

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 Guns Up!

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



City	El Dorado Hills
State	CA
Zip Code	95762
Phone Number	530-929-0711
Organization's Website Address	https://gunsupwaterfowl.org/about
Attach your organization's logo.	GU Logo.jpg
Grant contact name	Todd Stevens
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Executive Director/ CEO/ President	Caleb Balbuena
Executive Director email address	caleb@gunsupwaterfowl.org

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

Board President - Caleb Balbuena

Board Vice President - Daniel Job

Board Secretary - Todd Stevens

Year Incorporated	1
Number of paid staff	0.00
Number of volunteers	12.00
Mission Statement	

Guns Up! COMBAT VET HUNTS (GU) is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit association whose purpose is to engage combat veterans through the brotherhood of the outdoors. Veterans of all ability levels both physical and mental are welcome on the hunts and back each year to participate in helping other veterans, themselves, the program and to hunt again.

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_GU.jpg

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.

GU IRS Good Standing.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:)).

Guns Up! Sec State - Bottom Record
Caleb Balbuena.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

Combat Veteran Access Vehicle PART 1

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

Funds to Purchase a UTV Vehicle to enable moving disabled and wheelchair bound veterans to conduct their hunts

Grant Amount Requested

\$ 20000

Geographic Area Served by this Grant

El Dorado County

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

We currently cannot accommodate disabled or mobility compromised combat veterans into hunt program due to their inability to access the waterfowl blind.

Many of our veteran candidates require assistance due to service related injuries or age related challenges.

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

2 out of 10 candidates listing to enroll in the program were unable to meet the physical demands required to participate in 2026.

1 vet due to service injury and 1 vet due to advanced age from the Vietnam war era.

2 vets in the program from prior years unable to return due to back related injuries from battle.

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

This will eliminate these veterans from feeling left out which is the entire point of the program - to welcome vets back into society through the brotherhood and sisterhood of the outdoors.

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.

This will allow our organization to accommodate a broader spectrum of veterans with various physical abilities. Nobody will be left behind.

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.

Upon award of funds we would immediately begin looking to acquire the UTV vehicle.

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

We would document physically challenged veterans who benefit from the purchase and report the progress to the VAC annually.

How will the objectives be measured?

On an active up to day basis via our vet hunt photos on facebook.
On an annual report given orally to the VAC showing the vets who benefited.

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 require veterans to provide proof of service to the program which we will document.

What is the anticipated impact of the project?

No Veteran will be Left Behind in our program.

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

By counting the amount of vets it helps annually and over time accumulating that data.

The entire point of the program is to welcome combat veterans back into society through the brother and sisterhood of the outdoors. By belonging to this program with the camaraderie it provides it gives them an opportunity to BELONG. PTSD fueled suicide rates lower when a person belongs to others who care about him. There is no way to measure if our program stops a suicide. We can only hope it helps.

As for a metrics for the program - we would count the amount of participants as it will grow annually.

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?

We have funded and operated our program for 5 years through fundraising auction banquets which will continue to supply operating expenses.

Grant Budget

Grant Program Revenue

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

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	\$ 0
Total Expenditures	\$ 0

Budget Narrative

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This is for a one time purchase of infrastructure need to serve disabled veterans.

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.**

Todd James Stevens