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Erase PTSD Now	60173	This project provides veterans across Illinois with access to the Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB) treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. SGB reduces the overactive “fight or flight” response and offers rapid, lasting relief that helps veterans reconnect with family, return to work, and regain stability. Without financial support, most could not afford this care. Grant funding ensures full coverage of treatment costs, removing financial barriers and allowing veterans to focus on recovery. At a time of rising stress and suicide risk among veterans, this program offers immediate relief, prevents crises, and restores long-term quality of life for those who have served.	74,100	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year
A Safe Haven Foundation	60608	The A Safe Haven Foundation Veterans Emergency Fund will address these needs by providing permanent housing placement, homelessness prevention services, and financial assistance for rental and utility arrearages. Grant funds will be used to stabilize veterans in crisis by supporting move-in costs, transportation needs, and other essential services that promote housing stability and independent living.	99,770	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year

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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	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year
Code Platoon	95959	Code Platoon addresses unemployment and underemployment among Veterans by providing clear pathways into high-demand technology careers. Many Veterans leave service with strong skills but without civilian-recognized credentials, while Illinois employers struggle to fill fast-growing roles in software engineering, cloud computing, AI, and DevOps. Code Platoon bridges this gap through intensive training, mentorship, and direct employer connections, helping Veterans secure stable, well-paid technology careers and achieve a stronger, more confident transition to civilian life.	100,000	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year

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Guardian Corps	60148	Since 2024, an estimated 3,000 veterans experience homelessness and hunger each night in the Chicago and Northern Illinois region, a number that continues to rise. Guardian Corps of America (GCA) provides daily direct outreach to homeless veterans, delivering nonperishable food, hot meals, clothing, hygiene kits, and essential sleeping gear such as tents and blankets. GCA staff also connect veterans to resources that support their transition into permanent housing. These services are critical to meeting basic needs, improving safety and health, and helping veterans move from street homelessness toward stable, independent living.	68,000	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year

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Legal Aid Chicago	60603	Legal Aid Chicago's Veterans' Rights Project, established in 2007, provides targeted civil legal services to Veterans, service members, and their families. According to the 2022 Justice Gap Report, 76% of Veteran households experienced at least one civil legal issue in the past year, and 84% did not receive adequate legal assistance. The project will serve 50 Veterans through direct casework and conduct 10 outreach and education sessions for Veterans, community members, and service providers. These services improve Veterans' quality of life by protecting and expanding access to VA, SSA, and DHS benefits and securing other critical legal remedies.	100,000	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year

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Entrepreneurs Academy	60651	The Entrepreneurs Academy Veterans Training program empowers veterans through comprehensive entrepreneurial and business leadership education. Leveraging veterans' military experience, the program helps them transition into successful entrepreneurs, business owners, or corporate leaders by addressing skill gaps and workplace adaptation challenges. It provides a nationally recognized curriculum, personalized coaching, mentorship, and training in emerging fields such as drone technology and sustainable urban farming, along with mental health support. The program promotes economic empowerment, social integration, and long-term self-sufficiency, improving veterans' quality of life and strengthening their role in the broader economy.	100,000	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year

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Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Inc.	60187	MSHV's Army SSgt. Robert Miller Home addresses the rising housing crisis among veterans in Northern Illinois, where veteran homelessness has increased 7% and veterans make up 15% of the unhoused population. With only 32 affordable units available per 100 extremely low-income renters, many veterans—especially those on fixed incomes—face constant housing instability. The Miller Home provides affordable housing paired with wraparound supports including case management, employment assistance, and healthcare navigation. These services help veterans overcome barriers such as PTSD, disabilities, and limited resources, enabling them to maintain stable housing, improve well-being, and regain independence.	93,881.00	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year

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Bravehearts Therapeutic	60033	BraveHearts, a leading provider of equine-assisted services, has served thousands of Illinois Veterans since 2007. In 2024 alone, they delivered 9,936 hours of EAS to 1,111 Veterans from 28 states and Puerto Rico—a 10% increase from 2023. This proposal includes two deliverables: (1) horseback riding and horsemanship instruction to address therapeutic needs, including reducing PTSD symptoms; and (2) equine-assisted psychotherapy, led by licensed mental health professionals, to improve Veterans' mental health, build trust and confidence, support community reintegration, and reduce anxiety, depression, isolation, and suicidal ideation.	99,987.50	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year

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The Chicago Lighthouse	60608	The Chicago Lighthouse Veterans Employment Empowerment Program supports Veterans transitioning to civilian life by providing comprehensive employment services and wraparound support. Since 2014, the program has helped hundreds of Veterans secure employment and improve quality of life, with access to additional Lighthouse services—including vision care, mental health, and social services—typically at no cost. IDVA funding will sustain program operations and the role of Veterans Coordinator Learnus Ross, hired with FY24 support, whose work has expanded outreach, increased enrollment, and improved job placement outcomes. We respectfully request renewed funding to continue delivering these essential services to Illinois Veterans.	75,000	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	1 Year