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## 2020-1 Veteran Suicide Prevention Grant Program

**Purpose:** To announce the 2020-1 Veteran Suicide Grant Program and to solicit applications for grant funding to support efforts to prevent Veteran suicide.

### Background

The Southwest Veterans Foundation (SWVF) recently reviewed the issue of Veteran suicides. Here are some of the alarming data:

- On average, 20 Veterans commit suicide daily
- 70% of those Veterans were not in the Veterans Administration (VA) care system
- Arizona has the sixth highest Veteran suicide rate of the 50 states
- Arizona Veterans are three times more likely to commit suicide than non-Veterans
- In 2018 the VA only spent 24% of the money appropriated for Veteran Suicide prevention community outreach
- Despite all that has been said and done to attack this epidemic, Veteran suicide deaths continue to increase.

By any objective measure, this is a ***national tragedy***.

As a result, the SWVF has embraced Veteran suicide as its signature issue for 2020. This year-long campaign to stop the epidemic of Veteran suicides and reduce its occurrence is titled “***\$20 to Reduce the 20 in 2020.***”

At its core, is the desire to embed in the consciousness of every Arizonan, that every time they hear, read, or write the date 2020, they will think of the 20 Veterans who will commit suicide that day—and then do something to help!

The 2020 goal is to raise \$100,000 to support established and effective efforts and programs within the state whose programs and operations include preventing Veteran suicide.

The SWVF intends to solicit and make grants to selected applicants on a quarterly basis. The number and amount of the grants will be dependent on the amount of money raised through this program.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the SWVF Veteran Suicide Prevention Grants, organizations must be IRS approved 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organizations.



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Additionally, they must:

- Be a legal entity in good standing in the state of Arizona for at least three years.
- Have established programs in place that are directly targeted to preventing Veteran suicide or assisting families who suffer a Veteran suicide.
- Be able to demonstrate the administration, participation, and results of its programs and operations.

### **Application**

The application for the 2020-1 Veteran Suicide Grant Program is attached. It is also available on our website. Applications must arrive at SWVF by March 31, 2020 and contain all necessary documents and documentation.

Submit applications to:

Southwest Veterans Foundation  
Attn: Veteran Suicide Prevention Committee  
3820 W Happy Valley Rd  
# 141-455  
Glendale, AZ 85310

### **Milestones**

<b>On/about</b>	<b>Action</b>
March 7	Announcement and application form released
March 31	Applications due (late applications will be held for the next cycle of awards)..
April 10	Grant awards announced

**Questions.** Contact Tom Sheets, [t.sheets@swvcc.org](mailto:t.sheets@swvcc.org), 602.677.2961



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## 2020-1 Veteran Suicide Prevention Grant Program Application

### Section 1: Organizational Information

**Organization Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website** \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Tax ID #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Award of 501(c)(3)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Point of Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2: Leadership

**CEO or Executive Director** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board of Directors/Advisors** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 3: Programs and Operations**

**Mission**

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**Relevant Programs**

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**Section 4: Grant Execution**

**Explain in detail exactly how any grant funds awarded will be spent. (NOTE: None of these grant funds can be used to pay staff or contract salaries, fees, or labor costs.) It is our expectation that 100% of the grant will be spent on direct program execution.**

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**Who will be directly responsible for the expenditure and accounting of grant funds?**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone and email if not already listed in the application?**  
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**Section 5: Documentation**

**Provide at least three testimonials from Veterans and/or their families who have participated in your program(s). Each testimonial must include a legible signature and contact information.**

**Attach copy of IRS 501(c)3 award letter**

**Section 6: Support Material (Optional)**

**Provide any relevant support material you wish the Southwest Veterans Foundation Board of Directors to consider (brochures, awards, certifications, videos, media coverage etc.,) that will assist in determining the quality, quantity, effectiveness, and—most importantly, results and outcomes of your programs and operations.**

**Section 7: Certification**

**By signing and submitting this grant application, I certify the accuracy of all information we have provided and agree to submit a written report within 30 days of the use of any grant funds awarded providing the details and documentation of how the grant funds were spent, immediate results and outcomes, and additional results and outcomes expected as a result of these specific actions. A report format will be provided at the time that grants are awarded.**

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Printed Name and Title**