***Example grant application***

**(Organization Name)**

**2021 CARES Act Funding Application**

**Support for Veteran’s Behavioral Health Needs**

***Executive Summary:***

*Happy Vets* is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that supports Veterans & their families through activities designed to improve Veteran and family/community relations and mental health through a variety of planned activities and outings including…………………………. Activities are designed to re-engage Veterans with their peers and community to decrease isolation and improve overall well-being.

*Happy Vets* partners with ………. throughout the community to assist Veterans in becoming an active and productive partner in their home communities.

***Mission Statement:***

 Our mission is to make Veterans happy. We do this by assuring our Veterans and their families have the resources they need to be productive and involved citizens in their communities.

***Organizational History & Overview:***

* Who is your organization? Describe in a few sentences.
* What does your organization do primarily?
* When was your organization founded?
* What are the primary programs/activities/goals of your organization?

***Covid-19 impact on your organization and those you serve***

* + Describe in a few sentences or paragraphs the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on your organization and those you serve.
	+ What are the greatest needs identified in your service population?
	+ How is your agency set to address those needs?
	+ How can this CARES Act funding be used to address those needs?
	+ How many staff/volunteers do you have in your organization (Arkansas only)?
	+ How much CARES Act funding are you requesting?
	+ How will you assure that these grant funds do not supplant existing staff/services?

**Program Proposal/Request**

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| **Assistance Provided to Clients** | **Requested Funding** |
| **Outreach/Information Campaigns \*** Local radio and newspaper ads will be purchased to provide information regarding services offered through this grant and to inform Veterans and family members of the services still being provided despite the Covid-19 Pandemic. Information regarding where Veterans and family members may seek behavioral health treatment will be included in the advertisements. Radio and newspaper ads will run every week for the grant period. ($350 wk for print, $350 wk for radio X 10 weeks)Information regarding activities and grant-funded opportunities will be included on all appropriate social media platforms including chamber of commerce activity calendars, agency and other relevant facebook pages, Instagram, twitter.Mailings will be sent to all local Veterans and organizations serving Veterans to advise of grant and program services. Again, resources for behavioral health access will be included.*\*Local advertising will be vital to informing the community about services this organization provides to Veterans and their families and also to highlight where Veterans and their families may seek behavioral health assistance. (local newspapers, radio, mailings to Veterans in the area) Advertising could highlight scheduled activities for Veterans and families and provide information about ways to access services and assistance from these grant funds. Repeating messages have been found to be more effective than a “one and done” approach. Consider repeating ads throughout grant period.***Personal Protective Equipment** Protective face coverings meeting CDC recommendations will be distributed to Veterans and their families within the organization’s service area. $5 ea x 100Happy Vets will purchase protective face coverings for all staff and volunteers and assure all follow CDC and State Health Department Guidelines for the safety of Veterans, staff, volunteers, and community. $5 ea x 100Happy Vets will purchase necessary cleaning, sanitizing supplies for programs and Veterans. $50 per family x 20 families **Food and Nutrition Assistance for Veterans/Families** Easter/Spring Meal Program:Providing Easter/Spring meals to Veterans and their family members. A combination of small, in-person meals for vaccinated individuals and purchasing food for families to take home and prepare. $20 per meal x 250 totals $5,000Memorial Day Outreach Program: Happy Vets will be having a special program for Memorial Day to address needs in the Veteran community and in their families. Possible needs to address include the following:$240 per family x 25 families for a total of $6,000- Clothing, shoes, toys, board games, bicycles - School Supplies, hygiene items, bedding | $7,000$2,000 |

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| **First Aid /Trauma Supplies** –In order to help Veterans and their families be prepared in an emergency or disaster situation, (Covid-19 Pandemic) Happy Vets will purchase First Aid, Trauma Kits, and supplies. First Aid/Trauma Kits on average cost $200 each. Happy Vets plans to purchase 10-12 First Aid/Trauma Kits.**Naloxone**Happy Vets will purchase Naloxone for local first responders. 15 @ $50 each.**Training and Professional Development**Given the tremendous importance of recognition and appropriate response to Veteran suicidal ideation and behavioral health crisis, members of the community who have contact with Veterans and their families will be trained in Mental Health First Aid. This will be completed primarily through a video platform through Goodwill Industries of Arkansas at a cost of $75 per training. It is anticipated that Happy Vets will train approximately 100 community members to include first responders, clergy, merchants, city officials, chamber of commerce, Veterans and family members.**Seminars and Support Groups**Happy Vets is planning to host Veterans and their families for three separate overnight seminars focused on communication skills, integration skills, parenting during Covid, emotional support and developing work and volunteer skills and opportunities. Happy Vets will cover the cost of the following for each Veteran/family member:* Meals/Food
* Lodging
* Travel/Transportation
* PPE
* Rentals/Entry Fees
* Literature/ Printed Materials
* Adaptative Equipment
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| **Shelter Expense for Homeless Veterans**Due to the heightened unemployment and stresses created by the Covid-19 pandemic, many Veterans and their families have either lost housing or are at risk of losing their housing due to overdue rent or utilities. Happy Vets will provide assistance to bring designated Veterans overdue rent or utilities up to date to prevent eviction or loss of utilities. Temporary housing may be needed for those who have lost housing or who are waiting for longer-term options. For these Veterans and families, short-term housing may be obtained.Tents, blankets, and tarps may be purchased and provided to Veterans in need and to local homeless shelters.**Information Technology**While many resources exist for Veterans to seek assistance for behavioral health treatment, essential supplies, job opportunities, housing, utility and transportation, navigating to find these resources is often complicated. Happy Vets will develop a learning and resource hub to assist in these efforts. Computers with internet service will be set up in the central office for Veterans to use during scheduled times. Staff will assist Veterans and family members with navigating the resources and finding services. Happy Vets will purchase 3 desk top computer, secure high-speed internet service for use in our office. | $12,000$12,350 |

**Total Funding Requested: $60,000**