Community Grants Program Grant Report



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Agency WAVE (Welcome All Veterans Everywhere)

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Project Name: Housing for Veterans

Grant Funding \$12,500

Amount:

Project Completion 6/30/

Date:

6/30/2023 (ongoing)

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Describe how the funds were used to serve Douglas County residents.

Grant funding was used to improve the living conditions of 6 veterans in Douglas County in two specific categories:

Housing – rent, security deposit, removal of a tree threatening to damage the home structure, clearing a backyard of debris and overgrowth, installation of a security door, emergency motel stay.

Utilities – purchase of washer/dryer for new home, swamp cooler repair, reinstatement of electricity for a home off the grid.

Describe how the organization measured the success of the program/project. Provide qualitative and quantitative measures.

Of the 13 total cases worked on this year by WAVE, 6 or 46% were in need of help in or around their homes. Of those 6, every urgent need was met by WAVE using Community Grant funds.

1) One veteran was assisted in applying for and securing her housing rental assistance voucher from the VA. She was then assisted with house hunting, securing a lease agreement, and moving services. WAVE paid her first few months rent and security deposit, the moving company, cleaned up her unattended back yard, purchased and installed a washer/dryer, and installed a security door on her new home. She is now safely stable in a home that she can manage financially and in upkeep.

WAVE also provided a 2) motel stay for a veteran waiting to move into his new home. We worked with the Sheriff's Office on a 3) veteran who lives off the grid and would not allow anyone to his home to get his generator working to restore power to his home. That generator was repaired and returned to operation by WAVE and DCSO. We assisted a 4) young couple with rent for two months while they got their financial and medical issues resolved and were able to successfully return to work. Another veteran had a 5) tree threatening his home that WAVE paid to have trimmed and paid for 6) repairs on a swamp cooler for a veteran we assisted in moving last year.

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In 100% of these cases, the presented complaint or need was resolved completely and thoroughly by WAVE. In serving these veterans, WAVE expended \$8,411.64 or 67% of our awarded \$12,500 for the year.

Provide any changes or challenges to the original project plan and how it affected the project.

WAVE receives the majority of referrals from Douglas County Social Services. We never know what the referral will require. In years past the need for help with housing relocation has been a primary request. This year just under 50% of the referrals were housing related. The need that was more prevalent this year was transportation to and from medical appointments. The VA is starting a transportation program that may relieve this need in the future, but WAVE met the requests including 2-3 trips per week from TRE to the VA Hospital in Reno.

Housing continues to be the most costly of the expenses we face, so we foresee this continuing as a need for our veteran community. We are grateful for the 2023-2024 award of \$8,000 that we can continue to use to support the housing needs of Douglas County veterans. Through our strengthened relationship with the national veterans' support program, Nation's Finest, we will be able to work together to share funding and resources to continue to ensure all of our unhoused and underhoused veterans are provided the support and lifestyle they earned.