



UNITED WAY
Tarrant County

**MISSION
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Veterans Fund

2026

Application Release: Friday, September 5, 2025

Mandatory Bidder's Conference: Monday, September 15, 2025
(virtual via Microsoft Teams) 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
or
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
3 – 4 p.m.

Attendance to one session is required to receive the application link and login credentials. RSVP with name of attendee, attendee email address and time selection to Chris.Alvarado@unitedwaytarrant.org to receive URL.

Application Deadline: Friday, October 10, 2025, 3 p.m.

Awardees Informed: November 2025

Funding Period: January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026

Questions related to the RFP should be directed to:

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A. Purpose and Scope:

This RFP puts out for bid approximately \$300,000 for services in Tarrant County for veterans, active-duty service members, and/or their families. It is expected that multiple proposals will be funded. Funds will be awarded for one year, January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026.

B. Background:

United Way of Tarrant County (UWTC) launched its Veterans Fund in 2013 with a generous corporate contribution by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company specifically designated for needs of “returning veterans” and an additional gift from Bell Helicopter.

In the fall 2016 campaign, UWTC added “veterans” to the campaign pledge card which has generated additional donor-designated contributions and memorials.

In 2016, United Way Worldwide (UWW) formed a consortium of United Ways around the country that are serving or plan to serve veterans, using a model called MISSION UNITED™, developed by United Way of Broward County (Fort Lauderdale, FL). United Way of Tarrant County has joined this consortium, making a commitment to:

1. Convene a group of multi-sector stakeholders;
2. Conduct a local needs assessment, including planning to include local veteran population priorities, and set goals and target outcomes specific to the community;
3. Coordinate features of a system, such as a single point of entry, linked services, convened stakeholders; and use of a common database; and
4. Brand with MISSION UNITED™ and co-brand the initiative with UWW; and share marketing/communication plans/materials with the UWW network.

In 2018, UWTC, through its Mission United Initiative, launched TXServes – North Texas, a coordinated network of public, private and nonprofit organizations serving active-duty military, veterans, and their families in North Texas region. In 2020, in a partnership with Combined Arms, TXServes – North Texas transitioned to, and is now known as, the Texas Veterans Network.

In 2020, to address the impact of COVID-19 on our veteran community, Veterans Fund allocations were prioritized to address the immediate needs of families, as well as long-term recovery, and shifted to include veterans of all eras.

C. Target Population – Definitions:

Mission United serves veterans, transitioning and active-duty service members, and military families from all branches of the U.S. military, reserves and National Guard. For the purposes of this RFP, a veteran is defined as a service member of any era or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces or its Reserve or National Guard component who has been federally activated outside of training. Veteran dependents include the spouse, son, daughter, including stepchild or adopted child of a Texas veteran. Surviving spouse refers to a surviving spouse of a Texas veteran. Surviving spouse must be widowed to receive case management services.

Service Area

Beneficiaries of these services must be a veteran or military family living in the 11 counties of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Statistical Area with a preference given to those serving Tarrant County residents.

D. Discharge Status:

Discharge status(es) (Character of Service) that the organization will serve under the proposed project.

- Honorable
- General Under Honorable Conditions

E. Community Investment:

UWTC has a clear objective of identifying high-impact initiatives and applying financial investments in a targeted and meaningful way. In alignment with UWTC's mission and priorities, this RFP is specifically targeting immediate and long-term systemic efforts aimed at alleviating intergenerational poverty in Tarrant County with a focus on addressing gaps and disparities in the following areas:

1. Community Resiliency: emphasis on basic needs and disaster relief
2. Community Health: emphasis on physical, behavioral, emotional and/or mental health
3. Financial Security: emphasis on financial health/capability including workforce development and access to reliable transportation and stable housing
4. Education and Youth Opportunity: emphasis on affordable, quality childcare, early childhood education/literacy and numeracy, college/career/workforce readiness and/or college completion

Therefore, the following programmatic priorities will be the focus of this RFP:

- **Integrated Case Management & Transition Services**: Programs that offer coordinated case management, peer support, and/or structured transition-to-civilian-life services, including partnerships with military and community organizations.
- **Veteran Employment & Financial Empowerment**: Initiatives that provide job training, employer education, mentorship, or financial literacy coaching, especially those that include practical supports like transportation or childcare.
- **Health & Wellness Access**: Services that address veterans' physical and mental health needs, including PTSD, addiction, and military sexual trauma, and/or provide transportation to medical and behavioral health appointments.
- **Safe & Stable Housing Solutions**: Programs that support housing stability for veterans, with a focus on emergency and transitional shelter options for women veterans with children.
- **Education & Youth Support Services**: Efforts that enhance educational success for veterans and their children, including co-located support at post-secondary institutions and counseling services for military-connected youth.

F. Important Information:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

1. Active nonprofit and civic organizations or institutions with a history of addressing or the capacity to address the needs/services of veterans, active-duty members, and their families in Tarrant County.

CASH MATCH

2. Applicants must provide a minimum of 20% cash match. Leveraged funding may be used to meet the cash match requirement.

EVALUATION AND REPORTING

3. Funded strategies will be required to track and report progress towards goals. Failure to submit timely reports may result in suspension or loss of funding as well as potentially impact future funding.

CO-BRANDING AND RECOGNITION

4. All proposals funded fully or in part by UWTC must recognize UWTC funding in appropriate printed materials and online platforms.

FUNDING CRITERIA

5. The following criteria should be incorporated into your proposals:
 - **Statement of Need:** Details of disparities/gaps to be addressed
 - **Strategy:** Research, proven results for selected approach
 - **Background:** Breadth and depth of experience addressing the issue
 - **Evaluation:** Measurable outcomes
 - **Budget:** Matching/leveraged funding opportunities
 - **Sustainability:** Fiscal viability/sustainability

G. SUBMISSION:

Applications are due to UWTC via an online platform no later than Wednesday, October 10, 2025, by 3 p.m. Access to the platform will be denied after the deadline.