

Veterans' TOT 2026 Grant Application

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Organization Information

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Legal Name of Organization

Sierra Nevada Post No. 2680, Veterans
of Foreign Wars

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

130 Placerville Drive

City	Placerville
State	CA
Zip Code	95667
Phone Number	925-321-0714
Organization's Website Address	vfwpost2680.org
Attach your organization's logo.	
Grant contact name	Seth Culver
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Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Seth Culver
Executive Director email address	seth.culver64@gmail.com

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

Seth Culver- Board President
Mike Berkery - Board Secretary
Max Romero - Board Treasurer

Year Incorporated	1930
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	101.00

Mission Statement

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) mission is to foster camaraderie among U.S. military veterans of overseas conflicts, serve veterans, the military, and their communities, and advocate on behalf of all veterans. Their vision is to ensure veterans are respected, receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for their sacrifices. To lobbying for veterans' rights, benefits, and healthcare on Capitol Hill and to provide assistance to veterans, service members, and their families.

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 990 postcard.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.

Certificate of Status 2026.pdf

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 Statement of Information.pdf

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

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.

NonProfit Register.pdf

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Grant Information

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

Supporting Local Veterans and their families in times of need.

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 VFW post was first established in 1930 and has been serving the needs of the veterans in El Dorado County since then. There are approximately 12,000 veterans living in El Dorado County and their needs can vary greatly. Many veterans struggle with the return to civilian life, and the transition can be very difficult. Our organization provides not only comradeship and support in good times but also provides access to vital services and funding in times of need. The grant funds would increase our ability to assist veterans and their families with financial stability and give them crucial support to prevent homelessness, hunger, and social isolation.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 15000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

Our grant funds will be spent on El Dorado County veterans their families.

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

Veterans face unique hurdles and needs in coping with life after the military. Approximately 2 million service members have been deployed since 2001, many returning veterans have serious physical and psychological traumas from sustained combat operations around the globe. Many veterans just want to get far away from the military when their enlistments or time is up, and they do not realize they are missing out on the support and help they need to transition back to the civilian world. Unfortunately, many individuals become aware of this issue too late, resulting in them missing out on the necessary support and assistance.

Many veterans are not aware of the resources available to them and a fraternal military organization is often their first point of contact.

We frequently receive requests for financial help while individuals await VA disability payments or other assistance to begin. Veterans are asking for assistance with back rent payments, overdue bills, vehicle registration or repairs, and food assistance.

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

There are approximately 12,000 veterans living within El Dorado County, about 7% of the total population, significantly higher than the average within the state of California. This group of veterans is proportionally a large number of Vietnam era veterans, but there is also a significant group of Global War on Terrorism veterans, veterans who have served since September 11th, 2001. Many of these younger veterans are affected by food and housing insecurity, substance abuse, low rates of unemployment, and incarceration for low-level offenses. In addition to the litany of disabilities resulting from injuries sustained during their tenure in the military, including "invisible injuries" such as PTSD and TBI, and the stigmas associated with mental health disorders, some local veterans face an increased risk of disability due to age and lack of access to healthcare in the remote and rural areas in which they live.

Our organization works in conjunction with other county groups; NGOs, churches and support organizations, and we all share information about veterans struggling with a myriad of difficulties. We often receive request for financial assistance to help as well help with day to day issues.

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

With the funds received from this grant we will be able to assist worthy veterans in gaining access to vital resources. The funds can aid in repairing a vehicle allowing the veteran to attend medical appointments, seek and keep gainful employment or attend college or other higher education goals. We will be able to empower a veteran to get access to needed benefits from the VA, state and county programs. Other funds can assist in meeting urgent needs or unexpected expenses that would be beyond the normal items a veteran and their families may not be able to budget for. For veterans that are incarcerated, the courts can impose fees or program costs that would hinder their success, and we could assist them in paying those fees.

**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.**

One of our core tenets in the VFW organization is assisting veterans in both good times and bad. We have a diverse group of veterans from this community who have "walked a mile" in their shoes and know how difficult the transition can be from military to civilian life. Many of our members have sought out the same resources that new veterans are trying to connect with. Our members have established a robust partnership and the needed rapport with other organizations and people who can easily direct a veteran to the right person. We also work in conjunction with other groups and often combine resources and funds to help another veteran who may not have been on our list. Our ability to forge and maintain strong partnerships with a wide and diverse group of organizations demonstrates our commitment to community collaboration and growth.

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.

Our timeline will be based on the calendar year of January 1, 2027, to December 31st 2027. However; in the Christmas season we often sponsor several veteran families in need by purchasing dinners and gifts for the family, so we would be a bit ahead of the quarterly review process and start the calendar years some funds already spent.

We will have a quarterly review of expenditures to ensure we are track to meet the spending goals of the grant in the time frame allowed.

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

The measurable objectives of this program are to provide funds to worthy veterans to prevent homelessness, unemployment, substance abuse, and mental health issues. The objective will be to minimize the stressors cause by financial insecurity many veterans experience in their daily lives.

How will the objectives be measured?

The objective will be measured by collecting information about the successes or failures of the veterans we assist. We will keep historical data on these veterans to follow their progress from start to finish. We will also work in conjunction with other organizations to keep data on the veterans we assist.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 25

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

We will request a DD 214 from the veteran to prove their status as a veteran. We will also use Veteran Service Officer to ensure the individual is a veteran if they are in a homeless or transition type of situation.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The impact of this project will be to help veterans who are struggling with everyday life issues; we hope to prevent veterans from losing access to stable housing, or having to choose between paying bills or purchasing groceries, to stop them from losing employment or missing a medical appointment.

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

We will measure the impact of this program by the success of the veteran we assist. We will follow up with the veteran or the organization that was requesting assistance to see if they attained the goals or issues, they wanted help with. We will go back over the resources and money we spent on a quarterly basis and then again reach out to that person to follow up with them. We can modify our program based on the data we collect, whether it was a success or failure. This will provide us the information we can use to better assist veterans in future requests.

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 Veterans of Foreign Wars has a normal relief fund in their regular budget to aid veterans but those funds are based on donations and fund raising by the post itself. The relief fund is often depleted quickly and we have to wait for another fund raising event to refill the fund. The grant funds will allow us to budget better throughout the year and give us a greater ability to allocate funds easier.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 15000
Other Contributions	\$ 450
Fundraising revenue	\$ 2600
Total Revenue	\$ 18050

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 00
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 1350
Equipment	
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 1950
Travel and meetings	
Marketing and advertising	\$ 500
Staff and volunteer training	
Contract services	
Other	\$ 15000
Total Expenditures	\$ 18800

Budget Narrative

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Revenue:

"Other Contributions" - \$450, represents cash contributions received during the bi-annual Buddy Poppy drive the VFW post does during Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

"Fundraising" - \$2600, represents the funds the post collects during the monthly Bingo games by selling food, drinks and snacks during the games.

Expenses:

"Staff Salaries, Wages, and Benefits" We are an all-volunteer organization and do not pay staff or benefits.

"Occupancy and Utilities" \$1350: We pay the Veterans Memorial building a "fee" based on monies collected during various events throughout the year.

"Supplies, materials, and printing" \$1950: This represents the costs of printing programs for the bingo games, purchasing food for various fund-raising events, the cost of bingo cards used during the games, banners used for advertising events.

"Marketing and Advertising" \$500: This represents the cost of maintaining our website on-line, it provides a point of information for events and meeting of the post.

"Other" \$15,000 has been budgeted to cover the costs of requests we receive throughout the year for assistance in paying bills, covering costs of lodging and housing, paying for groceries, vehicle repairs, providing transportation costs, and other daily living expenses.

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.**

Seth James Culver

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

EIN: [REDACTED] | Placerville, California, United States

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

^ Tax Year 2024 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Tax Period:

2024 (07/01/2024-06/30/2025)

EIN:

[REDACTED]

Organization Name (Doing Business as):

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

Mailing Address:

PO BOX 100
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667
United States

Principal Officer's Name and Address:

MAX ROMERO
[REDACTED]
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667
United States

Gross receipts not greater than:

\$50,000

Organization has terminated:

No

Website URL:

^ Tax Year 2023 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

^ Tax Year 2022 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)



Secretary of State Certificate of Status

I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

Entity Name: SIERRA NEVADA, POST NO. 2680, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
Entity No.: 0210726
Registration Date: 10/17/1946
Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Mutual Benefit
Formed In: CALIFORNIA
Status: Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of April 08, 2026.

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

Certificate No.: 443720325

To verify the issuance of this Certificate, use the Certificate No. above with the Secretary of State Certification Verification Search available at bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov.



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Entity Details			
Corporation Name	SIERRA NEVADA, POST NO. 2680, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES		
Entity No.	0210726		
Formed In	CALIFORNIA		
Street Address of California Principal Office of Corporation			
Street Address of California Office	130 PLACERVILLE DR PLACERVILLE, CA 95667		
Mailing Address of Corporation			
Mailing Address	PO BOX 100 PLACERVILLE, CA 95667		
Attention			
Officers			
	Officer Name	Officer Address	Position(s)
	Seth Culver	██████████ PLACERVILLE, CA 95667	Chief Executive Officer
	■ Max Romero	██████████ PLACERVILLE, CA 95667	Chief Financial Officer
	MICHAEL J BERKERY	██████████ SOMERSET, CA 95684	Secretary
Additional Officers			
	Officer Name	Officer Address	Position
	None Entered		
Agent for Service of Process			
Agent Name	JAMES R ROWELOT		
Agent Address	1510 J ST SACRAMENTO, CA 95814		
Email Notifications			
Opt-in Email Notifications	Yes, I opt-in to receive entity notifications via email.		
Electronic Signature			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By signing, I affirm that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized by California law to sign.			
	<u>Seth J. Culver</u>	<u>10/09/2024</u>	
	Signature	Date	

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Registrant Details

Entity type: Corporate Class as registered with the Secretary of State or based on founding & registration documents.

Organization Name: SIERRA NEVADA, POST NO. 2680, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES **IRS FEIN:** [REDACTED]

Entity Type: Charitable or nonprofit corporation

SOS/FTB Corporate/Organization Number: 0210726

Registry Status:	Mutual Benefit	Renewal Due/Exp. Date:	
RCT Registration Number:		Issue Date:	6/30/2006
Record Type:	Charity Registration	Effective Date:	11/12/2008
Date of Last Renewal:	7/16/2009	DBA:	

Mailing Address

Street: P.O. BOX 100
Street Line 2:
City, State Zip: PLACERVILLE CA 95667

Filings & Correspondence

No Related Documents

Annual Renewal Data

No Annual Renewal Data

Fundraising Platform Data

Related Registrations & Event Reports

The related records shown below depend on the record type being viewed:

- Charity Registrations relate to Professional Fundraising Events which relate to Professional Fundraiser Registrations.
- Raffle Registrations relate to Raffle Reports.
- Click on the **RCT Registration No** to navigate to the related record.

No Related Records