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### **Veterans Inc. receives a grant to serve Veterans and their families across New England**

Worcester, MA – The Department of Veterans Affairs announced this week that Veterans Inc. has been awarded a \$1,000,000.00 grant for the NEW Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. This award will allow Veterans Inc. and its program partners through sub-awards to serve Veterans and their families throughout the six New England states. In total, sixty million dollars was awarded to a total of 85 organizations in 40 states and the District of Columbia under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) new homeless prevention initiative.

The Veterans Inc. program will serve 400 very-low income veteran families that are homeless or imminently at-risk of homelessness residing throughout VA's VISN 1 (New England). Veterans Inc. and its sub-contractors will have offices in every New England state to serve families on-site and through outreach to locations convenient to the families. The goal of the program is to stabilize 90% of these families in housing for a follow-up period of least six months, while providing services that are rated very satisfactory to the families, using rigorous outcome evaluation methods.

“We are honored to be selected to be able to provide these services to veteran families throughout New England. With the award of this grant, Veterans Inc. will continue to raise the bar in assisting our veteran families in need,” explained Vincent J. Perrone, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF (Retired), Veterans Inc. President and CEO.

For twenty years Veterans Inc. has been instrumental in providing supportive services to veterans and their families in New England and has developed a wealth of experience in identifying the special needs of veterans and developing ways to meet those needs, and has assembled a services staff with multi-year experience and demonstrable skills in serving veterans with and without families and coordinating care with local, state and federal agencies.

“With the needs of veterans dramatically increasing over the past few years, receiving this award will allow Veterans Inc. to increase its assistance to veteran families and give them the support they need through troubling times,” stated Denis Leary, Veterans Inc. Executive Director.

Under the SSVF program, Veterans Inc. will be able to provide a range of supportive services to eligible low-income Veteran families, to include outreach, case management, assistance in obtaining VA benefits, and assistance in obtaining and coordinating other public benefits. Veteran families that meet eligibility criteria will also be able to take advantage of limited temporary financial assistance payments, as deemed necessary to prevent or overcome homelessness, made by Veterans Inc. to third parties on behalf of Veterans for such purposes as rent payments, utility payments, security deposits, moving and other costs.

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