

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

El Dorado Post 119, American Legion

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

4561 Greenstone Road

City	Placerville
State	CA
Zip Code	95667
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Organization's Website Address	https://www.legionpost119.org/
Attach your organization's logo.	
Grant contact name	David Zelinsky
Grant contact email address	[REDACTED]
Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Lauralee Flannery
Executive Director email address	[REDACTED]

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

Lauralee Flannery, Commander
Sam Ferguson, Adjutant
Grace Parmelee, Finance Officer

Year Incorporated	10/29/1937
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	100.00

Mission Statement

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America To maintain law and order To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all Wars To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community state and nation To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses To make right the master of might To promote peace and goodwill on earth To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice freedom and

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.

Exemption Letter 2.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.

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:)).

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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

El Dorado Post 119, American Legion, Service Officer Emergency Response grant

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

David Zelinsky, Service Officer, has served over 1450 Veterans over a period of over 12 years. Many of those Veterans have been served numerous times. At least half are homeless, at risk of homelessness, involved in criminal justice, mentally ill, or addicted to alcohol or substances. The other half have middle class problems, which might involve fixing a plumbing leak, septic leech field, or fixing a car, for which the Veteran is short of funds.

Historically, the two main drivers have been shelter and transportation, but could involve supplies, food, or clothing. It is hard to anticipate every emergency that may materialize. It could be arranging a tow, or buying a slice of pizza for the Veteran while his windshield is being repaired.

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 20000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado county. Often help out in Tahoe even though located on West slope.

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

All of the emergency needs of Veterans in El Dorado county.

Examples:

Three nights in a motel while homeless Veteran recovers from surgery.

Paying community fee for blind Veteran to move into board and care.

Clearing back DMV registration so that homeless Veteran can take title to his "free" car.

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

I used up last year's 12 month, \$20,000 grant in seven months. That included leveraging other Collaborative partners and their money.

Spending it wisely will not be a problem.

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

The need is eternal and ongoing.

while filling out this form, I received a phone call from Commander Tom Millham, Legion Post 795, Tahoe, requesting help paying for a night in a motel for a Veteran and her dog. Veteran has been living in her car for about 3.5 years.

Waiting for a plumbing bill from Conforti plumbing for a Veteran and his wife, living in a trailer in Grizzly Flat. Caldor victims.

Raised \$5500 towards an \$11,000 septic leech field issue for 100% service connected Veteran and his wife in Pollock Pines. But deck, and entry are not safe.

**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.**

In order to meet the needs of our Veterans, those who signed a blank check on their lives for our country, the American Legion is well suited.

Our Post has active groups that incorporate the families of Veterans, as well as Veterans themselves, such as our Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders.

Service Officer Zelinsky is an official volunteer for the El Dorado County Department of Veteran Services, covering the needs of Veterans in the criminal justice system. Just today, Zelinsky discussed two cases with the social worker for the Public Defender's office reviewing treatment options, and unique circumstances in each case. Sunday, Zelinsky was interviewing a Marine in custody, and got paperwork signed and handed over to the county Veterans office.

Having served over 1450 Veterans over 12 years Service Officer Zelinsky has a lot of experience to bring to bear on each situation that arises. Zelinsky also is a good collaborator, working closely with parole agents, probation officers, the district attorney's office, public defender, alternate public defender, VA social workers, VFW, other Legion Posts, local FRA and DAV, Military Family Support Group, Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless, Only Kindness and Housing El Dorado. Zelinsky also works well with many faith based groups, for example using Puoneer Bible Church as a social service entity to serve South county Veterans as the need arises. Zelinsky is also Service Officer for the SSgt.Sky Mote, Detachment 697, Marine Corps League.

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.

Based on the prior grant cycle, the funding will go out fairly quickly and easily.

Note that although one Veteran presented legitimate needs of \$22,000 of repairs needed on his home for safety, only one thousand was funded, since it is a goal to serve as many Veterans as possible. Recently a \$270 cell phone repair was turned down. The Veteran has been provided another, free, cell phone, and while he wanted his better phone repaired, most of his needs could be met with the free phone.

The point is that the goal is to be wise stewards of the funds, and not to be in a rush to get the money out, just to get the money out. Enough needs will arise to get it all spent within the year.

So getting the money out within 12 months is a milestone. The number of Veterans served will be much higher than the ones on whom money is spent. Helping a Veteran get fire safe with the El Dorado county Fire Safe Council is another Veteran served, but costs no TOT funds.

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

A life lesson I have learned, perhaps the epitaph on my tombstone:

We are all going to die. When you save a life, it is only for the moment. Do it anyway.

That is based on working with the H.O.T. team, VA, and Commissioner Todd Smith, on saving a homeless Veteran's life. We all received county honors. The next year that Veteran checked herself out of the hospital against doctor's orders, and died.

Measurable outcomes:

He was hungry. He got fed.

He was unhoused. Sheltered through the storm.

He could not get to his medical appointments. Vehicle is fixed.

How will the objectives be measured?

There is almost always 100% customer satisfaction. It is extremely rare to receive negative feed back. Way less than 1%.

As I said, were their stated needs, and their underlying needs met? Even if not fully met, almost always the Veterans are grateful for any help they receive.

What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded? 100

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

Normally, through the El Dorado county Department of Veteran Services. Weekends and nights are tough. If there is a medical emergency, and Mather ER takes them, that is proof. VA social workers will also confirm. EDVR has a database that is growing of confirmed Veterans, confirmed by the county. If the Veteran produces a DD-214, VA health care card, or a Veteran designation of their driver's license, that can work. Calling 877-222-8387, VA healthcare enrollment can help, particularly for weekday street ministry.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

Numerous lives are improved. More than once, Vetetans have reported back to me that the interventions saved their lives.

Usually, the aid is existential. It might only be a tank of gas, but it might be what they need to get to Victory Village in Jackson. Once the county asked me to pay \$1400 of rent NOW. The Veteran and his wife were going to be evicted NOW. The rent was paid, life choices and options were discussed, and they are now good to go.

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

Hoping for 100% customer satisfaction. Even the Marine whose phone I did not fix, is grateful. Helped him to get into Victory Village. He and his family were being evicted. They are now housed and fed, at VA expense, for the duration.

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?

This program has continued since before TOT funds, and will continue thereafter. The American Legion currently provides a \$3000 annual budget, and the Service Officer will not be shy about asking for more. Small and medium sized donations are being offered from the community. The need will continue, and so will the desire of the community to take care of its Veterans.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting	\$ 20000
Other Contributions	\$ 3000
Fundraising revenue	\$ 0
Total Revenue	\$ 23000

Grant Program Expenditures

Staff salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 0
Occupancy and utilities	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Supplies, materials and printing	\$ 0
Travel and meetings	\$ 0
Marketing and advertising	\$ 0
Staff and volunteer training	\$ 0
Contract services	\$ 0
Other	\$ 23000
Total Expenditures	\$ 23000

Budget Narrative

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Emergency response, \$23,000.

Details are unknowable, as they are covered by the fog of war, but based on experience, primarily housing, such as rent, repairs, utilities, emergency motel stays. Also transportation, such as DMV, transmission repairs, insurance, DUI classes required by DMV. There may be helping the Veteran with court ordered costs, such as attending a domestic violence class. It could be helping an indigent family pay for back to school supplies.

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.**

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January 11, 2011

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF EL DORADO COUNTY
P.O. BOX 863
PLACERVILLE CA 95667
SUBJECT: EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION

CT FILE NUMBER: CT0168061

Based upon information received, we have determined that this organization is not subject to the registration and reporting provisions of the Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act (Government Code section 12580, et seq.), because it is organized and operated primarily as:

1. An organization that does not hold funds or assets in trust for charitable purposes.

Although we have determined that the captioned organization is not subject to the filing, registration and reporting provisions of the Act, the organization is still subject to all other provisions. (See Government Code sections 12583 and 12588.) Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code instructions for filers of IRS Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust Treated as a Private Foundation, the foundation managers "must furnish a copy of Form 990-PF and Form 4720 (if applicable) to the attorney general of:

- Each state required to be listed in Part VII-A, line 8a;
- The state in which the foundation's principal office is located; and
- The state in which the foundation was incorporated or created.

A copy of the annual return must be sent to the attorney general at the same time the annual return is filed with the IRS." An exemption from filing, registration and reporting to the Attorney General has no bearing on jurisdiction of other government agencies, such as Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, or the California Secretary of State. Please review the *Guide for Charities* posted on our website at www.ag.ca.gov/charities for additional information.

NOTE: Returning check #759.

Sincerely,

Staff Services Analyst
Registry of Charitable Trusts

For

KAMALA D. HARRIS
Attorney General

This organization does not have an annual reporting requirement with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts unless required to submit a copy of IRS form 990-PF as noted above. You are not required to submit fees or RRF-1 reports.