

**Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veteran Service Organizations  
FY27 Grant Solicitation**



**Solicitation Release Date: April 9, 2026**

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2026, at 5pm EST**

**Grant Period of Performance: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

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The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is seeking applications from eligible Veteran Service Organizations (VSO).

The grant amounts will vary depending on each applicant's need for funds, past performance assisting veterans in securing available benefits, and the volume of eligible VSO applicants.

All applications, procedures, and documentation should follow Indiana Code, Indiana Administrative Code, and Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs' policies.

**Grant applications and required documentation shall be submitted online via Euna Grants.**

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## Important Dates

Steps in Process	Date
Grant Solicitation Release	04/09/2026
Grant Q&A Session <b>Microsoft Teams meeting</b> <b>Join:</b> <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/21656669253990?p=tGWFYYkTBURMDdZzAJ">https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/21656669253990?p=tGWFYYkTBURMDdZzAJ</a> Meeting ID: 216 566 692 539 90 Passcode: i6eY6MC3  <b>Dial in by phone</b> <a href="tel:+13175521674349703491">+1 317-552-1674,,349703491#</a> United States, Indianapolis <a href="#">Find a local number</a> Phone conference ID: 349 703 491#	04/30/2026 at 11AM EST
Grant Applications Due	05/15/2026 at 5PM EST
Grant Scoring Complete	06/02/2026
Award Notices Sent	06/03/2026
Revised Budgets and Project Narratives Due	06/19/2026
Grant Period of Performance Starts	07/01/2026

Dates may be subject to change at the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs' discretion.

## Eligibility and Purpose

An eligible applicant is an organization that meets the criteria set forth in the Indiana Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

- The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide grants to organizations in accordance with Section 5902 (formerly Section 3402) of Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) and subsections 14.628(a) and (c) of 38 C.F.R.
- Eligible organizations shall have an accredited Veteran Service Officer with a presence in Indiana.

The organization must be financially able to provide the services proposed in its application and must be able to utilize or obligate the grant funds during the grant year. Additionally, the organization must be in compliance with all state and federal laws and be free of tax liabilities.

VSO Grant awards may only be used to assist veterans in securing available benefits.

## Application Process

Applicants must submit the following:

- A completed Application for Grants for Veteran Service Organizations.
- A detailed explanation of the organization's mission, activities, and membership.
- A detailed description of all the services provided to veterans by the organization and a detailed explanation of how those services align with the services described in IC 10-17-13.5-4(a).
- A detailed description regarding the effective use of the organization's funding. This shall include 3-5 goals or objectives, as well as a set of performance indicators to measure the success toward meeting those goals, a detailed description of what data will be collected for those indicators, and anticipated benchmarks for success.
- Programmatic data evidencing past performance assisting veterans with securing their benefits for at least three years prior to this application.
- Copies of the organization's articles of incorporation and bylaws.
- A letter from the Internal Revenue Service affirming the organization's tax-exempt status under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Audited financial statements of the organization from an independent auditor for the last three (3) years or the life of the organization, whichever is shorter.
- Organization's federal and state tax returns for the last three (3) years or the life of the organization, whichever is shorter.
- A detailed statement describing the organization's need for a grant, a description of services to assist veterans securing their benefits, and evidence that the organization can address the need. This shall serve as your Project Narrative which will be attached to the grant agreement as Exhibit A and should not exceed ten (10) pages.
- A detailed line-item budget proposal describing how any grant funds will be used.

## Goals

As stated above in the "Application Process," applicants are to submit 3-5 goals or objectives they plan to meet if they receive funding. VSOs offer a wide range of services to the veteran population, including, but not limited to, hosting job fairs, assisting with housing for homeless veterans, and providing access to accredited veteran service representatives who help veterans secure benefits. There will be a tab labeled "Goals" in the organization's workbook for reporting and reimbursements to outline successes, obstacles, and progress of the organization's defined and detailed goals. The collection of this information allows IDVA to share successes and highlights of the organization.

## Grant Award

An organization that is offered a grant award shall not receive any funding until the award is accepted in Euna Grants and a grant agreement is fully executed by all requisite state agencies.

An organization has 30 days from the day set forth on the grant award letter to accept the grant award in Euna Grants. If an organization does not accept the grant award in Euna Grants within the 30-day window of acceptance, IDVA has the authority and ability to terminate the grant award. IDVA will provide written notice prior to terminating a grant award.

Grant agreements are exclusively signed electronically utilizing DocuSign. The grant agreement will be electronically transmitted to the identified individual within the organization holding signature authority. If an organization does not electronically sign the grant agreement within 14 days of electronic transmittal of the grant agreement, IDVA has the authority and ability to terminate the grant award. IDVA will provide written notice prior to terminating a grant award.

## Allowable & Unallowable Costs

Allowable costs are costs necessary and reasonable to perform the program. All costs associated with the proposed program shall be included in the organization's proposed budget as Exhibit B. Allowable costs include, but are not limited to:

- Travel Expenses
- Salaries and Benefits
- Supplies
- Postage
- Training/Conferences for education or certification
- Promotional Materials setting forth the Grantee's contact information
- Direct service to Veterans
- Transportation of Veterans
- Equipment

Unallowable costs are costs that do not further the program purpose or contribute to the successful operation of the program. Any unallowable costs will be denied. Unallowable costs include, but are not limited to:

- Gifts, subgrants, donations to other organizations
- Fines and penalties
- Uniforms, logo merchandise, or organizational branded merchandise
- Speaker costs
- Annual conference costs
- Entertainment costs
- Capital improvements/Repairs to buildings or structures
- Food for consumption at an event or meeting
- Alcohol
- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Purchase or acquisition of real estate
- Any cost that is unreasonable

If a grantee needs a budget modification during the grant period, the grantee must submit that request in writing. The budget modification must be approved by the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs prior to the grantee implementing the modification.

Any grantees who receive an award for direct assistance to veterans must coordinate with

the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Military Family Relief Fund prior to providing the direct assistance. This partnership will ensure non-duplication of efforts and allow a greater scope of resources.

## Reporting

All grantees are required to do the following:

- Account for all grant funds received under this program using generally accepted accounting principles. A grantee shall track all assets, expenses, cost of goods, and use of funds.
- Any purchases of supplies or equipment for \$1,000 or more, purchased with monies from the grant, must be given an asset tag. The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs must be notified if the grantee, at any time wishes to sell, dispose, or donate said asset. Approval of Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs is required prior to disposition of any asset.
- Submit **monthly or quarterly** financial reports to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs detailing all grant-related expenditures via Euna Grants. A grantee shall also submit a comprehensive financial report of the grant at the end of the grant period. Financial reports/claims for reimbursement shall be submitted to the State within **30** calendar days following the end of the month or quarter in which the grant activities were performed. The State has the discretion, and reserves the right, to not pay any claims submitted later than **45** calendar days following the end of the month in which the services were provided.
- Submit **monthly or quarterly** an invoice seeking reimbursement to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs via Euna Grants.
- Submit **monthly or quarterly** programmatic reports to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs via Euna Grants detailing all grant-related programmatic successes.
- Submit a detailed performance report at the end of the grant period of performance detailing the outcomes achieved by the organization awarded the grant. The report must include the performance data and metrics identified in the original grant application. The report must also include a detailed analysis comparing the outcomes achieved to the benchmarks for success identified in the grant application.
- All reports and supporting documentation shall be submitted via Euna Grants.

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs hosts quarterly meetings for all its grantees. At least one representative of the organization must attend, either virtually or in person. The grantee quarterly training will be conducted by the grant administrator and/or general counsel.

As it deems necessary, the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs may audit or inspect any and all books, accounting records, or other documents related to the grant at any time. The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs may require a grantee, at grantee's expense, to obtain an independent audit from an auditor approved by the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Noncompliance

If the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs determines that a grantee is not in compliance with the terms of the grant agreement or has failed to maintain compliance with the eligibility requirements, the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs shall terminate the grant agreement and notify the grantee in writing.

If it is determined that any funds paid to the grantee were inappropriate and/or due to the grantee's non-compliance, those funds shall be returned to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **Utilization of Funds, Unobligated Funds, and Extensions of Time**

Grantees shall utilize grant funds throughout the grant period of performance. IDVA will conduct systematic compliance monitoring reviews to ensure that grantees are spending down grant funds throughout the grant period of performance. If a grantee is not proportionately spending down grant funds throughout the period of performance, IDVA will engage the grantee. Grantee shall cooperate with IDVA to spend down grant funds contemporaneous with the grant period of performance. If a grantee fails to spend down grant funds throughout the grant period of performance, IDVA has the authority and ability to terminate the grant agreement, and the grantee shall forfeit the remaining grant funds.

Any funds not obligated within the performance period will be unavailable to the grantee.

If a grantee needs additional time to spend down obligated grant funds beyond the grant period of performance, that request shall be made in writing to IDVA so later than 60 days prior to the end of the grant period of performance. No additional funds will be obligated.