

Name of grantee	Postal Zip Code	Short description (pulled from 2.7)	Awarded	Start Date	End Date	Duration
Legal Aid Chicago	60603	Veterans' Rights Project provides legal assistance and education to Veterans, service members, and their families, helping them resolve civil legal issues and secure essential benefits.	\$100,000.00	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	1 year
Freedom Paws	61523	Freedom Paws Service Dogs is a nonprofit that provides trained service dogs to veterans with disabilities and PTSD, ensuring safe transport for training, care, and emergencies while meeting a growing demand for life-changing support.	\$100,000.00	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	1 year
Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods	60015	At Ease: Art and Nature for Veterans empowers Veterans' wellbeing through nature and arts-based workshops, reducing stress and supporting mental health. It serves over 450 Veterans annually in-person and virtually across multiple locations and is the only program of its kind in the Chicago area.	\$63,000.00	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	1 year
BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding	60033	BraveHearts offers equine-assisted therapy and horsemanship to support Veterans' mental health, build confidence, and ease PTSD, anxiety, and isolation.	\$99,972.50	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	1 year

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The Chicago Lighthouse	60608	The Chicago Lighthouse's Veterans Employment Empowerment Project helps Veterans transition to civilian life by providing employment services, wraparound support, and access to vision, mental health, and peer support services—improving their job prospects and overall quality of life.	\$75,000.00	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	1 year
Donka, Inc	60190	Donka, Inc. provides adaptive technology, training, and job readiness services to individuals with disabilities. Its Operation Brighter Futures Program helps veterans with disabilities gain skills, adaptive tools, and support to pursue education, employment, and a better quality of life.	\$71,187.40	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year
A Safe Haven Foundation	60608	A Safe Haven Foundation Veterans Emergency Fund helps homeless and at-risk veterans in Chicago access permanent housing, prevent homelessness, and regain independence through financial assistance, move-in kits, and supportive services.	\$94,710.00	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year

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Merging Vets And Players	60607	Merging Vets and Players (MVP) supports veterans' mental and physical health through weekly group workouts and peer mentoring, helping reduce social isolation, PTSD symptoms, and substance abuse while improving overall quality of life.	\$67,980.00	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year
American Legion Department of Illinois	61704	The American Legion Department of Illinois Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program assists all Illinois veterans with VA benefits, claims, discharge upgrades, and transition support, helping improve access to earned services and resources.	\$100,000.00	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year
Impacting Veterans Lives, Inc. Veterans Helping Veterans	60064	Midwest Veterans Closet supports veterans and their families by providing essential needs and dignity, while its Veterans Helping Veterans Program hires veterans to manage donations and facility operations, promoting employment and self-sufficiency.	\$99,996.00	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year

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Central Illinois Veterans Commission	62656	The Central Illinois Veterans Commission helps veterans in Central Illinois secure permanent housing and support, including access to mortgage-free, fully furnished homes, to aid their transition to civilian life and improve overall stability.	\$100,000.00	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year
TRANSITIONAL LIVING SERVICES, INC	60014	This VCAT program employs veterans facing PTSD, homelessness, and reintegration challenges, providing job coaching, peer support, and essential services while helping them gain skills and transition to civilian employment.	\$100,000.00	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year
Goodwill of Central Illinois	61614	Goodwill's Veterans Employment Program helps veterans overcome barriers to employment and reintegration by providing job training, skill development, and connections to employers, while its annual Stand Down event supports homeless and at-risk veterans with essential supplies, services, and resources.	\$30,000.00	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year

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Veterans New Beginnings (New Pisgah)	60620	Veterans New Beginnings provides housing and supportive services to homeless and at-risk veterans, offering life skills training, mental health support, and social engagement to help them transition to stable, independent living.	\$98,297.52	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year
Med Dash	60154	Withdrew. This project, in partnership with Med Dash Pharmacy, provides veterans with free transportation to medical appointments, medication pickup, and essential hygiene and clothing items, improving access to healthcare and overall well-being.	\$100,000.00	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	1 year
One Woman and a Broken Pencil	60154	Withdrew. One Woman and a Broken Pencil's Chili for the Chilly project provides homeless veterans in Cook County with essential items like food, clothing, hygiene kits, and sleeping gear, helping meet their basic needs, restore dignity, and improve overall well-being.	\$100,000.00	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	1 year

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Mended Hearts Stable Inc	61548	<p>Withdrew due to staff illness.</p> <p>Provides counseling and support services for veterans and is expanding its treatment center to add ADA-compliant space and a veteran support group, creating a safe environment for healing, growth, and resilience.</p> <p>Withdrew due to staff illness.</p>	\$100,000.00	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	1 year