



## **Department of Labor Awards Veterans Inc. \$309,000 for Homeless Veterans Job Placement**

*Funding will benefit employment and training programs helping homeless and at-risk veterans in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts*

### **For Immediate Release:**

**New Bedford-** Veterans Inc. has recently been awarded \$309,000 by the U.S. Department of Labor under their Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) to help veterans in need access employment services. Support provided to veterans through this program includes evaluation, creating individualized plans, career preparation and training, and follow-up to ensure success in a job placement.

“We are thrilled to have the U.S. Department of Labor recognize Veterans Inc.’s effectiveness in placing veterans into gainful employment by once again awarding our agency an HVRP grant for Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts,” said Vincent J. Perrone, President & CEO of Veterans Inc. “Hundreds of veterans across the region are succeeding in meaningful careers today, and able to enjoy independence and self-sufficiency thanks to this program. Our veterans deserve nothing less. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the Congressional delegations from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, who have been strong and effective advocates of the HVRP program and of our veterans in general.”

“This award will help Veterans Inc. provide valuable job training and placement services to homeless veterans,” U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren said. “This kind of partnership between the federal government and local organizations like Veterans Inc. makes a powerful difference in our communities. Massachusetts’ veterans and servicemembers have sacrificed for us, and it is our responsibility to honor, protect, and empower them here at home.”

“Veterans Inc. is a key supporter of our veterans community when they need assistance the most. I congratulate their staff and leadership on being awarded \$309,000 by the U.S. Department of Labor. This award, under the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program, will help ensure that the veteran population of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has access to comprehensive and specialized job training services and effective case management,” said U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey.

Under the grant, Veterans Inc. will serve 168 veterans across Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

“For close to three decades, Veterans Inc. has helped thousands of homeless and at-risk veterans in Southeastern Massachusetts by meeting rapid re-housing, case management and other critical needs,” said Congressman Bill Keating. “This grant allows them to continue helping some of our most vulnerable veterans find gainful employment, which will lead ultimately to sustainably independent living. Veterans are an invaluable part of our community and grants like these are the least we can do to honor their service and sacrifice.”

“For our veterans who have served and sacrificed for this nation, we, as one country and community, make a solemn promise to support them. With this funding, Veterans Inc. can continue to make good on that promise and fulfill its mission to change lives of veterans and their families across New England,” said Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III.

Through HVRP, Veterans Inc. is able to provide direct, specialized employment and training services to homeless male and female veterans. By combing individualized case management with effective leveraging of federal, state, and agency resources, Veterans Inc. connects veterans with the opportunities that are right for them. In addition, Veterans Inc. has long-standing relationships with the business community looking to hire veterans.

Veterans in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island in need of housing or employment services, or those who know a veteran in need who could benefit from a referral, are welcome to stop by the Veterans Inc. Pawtucket office at 1070 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Additionally, Veterans Inc. is available every Wednesday and Thursday at the Providence VA HPACT Tr.37 from 8:30-11:30 AM. Veterans Inc.'s Regional Manager, Heather Salva, can be reached directly at 774-239-9756 with any questions regarding any of the services provided.

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#### **About Veterans Inc.**

Veterans Inc. is New England's leading provider of support services to veterans and their families. A 501(c)3 non-profit, the organization's single-minded mission is to be there for our veterans in their time of need. Incorporated in 1990, Veterans Inc. has helped more than 65,000 veterans in need and today operates offices and programs in all six New England states. Our services include housing, employment & training, counseling, alcohol and drug treatment center, family support programs, benefits counseling and advocacy, temporary financial assistance, health and wellness, food services, post-9/11 support and women & childcare services.