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**LABOR SECRETARY CHAO ANNOUNCES  
\$7.4 MILLION IN GRANTS TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS**

**WASHINGTON** – Homeless veterans in 18 states will receive occupational training, job search, and placement assistance, thanks to more than \$7.4 million in grants announced by Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao.

The grants to state and local public agencies and non-profit organizations will provide a variety of services, including job search and placement assistance, career counseling, remedial education, classroom and on-the-job training, and support services such as transportation and transitional housing so that veterans can keep the unsubsidized jobs they get through the programs.

The grants, authorized by Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, are administered by the Labor Department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS). The grant recipients were chosen by a competitive process. VETS received 75 applications for funding and awarded 35 grants. Each recipient received the total amount of funds requested to run the programs. VETS expects that more than 4,000 homeless veterans will enter employment as a result of these grants and receive an average hourly wage of more than \$8.

California, the state with more veterans than any other, received seven grants totaling more than \$1.4 million. New York received six grants totaling just over \$1.3 million.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A detailed listing about each grant recipient is attached.

**Service Provider:**

Black Veterans for Social Justice  
665 Willoughby Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11206  
(718) 852-6004  
Contact: Joe Mashariki

**Amount:**

\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

The Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.  
459 South Ave.  
Rochester, NY 14620  
(716) 546-4250  
Contact: Peter Blind

**Amount:**

\$228,080

**Service Provider:**

Swords into Plowshares  
1063 Market St.  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
(415) 252-4788  
Contact: Michael Blecker

**Amount:**

\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

The Salvation Army  
900 W. James M. Wood Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
(213) 553-3253  
Contact: Jerry Hill

**Amount:**

\$160,000

**Service Provider:**

Vietnam Veterans of San Diego  
4141 Pacific Hwy.  
San Diego, CA 90015  
(619) 497-6123  
Contact: David Siegler

**Amount:**

\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

Women in Community Service  
2475 Canal St. #308  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504) 671-0550  
Contact: Marianne Racca

**Amount:**

\$169,209

**Service Provider:**

Veteran Benefits Clearinghouse, Inc.  
124-126 Warren St.  
Roxbury, MA  
(617) 541-8876  
Contact: Ralph Cooper

**Amount:**

\$249,809

**Service Provider:**

Michigan Veterans Foundation  
2270 Park Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48201  
(313) 831-5500  
Contact: Tobi Geibig

**Amount:**

\$249,890

**Service Provider:**

Network Enterprises, Inc.  
2828 Pa'a St.  
Honolulu, HI 96819  
(808) 833-1923  
Contact: Ron Talbot

**Amount:**

\$248,000

**Service Provider:**

Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania  
1323 Forbes Ave. #202  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
(412) 281-8100  
Contact: Ron Zola

**Amount:**

\$151,869

**Service Provider:**

City of Sunnyvale  
505 W. Olive Ave. #550  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
(408) 730-7232  
Contact: Michael Curran

**Amount:**

\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

United Veterans Initiative Inc  
733 S. Hindry Ave.  
Inglewood, CA 90301[serving Las Vegas, NV]  
(310) 348-7600  
Contact: Stephani Hardy

**Amount:**

\$226,275

**Service Provider:**

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center  
10600 Springfield Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45215  
(513) 771-4800  
Contact: Charles Blythe

**Amount:**

\$249,974

**Service Provider:**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
239 Causeway St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 727-3578  
Contact: Erford Fowler

**Amount:**

\$223,739

**Service Provider:**

Vietnam Veterans of California (Sacramento)  
Box 378  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402  
(707) 578-2785  
Contact: Byron Calas

**Amount:**

\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

The Salvation Army of Greater New York  
120 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York, NY 10011  
(718) 638-2844  
Contact: Deborah Reid

**Amount:**

\$241,348

**Service Provider:**

HealthNet Inc.  
3401 E. Raymond St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46203  
(317) 931-3055  
Contact: Sharon Stark

**Amount:**

\$200,992

**Service Provider:**

St. Patrick Center  
800 N. Tucker Center  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314) 802-0951  
Contact: Charles Willingham

**Amount:**

\$249,500

**Service Provider:**

American G.I. Forum (San Antonio)  
206 San Pedro #200  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
(210) 223-4088  
Contact: Carlos Martinez

**Amount:**

\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

United States Veterans Initiative Inc.  
733 S. Hindry  
Inglewood Ca 90301 [serving Phoenix, AZ]  
(310) 348-7600  
Contact: Stephani Hardy

**Amount:**

\$249,092

**Service Provider:**

Central City Concern  
232 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97209  
(503) 294-1681  
Contact: Richard Harris

**Amount:**

\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center  
213-217 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 923-2600  
Contact: Edward Lowry

**Amount:**

\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training  
301 High St.  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 576-9626  
Contact: Charles Williams

**Amount:**

\$203,588

**Service Provider:**

United Veterans Beacon House  
1360 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Bayshore, NY 11706  
(631) 665-1571  
Contact: Frank Amalfitano

**Amount:**  
\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

The Salvation Army Borden Avenue Veterans Residence  
21-10 Borden Ave  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 784-5690  
Contact : Shawana Coates

**Amount:**  
\$248,311

**Service Provider:**

Washington Department of Veterans Affairs  
1011 S. Plum St  
Box 41150  
Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 725-2188  
Contact: James Rising

**Amount:**  
\$249,638

**Service Provider:**

Vietnam Veterans Workshop  
17 Court St.  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 371-1701  
Contact: Lisa Robinson

**Amount:**  
\$250,000

**Service Provider:**

San Diego Workforce Partnership  
1551 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92101  
(619) 744-0304  
Contact: Nathaniel Buggs

**Amount:**  
\$130,603

**Service Provider:**

Rehabilitation Services and Veterans Programs

406 San Mateo NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108  
(505) 255-8440  
Contact: Martin Cordova

**Amount:**

\$150,000

**Service Provider:**

Ashville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry  
30 Cumberland Ave  
Ashville, NC 28801  
(828) 259-5300  
Contact: Scott Rogers

**Amount:**

\$138,000

**Service Provider:**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
239 Causeway St. #100  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 727-3578  
Contact: Erford Fowler

**Amount:**

\$150,000

**Service Provider:**

Cumberland County Training Resource Center  
Box 738  
Portland, ME 04104  
(207) 775-5891  
Contact: Thomas Nickerson

**Amount:**

\$145,000

**Service Provider:**

Saratoga County Rural Preservation  
36 Church Ave.  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
(518) 885-0091  
Contact: Dottie Nixon

**Amount:**

\$115,750

**Service Provider:**

Vietnam Veterans of California



Box 378  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 578-2785  
Contact: Byron Calas

**Amount:**  
\$149,393

**Service Provider:**  
Volunteers of America of Kentucky Inc  
933 Goss Ave  
Louisville, KY 40217  
(859) 254-3469  
Contact: Claudia Blaylock

**Amount:**  
\$150,000