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November 5, 2026

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Recognition of Veteran's Day 2026

Previous Board Action/Review: N/A
Performance Clackamas: Safe, secure and livable communities.

Counsel Review: N/A
Procurement Review: N/A
Contact Person: Tracy Garell
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Clackamas County Social Services Division (CCSSD), the Children, Family, and Community Connections Division (CFCC), and the Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC) all within the Health, Housing & Human Services Department, present this report in honor of Veterans Day.

Since 1938, the United States has formally recognized the service and sacrifice of its armed forces on November 11th. Today, we join the Board of County Commissioners in expressing gratitude to all who have served.

This report outlines some of the core services and initiatives serving the veteran community in Clackamas County.

Clackamas County's Veterans Advisory Council (VAC) ensures veteran perspectives guide county service planning. The VAC is currently focused on increasing awareness of veteran suicide risk and promoting immediate support. As part of this initiative, the VAC is doing outreach to promote 988, Press 1 Veterans Crisis Line and distributing informational materials to rural businesses.

The CFCC Veterans Workforce Program provides individualized career planning and intensive case management to support veterans in gaining employment and career advancement while addressing significant barriers. During FY25-26, 37 veterans were served, 17 entered employment at an average wage of $25.09 per hour. 82% of those employed retained their employment for at least 90 days.

The Social Services Division administers four veteran housing and support programs. Over the past year, these programs served 146 veteran households, including 193 adults and 53 children. These programs successfully helped many veterans secure permanent housing with comprehensive wraparound services, while also supporting others in maintaining their existing housing to prevent homelessness.

The Clackamas County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) continues to provide critical assistance to veterans and families navigating federal benefit systems. Over the past fiscal year, CVSO staff served 2,001 individuals, filing 1,098 compensation claims and appeals. These efforts secured nearly $15,415,749 in new federal benefits for Clackamas County veterans, contributing to increased financial stability, healthcare access, and long-term support.

Veterans Village has sheltered 148 veterans since opening, with 72 moving directly into permanent housing. Clayton Mohr Commons, acquired by the **Housing Authority of Clackamas County** (HACC) in 2019, offers 24 units of veteran housing and currently serves 25 residents.

The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program, administered by HACC, provides rent subsidies paired with VA case management to support long-term housing stability. Currently, 164 veteran households are housed, with 7 vouchers in lease-up.

Operation Green light for Veterans, runs from November 4 through Veterans Day on November 11, 2026. The initiative aims to honor military veterans by asking residents, local business, and organizations to illuminate their homes and buildings with a green lights. The VSO office will be providing free green light bulbs for community members.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve Resolution Operation Green Light, recognize and honor the service, commitment and sacrifices of all veteran's, military personnel, reservists, and their families and request the Board to authorize Chari Roberts or his designee to sign on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Rumbaugh
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Director of Health Housing and Human Services

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming Clackamas County as a Green Light for Veterans County

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, the residents of Clackamas County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than $52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Clackamas County Veterans Service Office promotes Operation Green Light for Veterans with complimentary green lights for community members; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Clackamas County hereby declares November 4-11, 2026, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service.

DATED this 5th day of November, 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

Health, Housing & Human Services
CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

Veterans Day 2026

H3S Veterans Services

- **Social Services Department Programs**
  - Veterans Service Office
  - Veterans First Rapid Rehousing Program
  - Permanent Supportive Housing Programs
  - Veterans Homelessness Outreach
- **Children, Family, and Community Connections:** Veteran Employment Program
- **Housing Authority Clackamas County:** Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program

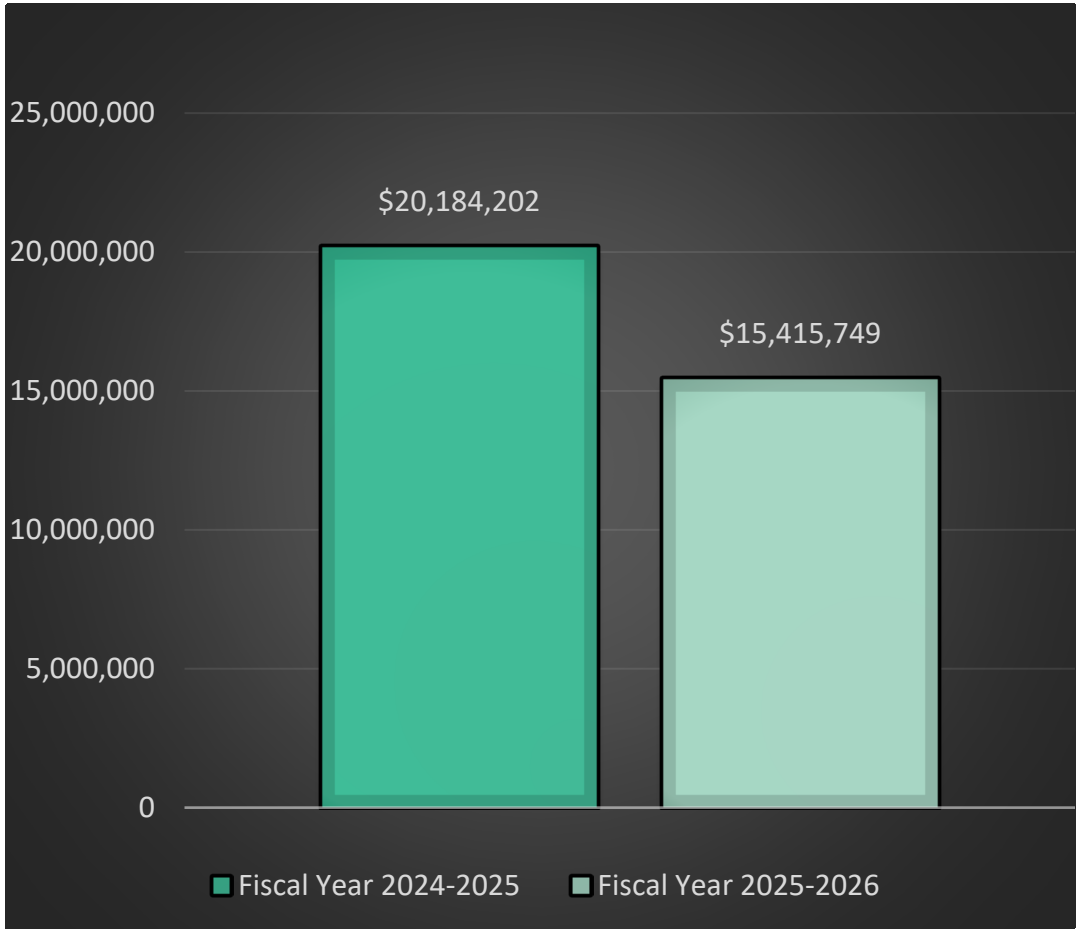
Veterans Employment Program

CFCC Program (FY25-26)Served:

- 37 Veterans with barriers to employment including houselessness, disability, and justice involvement
- Average wage: $25.09 an hour
- Job Retention Rate: 82% at 90 days

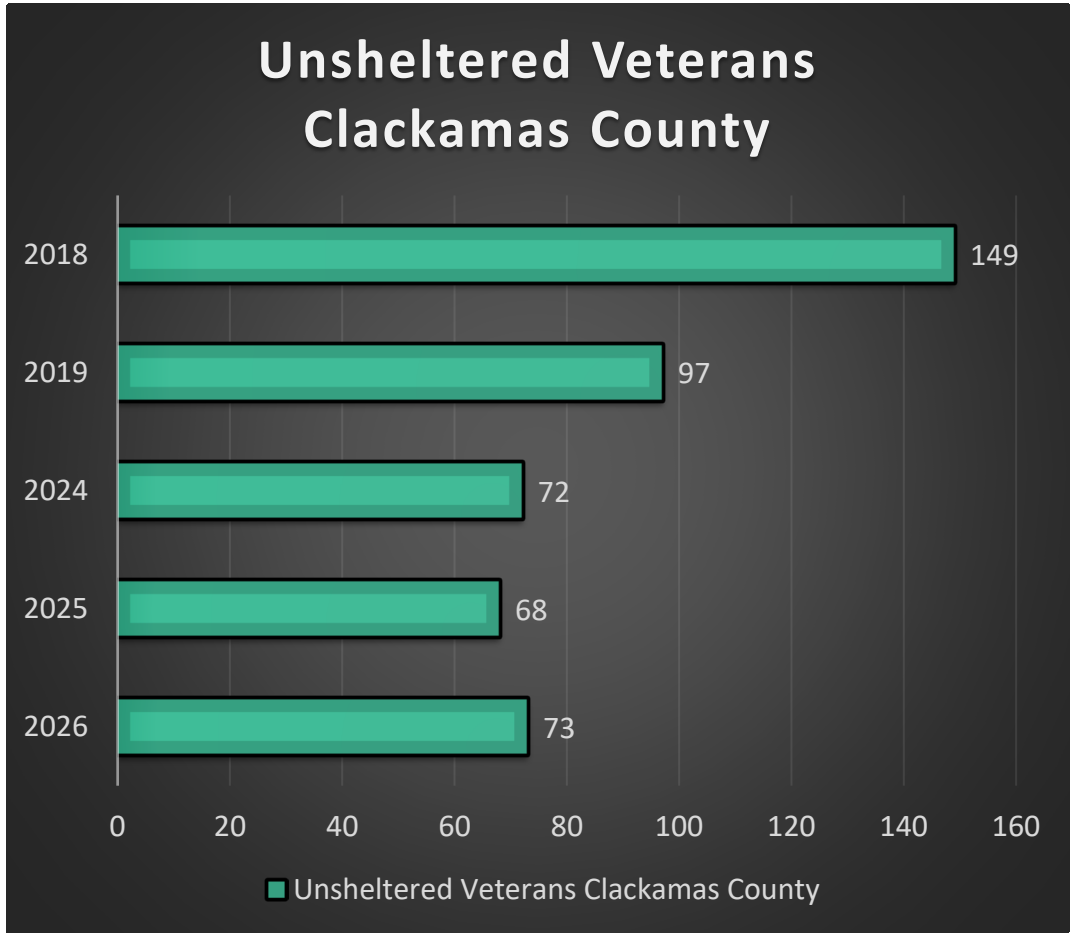
Veteran Service Office

Clackamas County
FY 25-26



- Generated $15,415,749 million dollars in new federal benefits.
- VSO staff met with **2001 veterans** and family members.
- Filed **1098 compensation claims**.

Ending Veteran Homelessness



Veterans in Oregon

- 259,914 (2024 Estimated)

Veterans in Clackamas County

- 22,296 (2024 Estimated)

Homeless Veterans in Oregon

- Approximately 1,407 homeless veterans statewide
- 55% of these veterans were unsheltered

Unsheltered Veterans in Clackamas County

- Approximately 73 unsheltered veterans

Access to Veterans Housing Resources

Social Services Housing Programs

- 146 homeless or at-risk veteran households comprising of 193 adults and 53 children

VASH Vouchers -Housing Authority Clackamas County

- 171 households served

Clayton Mohr Commons

- 24 units currently housing a total of 25 veterans and their families

Veterans Village

- 148 Veterans sheltered and 72 moved into permanent housing

Veterans Advisory Council

VAC Accomplishments

- **Suicide Prevention Initiative**: Promoting the Veterans Crisis Line (988+1) and distributing informational materials to rural businesses.
- **Honoring 19 Clackamas County Vietnam-era KIA/MIA veterans** through road monuments. VAC is coordinating a memorial event prior to installation of signs.
- **The Veteran's Advisory Council** has supported many events within the Clackamas County Veteran community.