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## Grants Now Available for Non-Profit Organizations to Help Veteran Entrepreneurs, Improve Employment

*Applications due September 29, 2017*

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announced today that grant applications are now being accepted from registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) non-profit organizations that provide entrepreneurship training, or technical, business or other assistance to veteran entrepreneurs to improve employment outcomes. Non-profit organizations interested in applying for this grant opportunity must submit their completed applications by Friday, September 29, 2017.

“We are committed to supporting veteran entrepreneurs who are creating jobs and improving the employment situation in our state,” Secretary Daniel J. Zimmerman said. “We look forward to working together with non-profit organizations to help veterans succeed in their endeavors.”

The following criteria will be evaluated as part of the grant application:

- Background and Organizational History
- Organizational Qualifications and Past Performance
- Experience Working with Veterans
- Need for Grant Funding
- Outreach and Referral Plan
- Program and Implementation Timeline
- Monitoring and Program Evaluation
- Program Goals and Objectives
- Past Working Relationships with other Start-up Businesses and Entrepreneurship Programs

The Entrepreneurship Grant program was passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Walker and includes a maximum total of up to \$400,000 during the period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. To qualify, non-profit organizations must be located in this state and registered and in good standing with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

[Application materials for this grant are available online by clicking here.](#) Applications and questions about the grant application process should be directed to Chad McCafferty at 1-800-WIS-VETS or [vetsbenefitsgrants@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:vetsbenefitsgrants@dva.wisconsin.gov).