



# STATE OF COLORADO VETERANS TRUST FUND GRANT VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT

*Division of Veteran Affairs*



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# FUNDING BACKGROUND

- **VETERANS TRUST FUND (VTF)**

ESTABLISHED BY COLORADO  
REVISED STATUTE 28-5-  
709 (TOBACCO MASTER  
SETTLEMENT) OVERSIGHT BY  
COLORADO BOARD OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS AND DVA

- **VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT (VAG)**

ESTABLISHED BY COLORADO  
REVISED STATUTE 28-5-712  
OVERSIGHT BY DMVA AND DVA



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# PURPOSE OF FUNDING

- **Veterans Trust Fund IS DESIGNED TO:** • ASSIST VETERANS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL OR MATERIAL ASSISTANCE
- **Veterans Assistance Grant IS DESIGNED TO:** • INCREASE VETERANS HEALTH AND WELLBEING
- **FUNDS MUST BE USED TO SERVE COLORADO VETERANS WITH A** • RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY THAT IS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE



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# WHO CAN APPLY?

- **VETERANS TRUST FUND** • NONPROFIT NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BY CONGRESS AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT CAN PROVIDE SERVICES TO VETS UNDER TITLE 38, USC.
- **VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT** • A 501(C) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN A 501(C) 19 OR 501(C)23, OR A GOVERNMENT ENTITY LOCATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO THAT PROVIDES DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS



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# PLEASE NOTE

- AN ORGANIZATION MAY NOT RECEIVE FUNDING FROM BOTH GRANT PROGRAMS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY



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# TYPES OF PROGRAMS FUNDED

- **VTF**
- SHORT-TERM  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
- JOB TRAINING  
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE  
HOMELESS PREVENTION
- SHELTER MEDICAL  
TRANSPORTATION VETERANS  
SPECIAL PROGRAMS (BASED ON  
NEED)

- **VAG**
- HOMELESS VETERANS HOUSING
- VETERANS/FAMILY MENTAL  
HEALTH ALTERNATIVE HEALTH
- JOB TRAINING
- EMPLOYMENT
- OTHER VETERANS SERVICES  
(BASED ON NEED)



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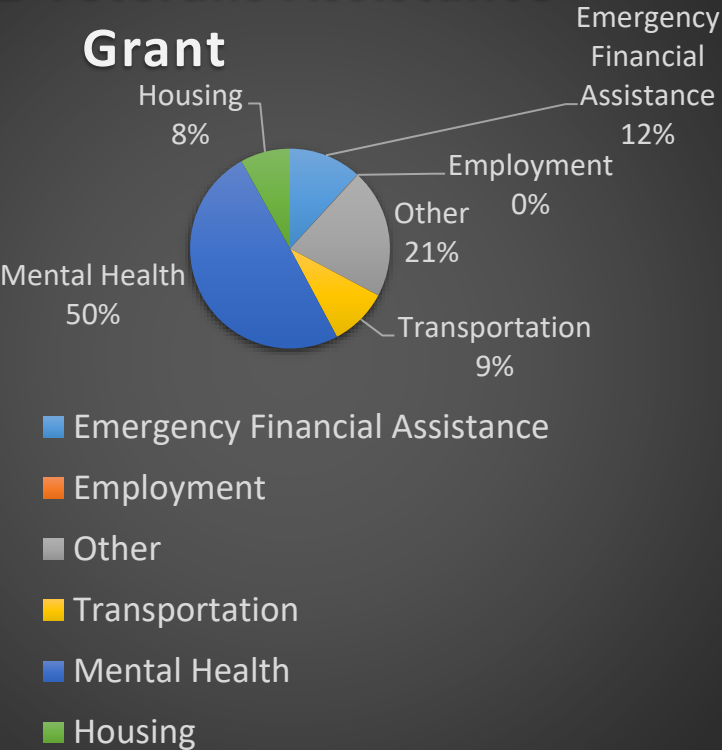
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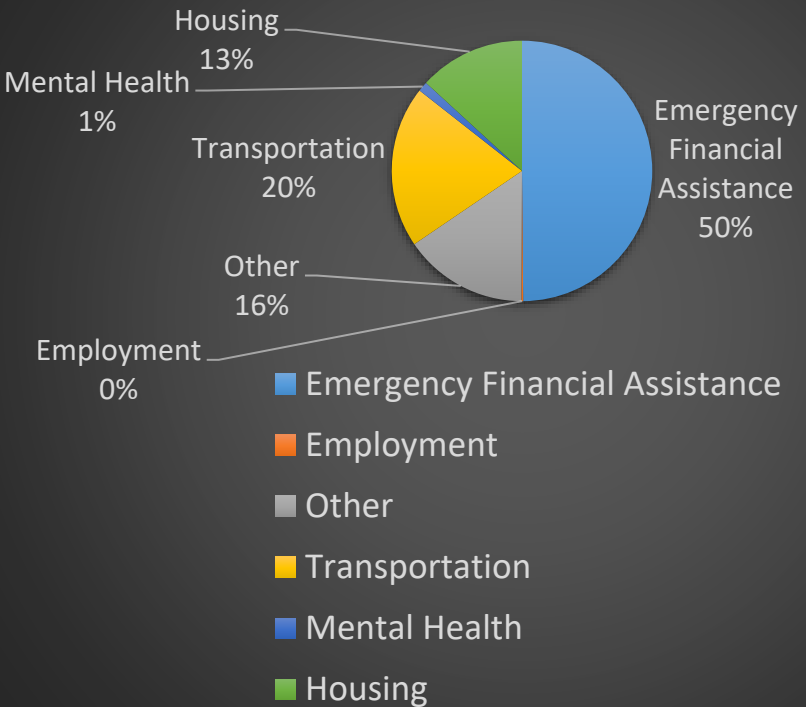
# 2021-2022 FUNDING OVERVIEW

## 2021-2022 Veterans Assistance Grant



Other-Electric scooter for disabled veteran to secure employment, storage unit fees, stand down initiatives, furnace repair, roof repair

## 2021-2022 Veterans Trust Fund



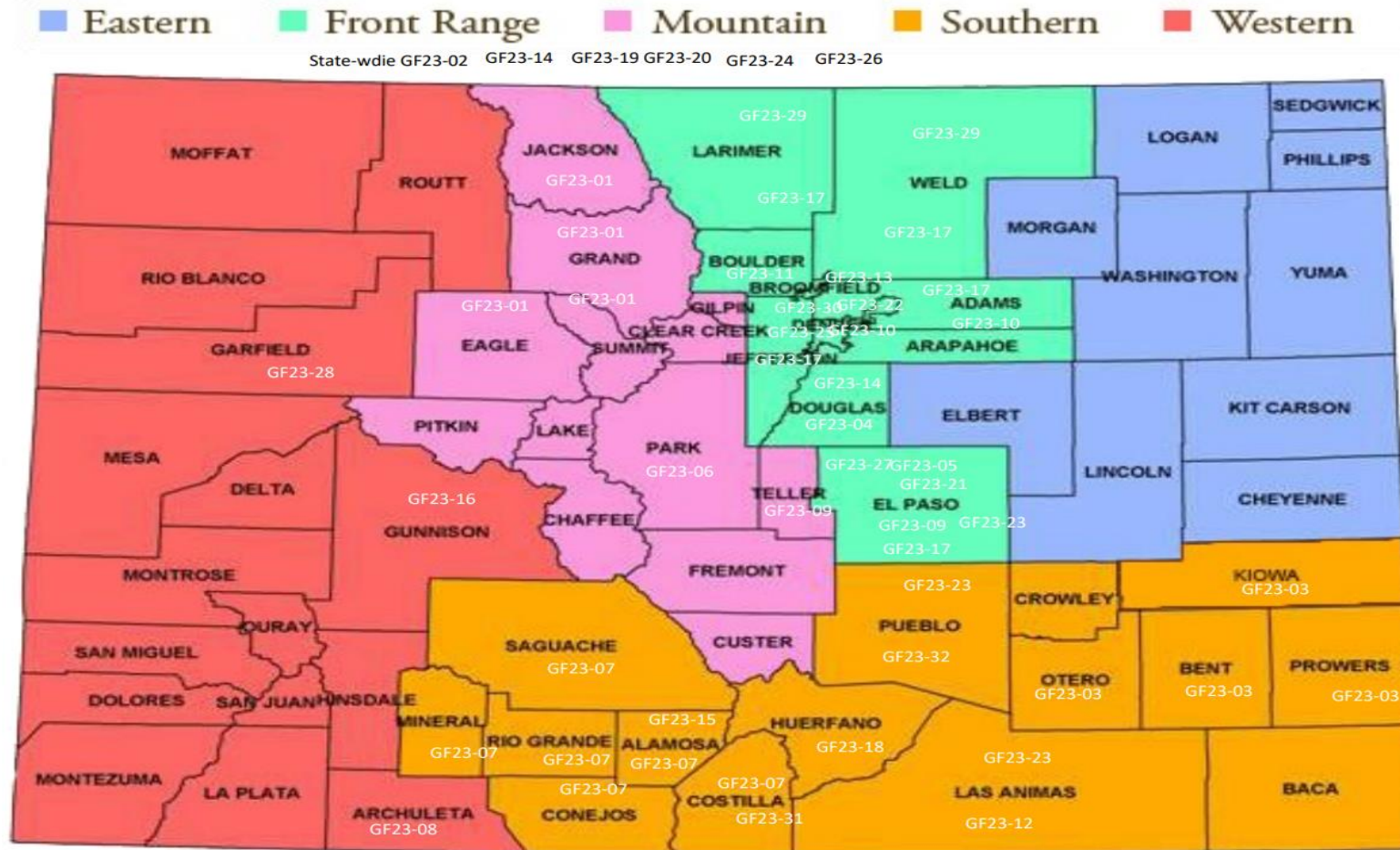
Other- House repair, substance abuse treatment



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## 2022-2023 VAG Geographic Funding Overview



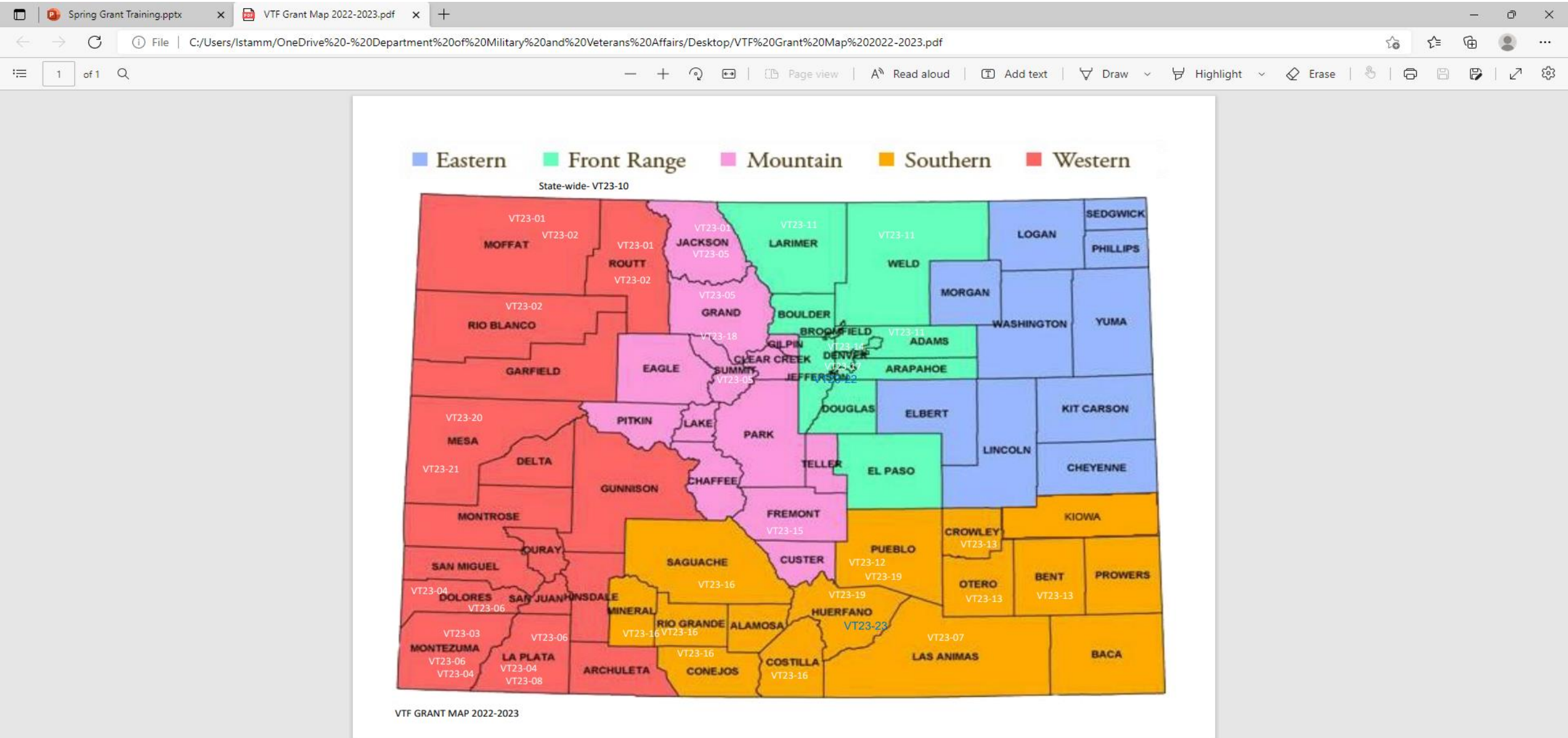
VAG GRANT MAP 2022-2023



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# VTF 2022-2023 Geographic Funding Overview





# REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

- **VTF** • FUNDS CAN BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR VETERANS IN NEED OF MATERIAL OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE • MAY SUPPORT SEVERAL PROGRAMS VIA SUBCONTRACT OR LETTERS OF AGREEMENT • MAY NOT SUPPORT MEMORIALS, CLUB RENOVATIONS, HONOR GUARDS OR TRIBUTES TO VETERANS
- \$100,000 Maximum Allowable
  - *Office supplies allowed (up to \$1200 per grant year)*

- **VAG** • APPLICANT ORGANIZATION MUST PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES—STRICTLY PASS THROUGH FUNDS ARE NOT ALLOWED • \$100,000 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE • CONSTRUCTION, REMODELING, MEMORIAL, HONOR GUARDS, VETERANS TRIBUTES ARE NOT ALLOWED • *Applicant may request 10% of proposed budget for program costs*



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# DETERMINE THE IMPACT (OUTCOMES)

- WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR PROGRAM MAKE FOR VETERANS?
  - WHAT WILL CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE SERVICES?
- HOW MANY INDIVIDUAL VETERANS WILL BE SERVED (OUTPUTS)?



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# FIRST STEPS

- BUILD OR ENHANCE RELATIONSHIPS WITH:  
VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS  
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
COUNTY OFFICIALS  
CONDUCT OUTREACH



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# DETERMINE WHAT SERVICES YOUR AREA NEEDS

- WHAT SERVICES EXIST FOR VETERANS? WHAT IS MISSING?
- ☐ WHAT ARE THE NEEDS YOU SEE THE MOST? ☐ HOW DO THOSE NEEDS FIT WITHIN THE GRANT PROGRAMS?

**What's missing?**



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# SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

- SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED NO EARLIER THAN 1 DECEMBER
- NO LATER THAN 1 MARCH
- Applications are submitted electronically



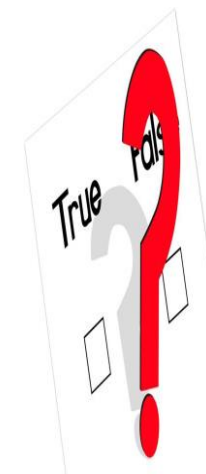
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# MISCONCEPTIONS

- YOU CAN'T SERVE A VETERAN THAT DOESN'T LIVE IN YOUR TARGET AREA. TRUE OR FALSE?
- YOU CAN ONLY TRANSPORT A VETERAN TO A HEALTH CARE APPOINTMENT 1 TIME A YEAR. TRUE OR FALSE?
- THE GRANT PROGRAM SPECIFIES A DOLLAR LIMIT ON THE ASSISTANCE THAT ONE VETERAN CAN RECEIVE. TRUE OR FALSE?
- YOU CAN'T SERVE TRANSIENT HOMELESS VETERANS "PASSING THROUGH" BECAUSE THEY AREN'T A COLORADO VETERAN.  
TRUE OR FALSE?
- THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TOO HARD. TRUE OR FALSE?



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- FALSE



# BEST PRACTICES *EXAMPLE- GRAND COUNTY*

- **Grand County** Veterans Service Office (VAG Grantee)
  - Provides travel to medical appointments
  - Housing Stability
  - Mental Health Counseling
  - Vocational Assistance
  - Services are delivered through an Inter-Governmental Agreement between Summit and Grand Counties
  - Service area covers over 8,000 square miles
  - Excellent community partnerships
  - Strong Grant Management



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# BEST PRACTICES *EXAMPLE- DOUGLAS COUNTY*

- **Douglas County** (VAG Grantee) 2,428 Veterans are registered with Douglas County VSO
  - Provides short-term emergency financial assistance to veterans and their family members in Douglas County.
    - Housing Stabilization
    - Emergency Financial Assistance
    - Employment
    - Job Training
    - Mental Health Services
- **Strong Grant Management**
  - **Strong Community Partnerships**
    - Community of Care Network
    - Douglas County Veterans Monument Foundation
    - Local American Legion & VFW

*SURVEY Results indicate that 100% of veterans are satisfied with the services provided by Douglas County VSO*



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# Best Practices Examples- City & County of Broomfield

- City & County of Broomfield (VAG Grantee) Grant funds are used to provide financial assistance to veterans who demonstrate a need for specific types of assistance and where a gap of services currently exist.
  - Emergency Financial Assistance
  - Utilizing funds from the 2022-2023 VAG grant, grantee prevented two veterans from being evicted during the current grant cycle
  - Food/Gas cards
  - Automobile Repair
- Strong Community Partnerships
- Strong Grant Management



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# How We Can Help.....



- On-site visits
- 1:1 Technical Assistance
- Application Training Webinars
- On-site/Virtual Trainings
- Training for New Grantees
- Ongoing Support



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# NEED MORE INFORMATION?

- WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS [HTTPS://COLORADO.GOV/VETS](https://colorado.gov/vets) CLICK ON
- THE TAB FOR “GRANTS”
- FOR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC INFORMATION:
- CONTACT Lisa Stamm, GRANT ADMINISTRATOR
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# QUESTIONS???



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