



Elks National Foundation

20 Project Plans for Serving Veterans

Please note: *These project ideas are not one-size-fits-all for CIP grants. Please read and understand the guidelines for each individual grant before applying.*

1. Create Welcome Home Kits for veterans transitioning into permanent housing. View the in-depth project plan [here](#).
2. Host a job fair for veterans where you provide a meal, interview clothes and a resume-writing workshop.
3. Run monthly social events or outings for a local VA facility.
4. Help build wheelchair ramps or make repairs to the homes of local veterans with disabilities.
5. Organize a family resources picnic for military families, including presentations on local veteran services.
6. Get involved with a local Stand Down by providing clothing, school and office supplies, hygiene items or haircuts. View the in-depth project plan [here](#).
7. Plan a recreation or outdoor excursion for veterans with disabilities.
8. Prepare and deliver warm meals to veterans who are homeless or homebound.
9. Recruit volunteers to enhance the facilities of a veterans' transitional housing complex. View the in-depth project plan [here](#).
10. Host art or music therapy at the Lodge, complete with an exhibit or concert.
11. Provide transportation to VA hospitals or medical appointments.
12. Present a mental health first aid course geared towards veterans.
13. Partner with a therapy dog organization or animal shelter to host an adoption day. Read how Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pa., Lodge No. 109 used CIP grants to connect veterans with dogs [here](#).

14. Host a baby shower for female veterans or expecting military families in need of resources.
15. Assist veterans in creating personal video histories and share the edited results at an evening presentation with their families.
16. Organize a back-to-school drive to distribute backpacks and school supplies to children from military families.
17. Start a monthly visit to veterans at a local senior center, and bring hygiene supplies, clothes and other needed items.
18. Partner with local service organizations to provide support to families of those who are deployed.
19. Deliver entertainment and comfort items to veterans who are hospitalized.
20. Start a support group for veterans who are transitioning from active duty.

