

November 6, 2025

BCC Agenda Date/Item: _____

**Approval of a Resolution to Recognize Veterans and Designate Clackamas County
as a "Green Light for Veterans" County.**

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Previous Board Action/Review	NA		
Performance Clackamas	Public Trust In Good Government		
Counsel Review	Yes	Procurement Review	Yes/No
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Clackamas County Social Services Division and the Children, Family, and Community Connections Division, both part of the Health, Housing & Human Services Department, have come together for this presentation in honor of Veterans Day. Since 1938, the United States has formally recognized the courage and commitment of its armed forces each year on November 11th. Today, we stand before the Board of County Commissioners to honor and express gratitude for the service, dedication, and sacrifices of those who have served our nation.

The County maintains an active Veterans Advisory Council (VAC) to ensure that the voices and diverse perspectives of Clackamas County veterans are heard as we plan and provide services in our county. The VAC is currently working on outreach events for veterans and enhancing awareness about the risk of suicide for veterans. The VAC recently hosted the Veterans Expo at Clackamas Community College on October 15, 2025.

The Children, Family and Community Connections (CFCC) Veterans Workforce Program provides individualized career planning and intensive case management to support veterans in achieving employment and career advancement. The program addresses significant barriers to stability, including justice involvement, homelessness, housing instability, disabilities such as PTSD, and substance use disorder.

Over the past year, 40 veterans were served, with 24 securing employment at an average wage of \$21.31 per hour. Of those employed, 92% retained their jobs for at least 90 days, demonstrating both program effectiveness and participant perseverance. The remaining veterans continue to receive targeted employment support.

In alignment with Clackamas County's performance measure to end veteran homelessness, the Social Services Division administers four targeted programs that provide housing and comprehensive supports to veterans experiencing homelessness, with a focus on housing stability, healthcare access, employment readiness, and long-term self-sufficiency.

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Over the past year, the programs collectively served 97 veteran households, representing 106 adults and 10 children. Successfully connecting participants with permanent housing and ongoing wraparound supports.

Veterans Village has sheltered 53 veterans with 18 of these sheltered participants moving to permanent housing directly from the Village in fiscal year 2024-2025. Clayton Mohr Commons is a project constructed by Northwest Housing Alternatives and case managed by Do Good Multnomah has 24 units available for veterans and it is currently housing 29 individual's total.

The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program, administered by the Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC), combines rent subsidies with VA case management to promote long-term housing stability for formerly homeless veterans. Currently, 160 veteran households are housed utilizing 196 vouchers, with 36 vouchers in active lease-up. HACC continues to ensure full utilization and has applied for additional vouchers in 2026 to expand housing access and strengthen support for veterans experiencing homelessness.

As of October 18, 2024, there were 68 unsheltered veterans identified in Clackamas County, a 5.56% decrease from the previous year's count of 72. While this reflects progress toward reducing veteran homelessness this number is highly variable, the smaller rate of decline likely reflects ongoing resource limitations and the residual impacts of funding and capacity challenges.

Additionally, within Social Services the Clackamas County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) continues to play a vital role in helping veterans and their families access the financial, medical, and support benefits they have earned through their service. CVSO staff provide individualized assistance to ensure veterans navigate complex federal systems with dignity.

Over the past year, the CVSO team worked directly with 2,153 veterans and family members, working on service-connected benefits, appeals, and offering guidance. They successfully filed 1,069 compensation claims, including numerous appeals on behalf of veterans seeking these benefits. As a result of these efforts, the CVSO helped secure nearly \$20.2 million in new federal benefits for Clackamas County veterans, bringing critical income, healthcare access, stability and life-changing support to those who have served our nation.

To align with the National Association of Counties' Operation Green Light initiative, Clackamas County Social Services formally recognizes the critical contributions and ongoing needs of military veterans transitioning to civilian life. Each year, approximately 200,000 service members separate from the Armed Forces, with up to 72 percent reporting significant stress during transition and an elevated risk of suicide in the first-year post-service. The presenters put forth a resolution for Operation Green Light in Clackamas County to the Board of County Commissioners to show support to those that have served.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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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 to 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 an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44 to 72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk of 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, 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, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary

Veteran Services Provided by Health, Housing, and Human Services (H3S)





Veteran Services Provided by Health, Housing, and Human Services (H3S)

- Social Services Department's Veterans Service Office
- Children, Family, and Community Connections Veteran Employment Program
- VASH Units Facilitated Through Housing Authority of Clackamas County
- Veterans First Rapid Rehousing Program
- Housing Our Heroes Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- VRAP Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- Veterans Homelessness Outreach

CFCC Veterans Employment Program



The Program Served

40 Veterans with barriers to employment including houselessness, disability, and having justice involvement

Employment in the following fields:

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Healthcare
- Retail
- Social Service
- Transportation

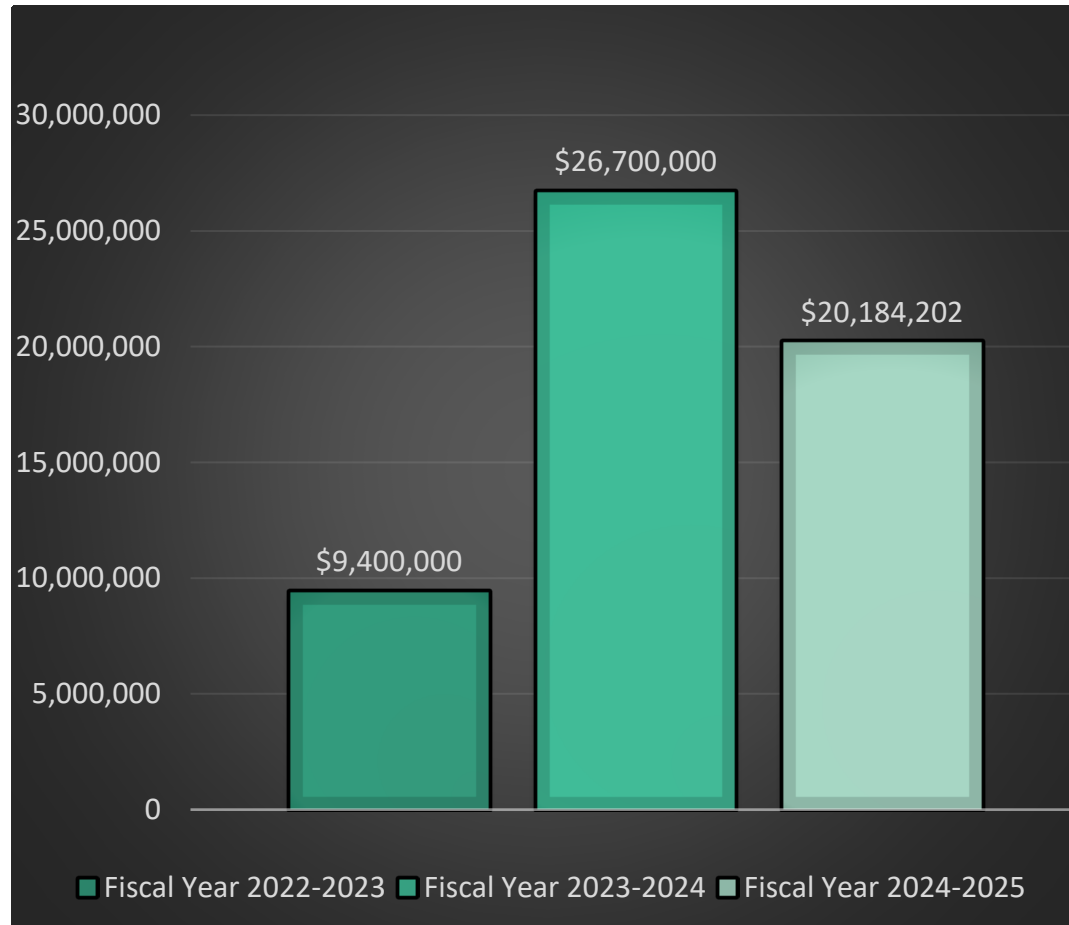
➤ Average wage: \$21.31 an hour.

➤ Job Retention Rate: 92% at 90 days.

Veteran Service Office

Clackamas County

Overall, Success
This Last Year

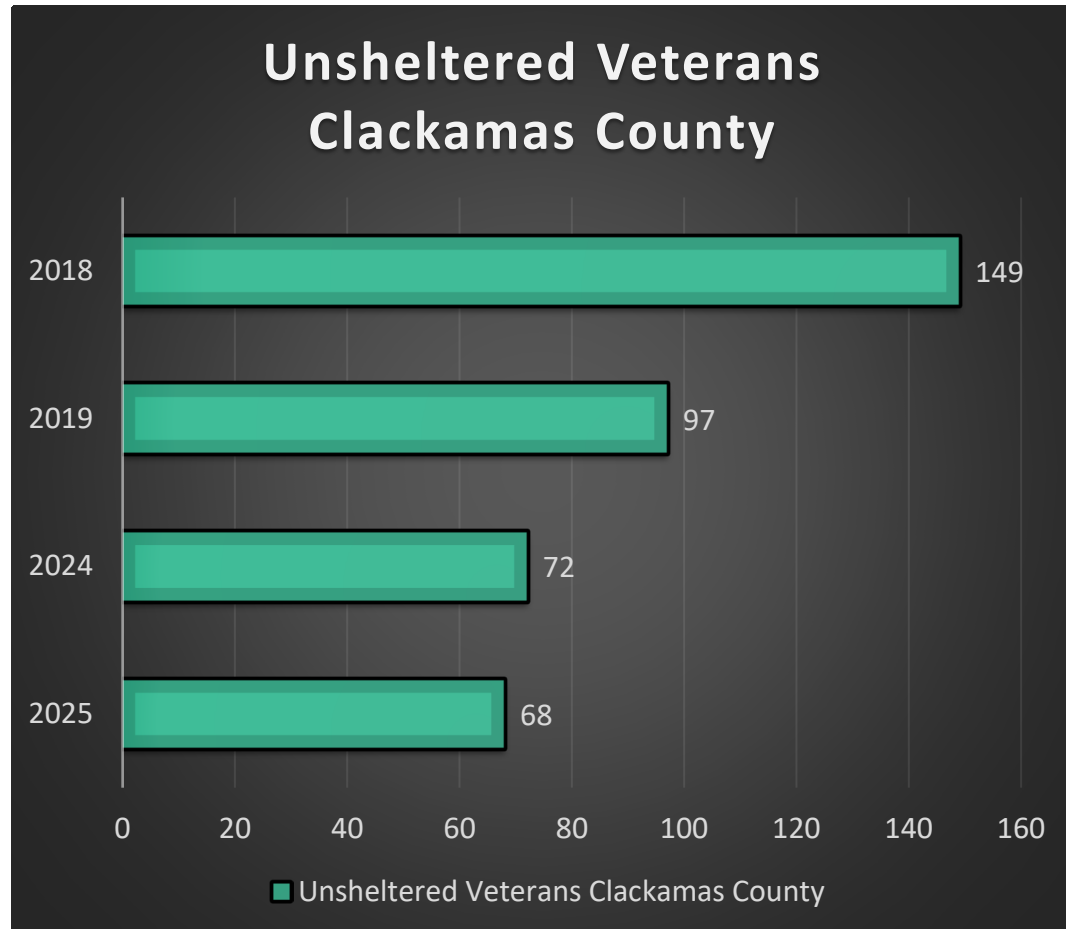


- Last fiscal year the office generated almost \$20.2 million in new federal monetary benefits.
- VSO staff met with **2,153 veterans** and family members.
- VSO staff filed **1,069 compensation claims**.

US Department of Veterans Affairs implemented two significant benefits changes in 2022.

- [The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics \(PACT\) Act.](#)
- [Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment \(COMPACT\) Act](#)
- Benefits have started to stabilize since the PACT Act was implemented

Ending Veteran Homelessness



- Veterans in Oregon
 - 266,690 (estimated)
- Veterans in Clackamas County
 - 29,200 (estimated)
- Homeless Veterans in Oregon
 - 1,319 (estimated)
- Unsheltered Homeless Veterans in Clackamas County
 - 68

Access to Veterans Housing Through Collaboration



Last Year's Success

Three Social Services Housing Programs Served

- 97 homeless veteran households comprising of 106 adults and 10 children as of October 22nd, 2025.

Veterans Outreach Served

- 42 homeless veteran households compromising of 43 adults and 2 children as of October 22nd, 2025

VASH Vouchers administered by HACC:

- 160 Households as of September 4th, 2025
HACC has applied for additional VASH vouchers

Clayton Mohr Commons

- Has 24 units filled with 2 units available.

Veterans Village

- Fiscal Year 24-25: 53 Veterans have been sheltered and 18 have secured permanent housing.

Veterans Advisory Council

This Year's (VAC) Accomplishments

- Started 3 subcommittees
 - VAC Mental Health Subcommittee
 - VAC Events Subcommittee
 - VAC Monument Subcommittee
- Planned and facilitated the Veterans EXPO Event October 15th, 2025
- On June 9th, 2025: The VAC Monument Subcommittee unanimously advanced HCR-39, honoring 19 Clackamas County Vietnam-era KIA/MIA Veterans through future road monuments.
- The Veteran's Advisory Council has been a crucial support for many events within our Clackamas County Veteran Community.



Operation Green Light Resolution



- Supports National Association of Counties' Operation Green Light initiative
- Highlights 200,000+ annual military transitions to civilian life in the United States
- Recognizes high transition stress (up to 72%) and increased suicide risk in first year post-service
- Honors veterans' continued contributions and service to community
- This resolution is presented to Board of County Commissioners to demonstrate Clackamas County's commitment to veterans and their families