

2021-2022 Grant Policy Statements

Grant funds are not to be considered a state veteran benefit for Colorado veterans. **Funds should be directed for assistance to veterans with a substantiated need for assistance.** It is the responsibility of the grantee to determine and document that substantiated need.

Some indicators of need include past due bills, demand notices, lack of heat or lack of housing.

Either/or choices may also indicate need such as either buying food or paying for necessary medications; either putting gas in a car to get to work or paying the electric bill; either accessing a transportation program or not getting to a VA Health appointment due to inability to drive oneself safely, or other difficult choices due to a lack of funds. For mental health services, veterans in immediate crisis, short term mental health services can be critical. They are not meant to be long term ongoing services, but a bridge to ongoing mental health support provided through VA or other longer term mental health support.

It is the grantees responsibility to gather information to determine that need exists, and that services provided are the most appropriate means of meeting that need. This may include inquiring about income sources, recent unexpected financial circumstances, and VA benefits received.

All grantees must follow your organization's Conflict of Interest policies. **No person managing the grant may gain personal benefit, financially or otherwise, from grant funds.** Should an individual managing a grant find themselves in need of financial assistance, the grant manager must recuse her/himself, and refer the need for assistance to either another grantee or to the Board of the organization. The grant manager is prohibited from being involved in the decision, or method of payment. If assistance is granted, it must be fully documented. The same process must be followed if a Board member, family member, or close personal friend requests assistance.