, particularly in rural settings where access to care is limited.

Additionally, El Dorado County has an older population (25% age 65+), increasing the likelihood of isolation—one of the most critical risk factors for declining mental and physical health among veterans.

Together, these data points demonstrate a clear and ongoing need for accessible, in-home, and non-clinical support solutions that can reach veterans where traditional systems fall short, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

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

This program addresses the critical needs of veterans in El Dorado County by providing trained companion and PTSD-support dogs at no cost, delivering consistent, in-home support that overcomes barriers common in rural communities.

Many veterans face limited access to care due to transportation challenges, geographic isolation, and gaps in available services. This program removes those barriers by placing highly trained dogs directly into veterans' daily lives, ensuring 24/7 support without reliance on appointments or travel.

Each dog is prepared with foundational PTSD-support skills, including grounding during anxiety, interrupting negative behaviors, and providing a calming, stabilizing presence. This support helps veterans better manage symptoms, reduce stress, and regain confidence in everyday situations.

In addition to task-based support, the dogs provide consistent companionship, helping to reduce isolation—one of the most significant challenges for both older and transitioning veterans. The presence of a trained dog encourages routine, increases social engagement, and supports overall emotional well-being.

By removing financial barriers and delivering practical, daily support, this program improves stability, promotes independence, and reduces reliance on crisis or emergency services. It offers a sustainable, high-impact solution that directly addresses the unique needs of veterans in this region.

**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.**

Our organization is uniquely suited to address the needs of veterans in El Dorado County through a mission that directly connects rescue, rehabilitation, and service. We save at-risk dogs—many facing euthanasia—and transform them into highly trained, stable companions equipped with foundational PTSD-support skills. This dual-purpose model aligns seamlessly with the needs of a veteran population experiencing isolation, limited access to care, and ongoing mental health challenges.

Our program is specifically designed to deliver in-home, non-clinical support, which is critical in a rural region where transportation and access to traditional services are often barriers. By placing trained dogs with veterans at no cost, we remove financial obstacles while providing consistent, daily support that cannot be replicated through periodic appointments alone.

In addition, our structured training, careful matching process, and ongoing support ensure long-term success for both the veteran and the dog. Our sustainable model—partially funded through public adoptions—allows us to continue expanding access while maintaining high standards of care and training.

By aligning life-saving rescue work with veteran support services, our organization offers a practical, scalable, and deeply impactful solution to the unmet needs within our community.

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.

The proposed project will be implemented over a 12-month grant cycle, with clearly defined phases and milestones to ensure timely progress, measurable outcomes, and full utilization of funds.

Months 1-2: Program Intake & Dog Selection

- Identify and rescue dogs from high-risk shelters
- Complete initial veterinary evaluations and stabilization
- Begin baseline temperament and behavioral assessments.

Months 3-6: Training & Rehabilitation

Dogs enter structured training, including obedience, socialization, and CGC preparation

Begin foundational PTSD-support task training

Ongoing health care and behavioral progress evaluations.

Months 6-9: Veteran Outreach & Matching

Conduct veteran outreach and application intake

Assess veteran needs and lifestyle compatibility

Match trained dogs with selected veterans

Prepare veterans through orientation and transition planning.

Months 9-12: Placement & Follow-Up Support

Complete dog placements with veterans at no cost

Conduct follow-ups at 30, 60, and 90 days post-placement

Provide continued training support and adjustments as needed

Key Milestones Include:

Number of dogs rescued and enrolled in program

Completion of training benchmarks (including CGC certification)

Successful placement of trained dogs with veterans

Documented improvements in veteran well-being through follow-ups

All grant funds will be fully expended within the 12-month period, directly supporting program activities from rescue through placement and follow-up. This structured timeline ensures both efficient implementation and measurable impact within the grant cycle.

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

The program will track clear, measurable objectives to ensure effectiveness, accountability, and impact for veterans served in El Dorado County.

1. Dogs Rescued, Trained, and Placed

Rescue and enroll 20 dogs annually into the program

Successfully train and certify 20 dogs with CGC and foundational PTSD-support skills

Place 3 trained dogs with veterans at no cost within the grant period in the El Dorado County area

2. Veteran Outcomes (Pre/Post Assessment)

At least 80% of participating veterans will report a reduction in PTSD/anxiety symptoms within 90 days of placement

At least 75% will report decreased feelings of isolation and loneliness

At least 70% will demonstrate improved daily functioning and routine stability

3. Program Retention & Success

Achieve a 90%+ successful placement rate (dogs remaining in the home beyond 6 months)

Maintain low return rates (<10%) through proper matching and ongoing support

4. Access & Equity

Provide 100% of veteran placements at no cost, eliminating financial barriers

Prioritize service to rural and underserved veterans within the county

5. Community & System Impact

Reduce reliance on crisis-based services, with participants reporting fewer emergency interventions

Increase veteran engagement, with at least 60% participating in community, volunteer, or social activities post-placement

6. Ongoing Support & Follow-Up

Conduct regular check-ins at 30, 60, and 90 days, and quarterly thereafter

Provide continued training support as needed to ensure long-term success

These objectives ensure the program delivers measurable improvements in mental health, stability, and quality of life while maintaining high standards of care and accountability.

How will the objectives be measured?

Program objectives will be measured using a combination of quantitative tracking, standardized assessments, and structured follow-up to ensure accuracy and accountability.

1. Program Output Tracking. We will maintain a centralized database to track:

- Number of dogs rescued, trained, and placed

- Completion of medical care and training milestones (including CGC certification)

- Placement timelines and costs per dog

2. Veteran Outcome Measurement (Pre/Post Assessments.) Veterans will complete brief assessments at intake (pre-placement) and at 30, 60, and 90 days post-placement, then quarterly. Tools will include:

- Self-reported PTSD and anxiety symptom scales (e.g., PCL-style checklists)

- Quality of life and daily functioning surveys

- Loneliness and social connection indicators Changes over time will be used to measure improvement in emotional regulation, stability, and well-being.

3. Placement Success & Retention.

- Track whether dogs remain successfully placed at 3, 6, and 12 months

- Monitor and document any returns, including reasons and corrective actions

- Maintain a target of 90%+ long-term placement success

4. Engagement & Independence Indicators. Through follow-ups and check-ins, we will document:

- Participation in work, volunteer, or social activities

- Increased ability to manage daily routines

- Reduction in reported crisis events or emergency interventions

5. Ongoing Support Documentation.

All follow-ups, training adjustments, and support services will be logged to ensure consistency and identify trends.

This multi-layered approach ensures both measurable outcomes and real-world impact, demonstrating the program's effectiveness in improving veterans' quality of life.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 5

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 100

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

We will verify and document veteran status using official, auditable documentation and maintain secure records for grant reporting.

1. Required Primary Documentation (one of the following):

DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) – preferred standard

VA Benefits Summary/Service Verification Letter (from VA.gov or eBenefits)

2. Intake & Verification Process

Applicants are required to submit documentation during the intake process (secure upload or in-person review).

Staff verify authenticity by reviewing: Name match with application Branch of service and discharge status (must not be dishonorable)

A Veteran Status Verification Form is completed and signed by staff confirming review.

3. Recordkeeping & Compliance

A copy of the verification document (or a redacted version, if required) is stored in the participant's secure digital file.

Files are maintained in a password-protected database with restricted staff access, in compliance with privacy best practices.

Each verified participant is assigned a unique ID for tracking and reporting purposes.

4. Reporting - For grant reporting, we will provide:

Total number of veterans served

Type of verification used (DD214, VA letter, etc.)

De-identified records if requested Full documentation can be made available for audit upon request, with sensitive information appropriately redacted.

This process ensures accurate verification, confidentiality, and full compliance with grant reporting requirements.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The anticipated impact of this project is a measurable improvement in the mental health, stability, and overall quality of life for veterans in El Dorado County, alongside the successful rescue and rehabilitation of at-risk dogs.

Veterans who receive trained companion and PTSD-support dogs are expected to experience reduced symptoms of PTSD, anxiety, and depression through consistent, in-home support. The daily presence of a trained dog provides grounding during moments of distress, encourages routine, and helps interrupt negative stress responses. As a result, veterans are expected to show improved emotional regulation, increased independence, and greater ability to manage daily life challenges.

A significant anticipated outcome is a reduction in social isolation, particularly among rural and older veterans who often lack consistent access to care or community connection. The program fosters companionship and engagement, helping veterans re-establish structure and confidence in their daily lives.

At the community level, the program is expected to reduce reliance on crisis-based services by offering a proactive, non-clinical support model that complements existing mental health resources. This approach helps bridge critical gaps in access, especially in geographically isolated areas.

In addition, the program will result in the rescue, rehabilitation, and training of multiple dogs annually, preventing euthanasia and transforming them into highly functional companions that serve a life-saving role.

Overall, the project creates a dual-impact system: improving veteran well-being while saving animal lives, resulting in long-term benefits for individuals, families, and the broader community.

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

The impact of this project will be measured through a combination of structured veteran assessments, program tracking systems, and long-term outcome monitoring to ensure both accuracy and accountability.

Veteran outcomes will be measured using pre- and post-placement evaluations conducted at intake, 30, 60, and 90 days, and then quarterly. These assessments will track changes in:

PTSD and anxiety symptom severity (self-reported scales)

Emotional regulation and stress response

Daily functioning and routine stability

Feelings of isolation and social connection

Improvement trends over time will be used to determine the effectiveness of the program for each participant.

Program output will be tracked through an internal database documenting:

- a. Number of dogs rescued, medically cleared, and trained
- b. Completion of CGC certification and PTSD-support task training
- c. Number of successful veteran placements

Placement success will be measured by retention rates, with follow-up tracking at 3, 6, and 12 months. A successful placement is defined as a dog remaining in the home without return or disruption.

Additional impact indicators will include:

Reduction in reported crisis events or emergency interventions
Increased participation in community, work, or social activities
Veteran engagement during scheduled follow-ups and support check-ins

All data will be reviewed regularly to identify trends, improve outcomes, and ensure program effectiveness.

This multi-layered evaluation approach ensures the program's impact is measurable, verifiable, and continuously improving, demonstrating its value in improving veteran well-being and long-term stability.

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?

Yes, this is an ongoing program designed for long-term sustainability and growth. The requested grant will support expansion—allowing us to rescue, train, and place more dogs with veterans at no cost—while strengthening the infrastructure needed to serve veterans consistently beyond the grant cycle.

Sustainability is supported through a diversified funding model. A key component is our dual-impact approach: while dogs are placed with veterans at no cost, public adoptions of similarly trained dogs generate fees that help offset expenses such as veterinary care, training, and daily operations. In addition, we secure individual donations, corporate sponsorships, fundraising events, and community partnerships, as well as pursue additional grants to ensure continued program funding. In-kind contributions, including supplies and veterinary support, further reduce costs.

Continuation of the program is determined by both measurable impact and operational capacity. We evaluate success through:

Improvements in veteran outcomes (reduced PTSD/anxiety symptoms, increased stability, decreased isolation)

High placement success and retention rates (dogs remaining successfully placed long-term)

Consistent demand from veterans in the community

Ability to maintain high standards of training, care, and follow-up support

We also assess program efficiency, including cost per placement and the ability to sustain funding streams. If outcomes demonstrate meaningful, consistent impact and resources remain stable, the program will continue and expand to serve more veterans.

Ultimately, the program's continuation is driven by its ability to deliver measurable, life-changing results—improving veteran well-being while saving and repurposing dogs into highly trained companions.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 5000
Other Contributions	\$ 8000
Fundraising revenue	\$ 18000
Total Revenue	\$ 31000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits

Occupancy and utilities

Equipment

Supplies, materials and printing \$ 10000

Travel and meetings \$ 2195

Marketing and advertising \$ 7000

Staff and volunteer training \$ 1000

Contract services

Other \$ 14000

Total Expenditures \$ 33195

Budget Narrative

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The funds requested in this grant application will directly support the rescue, training, medical care, and placement of dogs trained as companion and PTSD-support animals for veterans in El Dorado County, California. The requested amount reflects the full cost of sponsoring and supporting a Service Dog and their Veteran Handler for life.

This program operates on a dual-impact model in which dogs are placed with veterans at no cost, while public adoptions help offset a portion of program expenses. However, grant funding is essential to sustain and expand capacity, particularly for veteran placements that do not generate revenue.

How Grant Funds Will Be Used

Grant funds will be allocated across four primary categories:

1. Rescue and Intake (approximately 15–20%) Funds will cover shelter pull fees, transportation from high-risk shelters, and initial intake evaluations. Many dogs enter the program from overcrowded shelters where they are at immediate risk of euthanasia. This funding ensures we can continue saving dogs in need.

2. Veterinary Care (approximately 25–30%) A significant portion of funds will support comprehensive veterinary services, including spay/neuter procedures, vaccinations, microchipping, diagnostic care, and treatment for medical conditions identified during intake. Many rescued dogs require extensive initial medical stabilization before training can begin.

3. Training and Rehabilitation (approximately 30–35%) Funds will support structured training programs that include obedience, Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

certification, socialization, and foundational PTSD-support task training. This also includes trainer oversight, behavior modification, and controlled exposure to real-world environments to ensure reliability and stability.

4. Placement, Matching, and Veteran Support (approximately 10-15%) These funds support the careful matching process between dogs and veterans, as well as post-placement follow-up, training reinforcement, and ongoing support to ensure long-term success and retention.

Additional Funding Sources

This grant does not cover the full cost of the program.

Remaining expenses are supported through:

- Public adoption fees, which help offset rescue, training, and operational costs
- Individual donations and community fundraising efforts
- Corporate sponsorships and event-based fundraising
- In-kind donations (supplies, veterinary partnerships, training resources)

Public adoption revenue is a critical component of sustainability, as it directly supports the cost of training dogs that are later placed with veterans at no cost.

Sustainability and Cost Coverage

Veteran placements are fully subsidized through a combination of grant funding and revenue generated from public adoptions. This structure ensures that financial barriers never prevent a veteran from receiving a trained support dog.

Summary

Grant funds will be used to expand capacity, increase the number of dogs rescued and trained, and ensure more veterans in El Dorado County receive life-changing support at no cost. Combined with diversified funding streams, this investment strengthens a sustainable model that delivers ongoing, measurable impact for both veterans and animals.

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.

Susan Aimes

Date of this notice: 02-25-2022

Employer Identification Number:
[REDACTED]

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

STARS AND STRIPES DOG RESCUE
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For assistance you may call us at:
1-800-829-4933

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WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 88-0888840. This EIN will identify your entity, accounts, tax returns, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

Taxpayers request an EIN for business and tax purposes. Some taxpayers receive CP575 notices when another person has stolen their identity and are operating using their information. If you did **not** apply for this EIN, please contact us at the phone number or address listed on the top of this notice.

When filing tax documents, making payments, or replying to any related correspondence, it is very important that you use your EIN and complete name and address exactly as shown above. Any variation may cause a delay in processing, result in incorrect information in your account, or even cause you to be assigned more than one EIN. If the information is not correct as shown above, please make the correction using the attached tear-off stub and return it to us.

When you submitted your application for an EIN, you checked the box indicating you are a non-profit organization. Assigning an EIN does not grant tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations. Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your organization, has details on the application process, as well as information on returns you may need to file. To apply for recognition of tax-exempt status, organizations must complete an application on one of the following forms: Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; Form 1023-EZ, Streamlined Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; Form 1024, Application for Recognition Under Section 501(a); or Form 1024-A, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Nearly all organizations claiming tax-exempt status must file a Form 990-series annual information return (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) or notice (Form 990-N) beginning with the year they legally form, even if they have not yet applied for or received recognition of tax-exempt status.

If you become tax-exempt, you will lose tax-exempt status if you fail to file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, unless a filing exception applies to you (search www.irs.gov for Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File). We start calculating this three-year period from the tax year we assigned the EIN to you. If that first tax year isn't a full twelve months, you're still responsible for submitting a return for that year. If you didn't legally form in the same tax year in which you obtained your EIN, contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this letter. For the most current information on your filing requirements and other important information, visit www.irs.gov/charities.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- * Keep a copy of this notice in your permanent records. This notice is issued only one time and the IRS will not be able to generate a duplicate copy for you. You may give a copy of this document to anyone asking for proof of your EIN.
- * Use this EIN and your name exactly as they appear at the top of this notice on all your federal tax forms.
- * Refer to this EIN on your tax-related correspondence and documents.
- * Provide future officers of your organization with a copy of this notice.

Your name control associated with this EIN is STAR. You will need to provide this information along with your EIN, if you file your returns electronically.

Safeguard your EIN by referring to Publication 4557, Safeguarding Taxpayer Data: A Guide for Your Business.

You can get any of the forms or publications mentioned in this letter by visiting our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions about your EIN, you can contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this notice. If you write, please tear off the stub at the bottom of this notice and include it with your letter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep this part for your records.

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