

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 Military Family Support Group

Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO Box

130 Placerville Drive

City	PLACERVILLE
State	CA
Zip Code	95667
Phone Number	530-409-7608
Organization's Website Address	msfgonline.org
Attach your organization's logo.	
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Please provide names and titles of your primary board of directors: board president, board secretary, & board treasurer only.	

President/Chairman - Christine Leigh-Taylor
Treasurer - Diane Muirhead
Secretary - Eddi Gilstrap

Year Incorporated	2010
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	30.00
Mission Statement	

Military Family Support Group honors & empowers Military Service Members, Veterans and their Families by providing resources and advocacy through community partnerships to improve well-being, alleviate stress and assist with unmet needs.

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 Determination Letter.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.

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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 Secretary of State Standing.png

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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.

DOJ Current Status.png

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Grant Information

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

El Dorado Veterans Stand Down

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

We are requesting funds for the El Dorado Veterans Stand Down. A two day event, that is free to all US Veterans and their immediate family. The stand down provides dental, vision and medical care, food, hair cuts, clothes, veterinary services - including vaccinations, food and supplies, VA Services and more.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 10000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado County, but some veterans may come from other counties. We will never turn away a veteran in need, regardless of where they live.

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

El Dorado County is home to more than 600 low-income senior and/or homeless veterans. Many of these individuals struggle to meet basic needs such as food, housing and utilities, making essential services like dental care, haircuts and pet vaccinations largely inaccessible,

The El Dorado Veterans Stand Down addresses these gaps by providing a wide range of critical services at no cost to eligible veterans and their immediate family members.

We are requesting funding to support the 2026 El Dorado Veterans Stand Down.

Due to rising costs and the recent loss of a provider that previously offered free dental and vision services the cost of delivering these essential services has increased significantly.

To ensure continuity of care we have developed a new approach by partnering with local dental providers who have agreed to offer services at reduced rates. Through this model eligible veterans will be referred and scheduled for appointments with participating dentists with the Stand Down covering the cost of care. We anticipate serving 50- 70 veterans and providing more than 100 dental procedures. Approximately \$7000 - \$8000 of the requested funds will be allocated specifically for dental services. The remaining funds will support essential event costs including food for participants, outreach and advertising, equipment rental, transportation and fuel, security and program materials.

These resources are critical to ensuring the event is accessible, well-coordinated and able to effectively serve veterans in need. This funding will allow us to continue delivering high-impact direct services to vulnerable veterans in El Dorado County.

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

El Dorado County is home to approximately 11,500 to 12,000 veterans, representing about 8% of the population; nearly double the California average. This significant veteran population includes a large proportion of low income seniors.

As veterans age the need for dental care increases particularly for conditions such as gum disease, tooth loss and untreated decay that can contribute to serious health complications, if left unaddressed. VA dental care is only given to those with specific service-connected conditions or disability ratings. As a result many veterans in El Dorado County, particularly those who are low-income, uninsured or underinsured, do not qualify for routine or emergency dental services through the VA.

Local conditions further compound this issue. El Dorado County's rural geography creates significant barriers to accessing care including long travel distances, limited provider availability and transportation challenges.

At the same time the county's high cost of living places financial strain on residents making out-of-pocket dental care unaffordable for veterans living on fixed incomes. For vulnerable populations, including veterans experiencing housing instability or homelessness, access to dental care is often entirely out of reach. Untreated dental conditions can lead to chronic pain, infection and broader health complications while also impacting employability, social engagement and overall quality of life.

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

The Stand Down Dental Program will directly address the gap in affordable dental care by providing targeted timely services to underserved veterans in El Dorado County. Through partnerships with local licensed dental providers the program will deliver both preventative and urgent dental care to veterans who are uninsured, underinsured or ineligible for dental coverage through the U S Department of Veterans Affairs.

Funding will be used to cover the cost of essential services including exams X-rays cleanings fillings and emergency procedures such as extractions and infection treatment By prioritizing early intervention and preventative care the program will reduce the progression of untreated dental conditions that often lead to more serious and costly health issues.

Veterans will be identified at the Stand Down, ensuring that those with the greatest need are served. Eligibility will be verified through proof of service (e.g.: DD214) and priority will be given to low-income individuals and those facing barriers to care including transportation challenges and financial hardship To maximize the impact of grant funds the program will leverage negotiated or reduced rates with participating dental providers allowing a greater number of veterans to receive care within the budget.

Any of the remaining budget not used for other Stand Down items, will be used for the dental program.

**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 mission of Military Family Support Group (MFSG) is to honor and empower military service members, veterans, and their families by providing resources and advocacy through community partnerships that improve well-being, reduce stress, and address unmet needs. This mission directly aligns with the request for funding to support the El Dorado Veterans Stand Down.

The Stand Down event is a direct expression of MFSG's mission in action. It brings together community partners to provide free, comprehensive services—including dental care, medical care, vision services, housing and employment assistance, food, and other essential supports—to veterans who are experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, or limited access to care.

Many of the veterans served through this program face significant unmet needs that create barriers to stability and well-being. By coordinating volunteers, service providers, and partner organizations, MFSG reduces these barriers and ensures that veterans receive critical services in a supportive, dignified environment.

The requested funding will specifically strengthen this mission by expanding access to dental care and supporting the overall operation of the Stand Down event. These services directly address urgent health and quality-of-life needs while reinforcing MFSG's commitment to community-based advocacy and collaborative service delivery.

Through this effort, MFSG not only provides immediate relief but also helps restore dignity, health, and stability to vulnerable veterans—fully aligning with its mission to improve well-being and address unmet needs through strong community partnerships.

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.

Stand Down related expenses will be immediately before or after the Stand Down event.

Payment for dental cost will depend on how many appointments are fulfilled between the Stand Down and the fiscal year end. We currently anticipate that the funds will be expended prior to fiscal year end.

While we do not expect any funds remaining, should that happen, MFSG will provide the TOT committee with a report of said funds and request an extension to use the funds for the 2027 Stand Down or additional dental treatment.

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

The objective of the Stand Down is provide as many services to as many veterans, as possible.

How will the objectives be measured?

Stand Down success will be measured through clear quantitative and qualitative indicators, including the number of veterans served, dental procedures completed, and timely access to care. Outcomes will also be assessed through participant feedback on what was helpful at the Stand Down, pain reduction, improved oral health and quality of life. Additional tracking will include service delivery efficiency, such as appointment completion rates and average time from referral to treatment, ensuring that grant funds are used effectively and result in measurable community impact.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 300

What percentage of your total clientele are veterans? 95

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

Each individual must register at the gate upon arrival. Veterans must present a DD-214, VA Healthcare card, current military ID, or a California driver's license with veteran designation. The veteran must be present for accompanying family members to be admitted.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

The El Dorado Veterans Stand Down will have a direct and measurable impact on the health, stability, and quality of life of vulnerable veterans in El Dorado County. By providing free, coordinated access to essential services—including dental care, medical care, housing assistance, and other critical supports—the program will address urgent unmet needs among low-income, senior, and homeless veterans.

We anticipate serving approximately 50–70 veterans through dental services alone, resulting in more than 100 completed procedures. These services will reduce pain, treat infections, and address long-ignored oral health conditions that often interfere with eating, speaking, employment, and overall well-being.

Beyond dental care, the Stand Down will connect veterans to a broader network of support services that can improve long-term stability, including housing resources, benefits assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and community-based support programs. This integrated service model helps reduce isolation and improves access to ongoing care.

The program's anticipated impact includes:

- Improved physical health and reduction in untreated dental disease

- Increased access to essential services for underserved veterans

- Enhanced dignity, comfort, and daily functioning

- Strengthened connections between veterans and local support systems

- Immediate relief of critical unmet needs within the veteran community

Overall, the program will provide both immediate intervention and meaningful improvements in quality of life for some of the most vulnerable veterans in El Dorado County, while strengthening the community network that supports them.

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

Impact will be measured through a combination of quantitative and qualitative indicators, including the number of veterans served, dental procedures completed, and timely access to care. Outcomes will be assessed through participant surveys measuring reductions in pain and improvements in daily functioning, along with service delivery metrics such as appointment completion rates and referral efficiency. Together, these measures will demonstrate both the immediate and longer-term benefits of the program on veteran health and well-being in El Dorado County.

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 El Dorado Veterans Stand Down is an annual event. We are currently looking into corporate sponsorships and fundraising.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 10000
Other Contributions	\$ 3000
Fundraising revenue	\$ 1000
Total Revenue	\$ 14000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 2082
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 600
Travel and meetings	\$ 250
Marketing and advertising	\$ 800
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 1500
Other	\$ 8000
Total Expenditures	\$ 13232

Budget Narrative

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Grant funds will primarily be used to pay for dental services for 50 - 70 veterans, The remaining funds will be spent on standard Stand Down items, such as overnight security, food, printing and registration supplies, medical supplies, etcetra.

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.**

Diane Muirhead

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAR 02 2011**

Employer Identification Number:

DLN:

601007025

Contact Person:

JO A CHRISTMAS

ID# 31546

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

June 30

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

August 18, 2010

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

No

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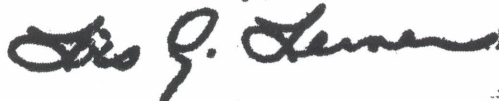
Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947 (DO/CG)