



## 20 Project Ideas for Serving Veterans

***Please note:*** These project ideas are not one-size-fits-all for CIP Grants. Some qualify for funding under grant guidelines for only one grant. It is imperative that you read and understand the CIP grant guidelines for each individual grant before applying.

1. Create welcome home kits for veterans transitioning into permanent housing. Work with the local VA to determine the needs of residents and create boxes full of cleaning supplies, bedding supplies, and other household items they may need.
2. Create care packages to send to a local military troop deployed overseas and work with the antlers or other youth groups to write thank you letters and encouraging notes.
3. Run monthly social events for a local VA facility.
4. Help build wheel chair ramps or make additions/repairs to the homes of local veterans with disabilities.
5. Organize a family resources picnic for military families.
6. Get involved with a local stand down. Consider providing additional clothing, school/office supplies, hygiene items, haircuts or a resume writing class.
7. Host a resource fair aimed at veterans in need where you provide a meal, a speaker regarding resources available to veterans, and outreach materials.
8. Plan a trip to a museum, zoo or outdoor excursion for veterans in need.
9. Prepare and deliver warm meals to veterans who are homeless or homebound.
10. Assist veterans in creating personal video histories and share the edited results at an evening presentation with their families.
11. Organize a movie night at a local Veterans Affairs medical center.
12. Host a furniture donation drive to collect furnishings for veterans transitioning into housing.
13. Run a job fair for military members and their spouses.

14. Partner with a therapy dog organization to bring comfort dogs to a VA facility.
15. Restock the USO hospitality room at the airport with snacks and reading material for active duty service personnel and their families.
16. Recruit volunteers to enhance the facilities of a veterans' transitional housing complex.
17. Organize a back to school drive to distribute backpacks and school supplies to military children.
18. Start a monthly visit to veterans at a local senior center, and bring hygiene supplies, clothes and other needed items.
19. Partner with an organization that serves veterans with disabilities to run an outdoor trip or activity.
20. Start a support group for veterans who are transitioning from active duty.