



Kent County Veterans Services

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2021 Draft Spend Plan Justification

Special Projects \$573,000.00:

- **WINC, \$12,000.00:**
 - In an effort to engage more female veterans in services, KCVS has become an official WINC Affiliate and as such will be hosting therapeutic and social events for Female Veterans throughout the year. Some will be no/low cost, and others will be more expensive. This money will go for project materials, curriculum, facilitators fees, meals and refreshments, entertainment, childcare, transportation, lodging, etc.
- **MDHHS Female Veteran's Support Group \$6,000.00:**
 - This is a federally funded peer led support group for female veterans. In an effort to engage more female veterans in services we have agreed to become a chapter host for this group in Kent County. They do have a very small budget. We would like to augment that budget. Together we will be hosting therapeutic and social events for Female Veterans who participate in this group throughout the year. Some will be no/low cost, and others will be more expensive. This money will go for project materials, curriculum, facilitators fees, meals and refreshments, entertainment, childcare, transportation, lodging, etc. We anticipate that there will be overlap between this program and WINC.
- **Kent County Treatment Court \$150,000:**
 - KCVS will continue to support KCVTC at the current level in the upcoming year.
- **Degage Ministries \$30,000.00:**
 - KCVS Will continue to support Degage at the current level. Degage provides a sense of community and showers, meals, and lodging for indigent veterans
- **Community Rebuilder's (CR) Beautiful Home Project \$75,000.00:**
 - KCVS will continue to support CR in 2021. They provide temporary and permanent housing, furniture, food, household supplies, etc. for vets in need and their families.
- **Home adaptability Grants \$125,000.00:**
 - For accessible showers, tubs, toilets, etc. The VA funds 30 such loans per year, and there is a very long waiting list. Walk in tubs with installation can cost up to 10k per tub. KCVS could provide relief to veterans and caregivers need by granting needs-based funds in a much timelier manner.
- **Hope Network Veterans Employment Program \$75000.00 (if initiated in 2020. Otherwise \$100,000.00):**
 - KCVS will continue to fund this evidence-based "wraparound" employment program
- **Senior Neighbors Veterans Home Repair \$150,000.00:**
 - With additional funds from KCVS SN will be able to raise the spending limit on projects like roofing so that instead of doing "bandaid" repairs on roofs or other projects that need full replacement, they will be able to do the replacement for the Veteran. Please see request letter.
- **COVID response Meijer food vouchers \$100,000:**
 - With committee approval KCVS would like to designate SSR monies to continue the purchase of Meijer food vouchers for Veterans in need. Ryan Grams will explain this request and initiative in detail.
- **Alternative Therapeutic Education and Support \$40,000.00:**

- KCVS will contract with professionals in the community to provide alternative therapies (art, music, yoga, etc.) that will be available to the general veteran population and can be counted as therapeutic contacts for KCTC participants.
- **Suicide prevention \$30,000.00:**
 - Collaborate with and or contract for suicide prevention campaign, set up local hotline in cooperation with other community stakeholders to reduce veteran suicide/depression in Kent County
- **Psychoeducational Group for Court Involved veterans \$50,000.00:**
 - KCVS will contract with professionals who are trained to work with military and veteran populations to provide psychoeducational group series designed to address substance use disorder (SUD) and dual diagnoses in veterans who are court involved. Participants in KCTC would complete this group as part of their court requirements. Vets /probationers who are court involved but not in KCTC could also participate as part of their probationary requirements. The group would approach treatment and education with sensitivity to military and veteran culture and would address basic information about SUD, dual diagnoses (depression, PTSD, Anxiety, etc.) medication compliance, healthy communication, relapse prevention, relationship issues, parenting, etc.
- **Signage \$100,000.00:**
 - Billboards and bus signage -increase exposure and referrals
- **TV/Social media advertisement \$180,000.00:**
 - Split between 3 stations for 12 months . Provide information about basic services, and update community about activities, events, and new programming. Increase referrals.