

DVNF



ANNUAL REPORT

2021



17,612 VETERANS SERVED AND 56 ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

OUR MISSION

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) provides critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded—physically or psychologically—after defending our safety and our freedom.

We achieve this mission by:

- Offering direct financial support to veteran organizations that address the unique needs of veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.
- Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income veterans through the Health & Comfort program and various empowerment resources.
- Serving as a thought leader on critical policy issues within the veteran community, and educating the public accordingly.
- Providing a national job board that connects the veteran community with leading employers. It is free and it will always be free as it serves our veterans and service members that keep AMERICA free



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking time to review our 2021 Annual Report! This was a critical year in the growth and development of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation during the continued COVID-19 Pandemic. In this report, you will see the scope of our work, and our dedication to serving our American Heroes.

In 2021, DVNF enhanced its New National Job Board that provides an easy navigational platform that links veterans to employers by providing a necessary toolkit for the preparation for possible interviews and employment services. Although logistics for shipping goods were hampered by the pandemic, DVNF still moved forward with its Health & Comfort Program and sent 10 shipments of supplies to stand downs and other events around the country with more than 4,250 comfort kits. By sending items like basic hygiene necessities, clothing, and so much more, DVNF helps thousands of homeless and low-income veterans to alleviate some of their financial strain during these difficult times.

DVNF also built vital partnerships through its Capacity Building Grants program. 46 organizations were supported in 2021 with more than \$645,000 dollars in grants, and this has substantially benefitted thousands of veterans. Funding programs like recreational therapy, art therapy, yoga, and other unique approaches to combatting mental stress, PTSD and Suicide Prevention has given countless veterans a new outlook on life. These grants will also better equip our partner organizations with resources to continue growing their important programs, and we're proud to be a part of what they're doing in their respective communities. DVNF's annual Veterans Day "Grab-N-Go" event served more than 160 disabled and at-risk veterans with comfort kit, gift cards and food baskets.

We are pleased with how 2021 progressed during these difficult times and look forward to even more great things in 2022. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to keep making such a vital difference around the country, and we thank all of our supporters for their commitment to giving back to our veterans.

Sincerely,



Scott Carson

Board President

Disabled Veterans National Foundation



FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



To our Friends and Supporters:

On behalf the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, I would like to thank all of you for showing your interest in the DVNF by engaging with our Annual Report.

Much happened in 2021 that was admirable and impressive during these continued difficult times, including the following:

- DVNF funded 46 like-minded non-profits organizations more than \$645,000.00 using our Capacity Building Grants program.
- DVNF had its 2nd annual "Grab -N- Go" event where we served more than 146 disabled and at-risk veterans.
- DVNF added new features to its National Job Board platform providing more resources for veterans. We now have more than 10,000 jobs posted with more than 80 Leading companies that have registered with our NJB.
- DVNF sent 10 Health & Comfort shipments to veteran stand-downs throughout the United States totaling more than 4,250 comfort kits.
- DVNF is currently expanding its Health & Comfort program in order to serve more veterans with a dedicated volunteer team in order to assist with our mission.
- Our fundraising costs and deficit were reduced significantly in 2021.



The pandemic continues to be our present reality. The DVNF staff worked very hard to continue to provide program and services to the disabled and at-risk veterans during these challenging times.

It's our mission at DVNF to fill the void where we can and to speak out loudly and clearly when veterans are not getting the resources and benefits they deserve.

We appreciate your enthusiasm and support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

Joseph VanFonda

SgtMaj USMC (Ret)

Chief Executive Officer

MEETING THE MISSION IN 2021

Veterans are at an increased risk of homelessness and lower rates of employment than the general population if there is no access physical and mental wellness or employment services. Serving in the military is associated with developing either a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). TBI and PTSD are among the top risk factors leading to homelessness and low socioeconomic status, which results in higher unemployment rates among the veteran population. When these factors are combined with the ongoing pandemic, veterans may seek services at a higher rate that previously reported. To combat these challenges, the Foundation has chosen 3 focus areas. Mental and Physical Wellness, Housing and Homelessness and Employment.

In 2021, The foundation made the following investments.

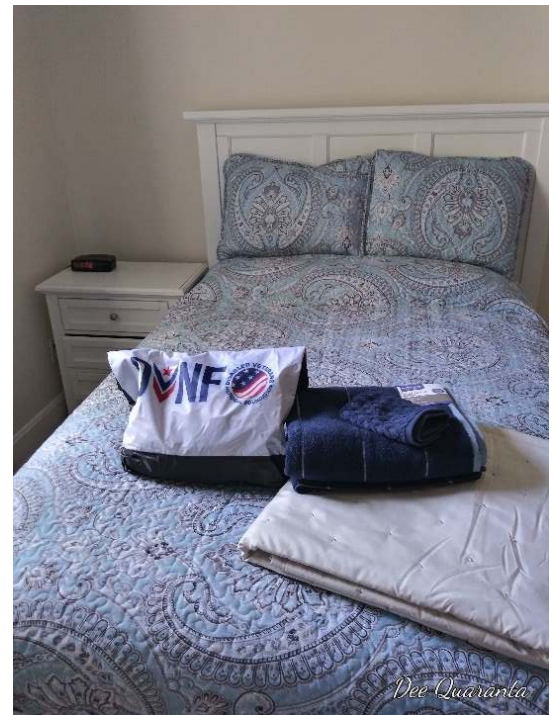
Our Capacity Building grants program served 46 organizations during the 2021 program year. Of those 46 organizations:

- 31 provided mental and physical wellness services
- 14 provided housing and homelessness services and,
- 1 provided employment services.

To support our veterans living outside during this time, the Foundation partnered with 9 organizations around the country.

DVNF partnered with organizations in the following states:

- Florida
- Indiana
- Maryland
- Washington, DC
- California



2021 PROGRAM IMPACT

HEALTH & COMFORT PROGRAM

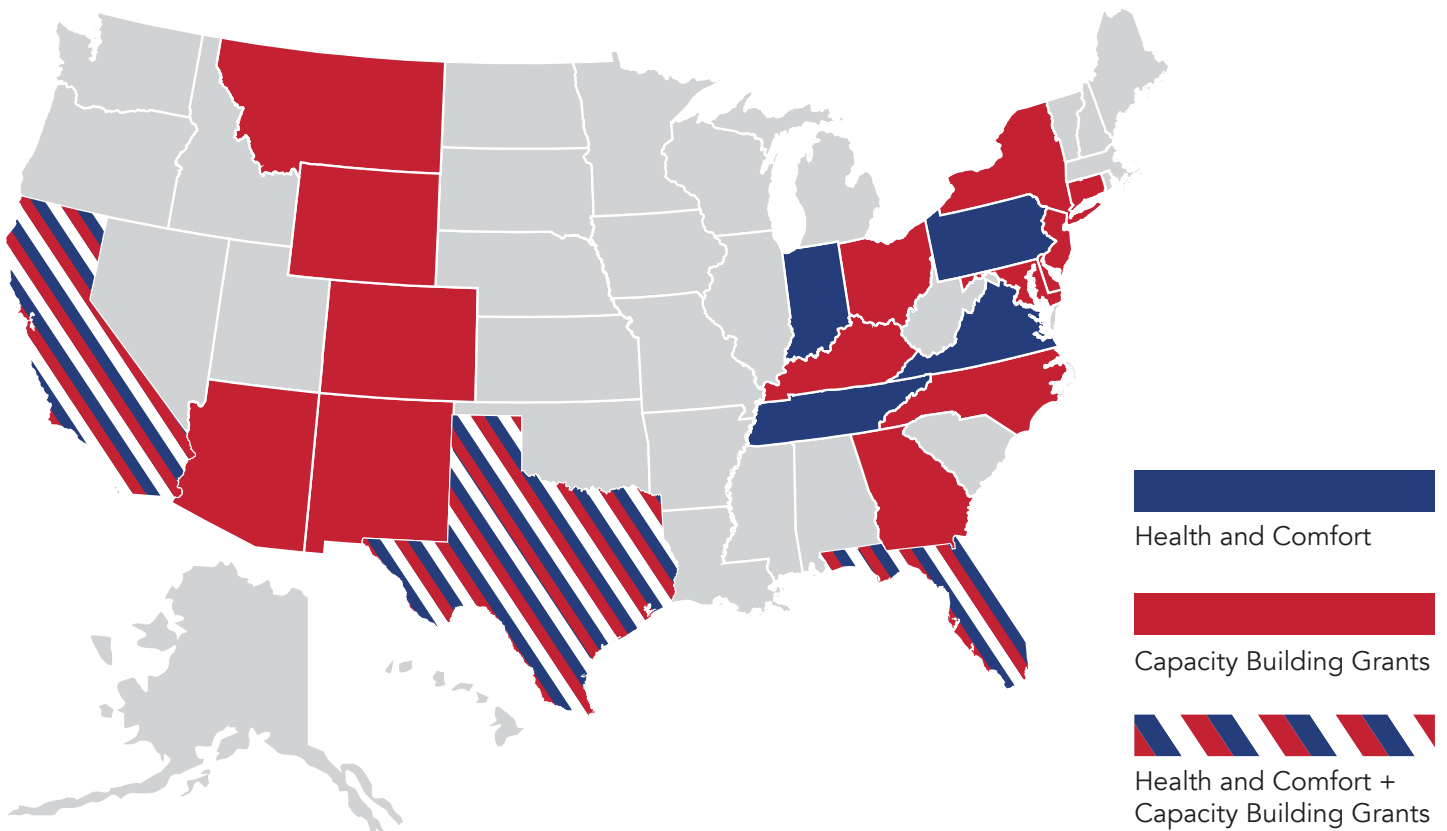
The DVNF Health & Comfort Program expands DVNF's reach into veteran communities throughout the United States, bringing tangible aid to veterans who are disabled, low-income, or homeless, in ways we otherwise could not.

Through our Health and Comfort program DVNF distributes our signature Comfort Kits to struggling veterans throughout the country. These kits provide vital necessities such as health and hygiene items, clothing, and more to veterans of all walks of life. The contents of our Comfort Kits vary based on our inventory, however, we always strive to include quality and full-sized items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, deodorant, a t-shirt, a pair of socks, sunscreen, Band-Aids and other items.

DVNF has also recently created our own signature Women's Kits. These kits were created to supplement our Comfort Kits and make sure our too often overlooked female veterans have the personal care items they truly need. Whether it's a year-round veteran program, homeless shelter, veteran Stand Down event, or an outreach event like the Warrior Games, DVNF is here to make a positive impact on the lives of the men and women who stood in defense of our nation.

2021 HEALTH AND COMFORT PROGRAM PARTNERS

1. Northeast Florida Women Veterans
2. Goodwill Industries of Michiana
3. Leek Hunting and Mountain Preserve
4. Sovereignty Abound
5. A Gift For You
6. Yuba Sutter Stand Down
7. DC VA Homeless Outreach
8. Austin Texas Stand Down
9. Operation Compassion of Mercer County



CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation's Capacity Building Grant program provides grants to like-minded organizations who provide support to veterans and disabled veterans alike.

The Capacity Building Grants provide support to our nation's veterans. There's no one-size-fits-all protocol for how a veteran overcomes the mental impacts of war, and outside of the initial recovery from physical wounds, it's often up to the veteran to navigate his or her own way back to a normal life. These grants are awarded to organizations around the country who are addressing the mental and physical recovery of veterans. Service dogs, equine therapy, yoga, art therapy, and recreational therapy are just a few of the innovative programs that DVNF supports. DVNF has two open sessions a year in which they process grants. Organizations may submit their application during these open grant sessions.

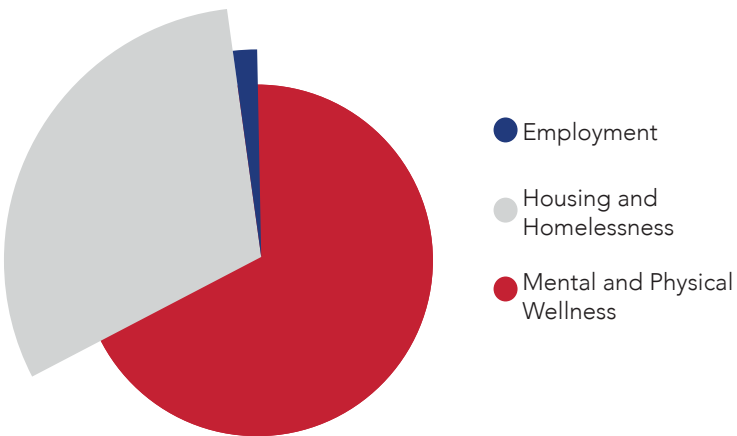
2021 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM PARTNERS

1. Adaptive Sports Program Of Ohio
2. Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute Inc
3. Camillus House, Inc.
4. Camp Twin Lakes
5. Central Union Mission
6. Children, Horses and Adults in PartnerShip (CHAPS)
7. Community Catalysts of California
8. Community Hope, Inc.
9. Cornerstone Family Programs
10. Disabled American Veterans East Valley Chapter 8
11. Dreams On Horseback
12. Easterseals DC MD VA
13. Flagstaff Shelter Services Inc
14. Funds For Veterans
15. Heart of Horse Sense
16. Heroes & Horses, Inc.
17. Horses For Healing, Inc. 501(c)3
18. Hospice of the Bluegrass, Inc.
19. Humble Warrior Wellness & Yoga Inc
20. Institute For Healing Of Memories - North America Inc
21. K9s For Warriors Inc
22. Mental Health America of Los Angeles
23. New Directions, Inc.
24. Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program
25. Operation New Uniform Inc.,
26. Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation
27. Possibilities Inc DBA The Onsite Foundation
28. Queen of Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.
29. S.M.G.A. - Salute Military Golf Association
30. Samaritan Center For Counseling And Pastoral Care Inc
31. Sanctuary Foundation For Veterans
32. Soldier Strong
33. StableStrides
34. That Can Be Me, Inc.
35. The Fenwick Foundation
36. The Independence Fund, Inc.
37. The Research and Recognition Project
38. The Veteran's K-9 Corps (America's Vet Dogs)
39. Trustees Of Tufts College
40. USA Cares Inc.
41. Vehicles for Veterans
42. Veterans Alternative Inc.
43. Veterans Of Foreign Wars 7807
44. Veterans Promise
45. Wounded Heroes Fund Kern County Chapter
46. Yoga 4 Change Incorporated

2021 PROGRAM INVESTMENT



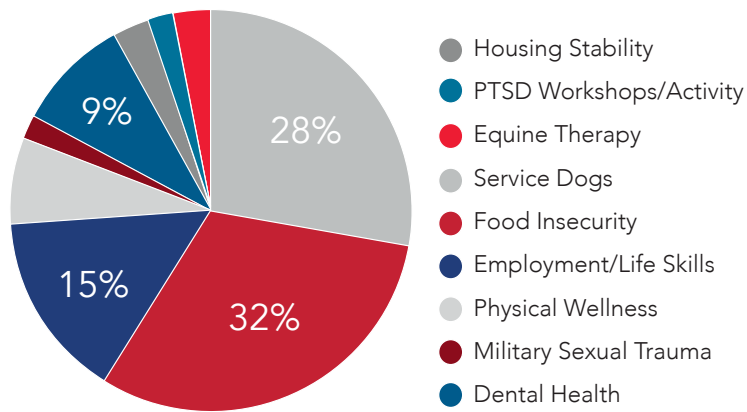
DVNF FOCUS AREAS



GRANTEE SERVICE AREAS

Housing Stability	\$203,000
PTSD Workshops/Activity	\$200,000
Equine Therapy	\$88,000
Service Dogs	\$39,000
Food Insecurity	\$17,000
Employment/Life Skills	\$46,000
Physical Wellness	\$27,000
Military Sexual Trauma	\$5,000
Dental Health	\$20,000

HOW GRANTEEES SERVE OUR VETERANS



THANK YOU!



\$645,000 Invested in Capacity Building Grants

\$148,000 worth of goods distributed to at-risk Veterans

17,752 people served across both programs

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: DVNF GRAB AND GO



Each year the Foundation hosts a local event to support the homeless and at-risk veterans in the DC, Maryland, Virginia region. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 event was held as a Grab and Go at the Knights of Columbus in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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At-Ricked and Disabled Veterans Served

Comfort Kits Distributed to Veteran Families

Lunches distributed

Gift Cards distributed

Bags of Groceries distributed



THE DVNF NATIONAL JOB BOARD

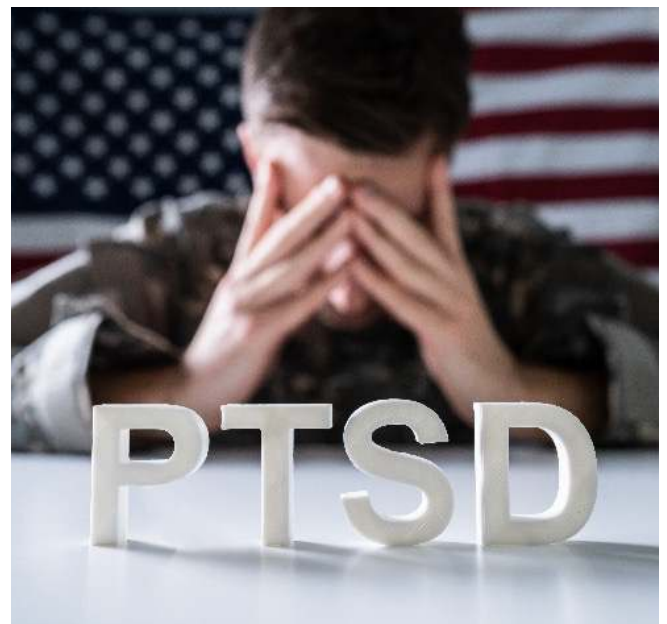


The occupation translators for employers and military members and veterans help employers understand the valuable skills gained in the military and identify relevant military experience by matching civilian job openings to military careers

In 2020, the Foundation started the national Job Board. The purpose of the job board is to connect the veteran community with leading Employers.

The Job board:

- Is free for employers to upload job opportunities
- Free for veterans to use
- Features a monthly veteran highlight.
- Includes a veteran toolkit.
- Has a translator tool for employers and veterans.
- Helps employers become more aware of the benefits of hiring military members and veterans.



The Veterans Toolkit provides valuable resources and clear steps for veterans to get a job.

IN 2021 10,000+ JOBS WERE ADDED TO THE JOB BOARD.

PROGRAM PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS



The mission of USA Cares is to improve the quality of life for post-9/11 military veterans, active duty service members, and their families by providing financial assistance and post-service skills training. This creates a foundation for long-term stability and reduces potential risk factors that contribute to homelessness and veteran suicide. DVNF provided funding to support the Veteran & Family Support System of programs.

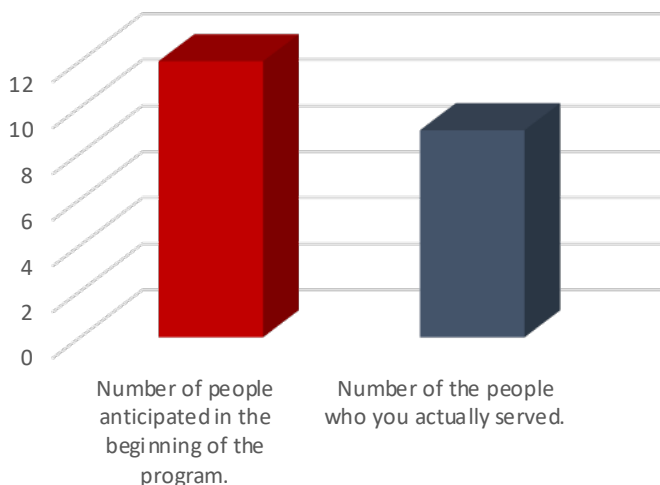
The Veteran & Support System Programs:

1. The Emergency Assistance Program pay bills essential to their health and well-being such as utilities, food, etc.)
2. The Housing Assistance Program makes rent and mortgage payments to prevent evictions and foreclosures and keep veterans and their families in their homes.
3. The Combat Injured Assistance Program pays necessary expenses so veterans can access the necessary health care needed to move them towards recovery.
4. The Career Transition Assistance Program provides individuals with tools and resources to better prepare them for the hiring process and pays an individual's essential expenses while they train for a new job or career.

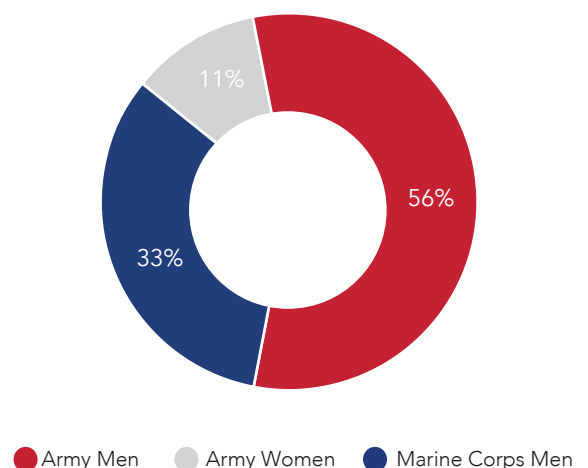
During the grant year, USA Cares reported that as of January 1, 2021, the organization assisted 405 military families with essential expenses through its Veteran & Family Support System. Recognizing that \$1,000 was not sufficient for many of their clients who faced foreclosure, evictions, utility disconnections and auto repossessions among other challenges.

USA Cares, Inc. has been a Capacity Building Grants program partner since 2015 and continues to serve their veteran community with excellence.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES



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PROGRAM PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS



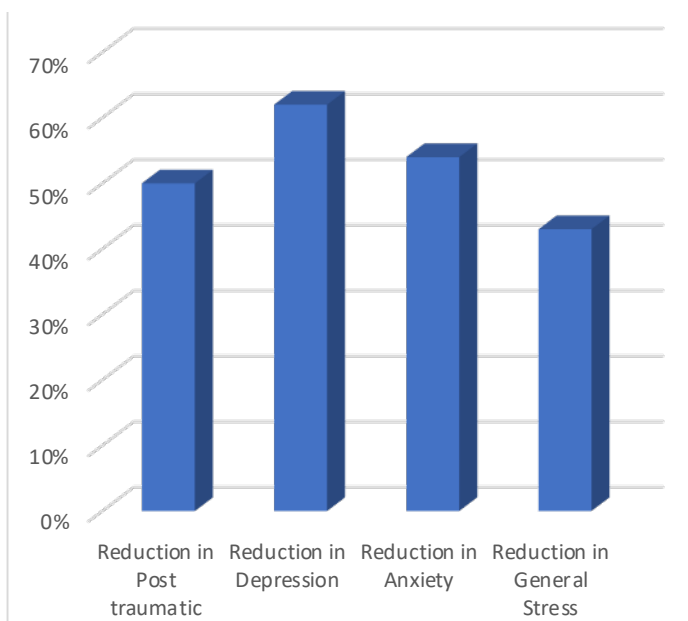
Veterans Alternative

The mission of Veterans Alternative is to empower Veterans through effective alternative therapies and community engagement with the goal of creating a healthy, connected and resilient Veteran population. Veterans Alternative provides timely and effective treatment, engagement, and support for those who are ready to tackle their challenges and live a full and productive life beyond their military service

Based on three pillars of well-being: health, connection and resilience, the programs and services help establish a healthy, connected and resilient Veteran population. The first pillar of health focuses on providing Warriors with services to promote sound physical, mental and emotional health to live an empowered life. The second pillar of connectedness emphasizes the need for Warriors to build meaningful relationships with their family and peers to establish strong connections and avoid isolation. The final pillar of resilience equips Warriors with the skills, techniques and resources they need to strengthen their resiliency and live a better quality of life post-war. Each pillar promotes post-traumatic growth, enabling our heroes to live a meaningful, productive and happy life after experiencing the traumas of war and/or MST.

During the 2021 program year, Warrior Wellness Program's goal was to provide an additional 28 Veterans with four sessions each of ART through funding from DVNF. Overall, Warrior Wellness Program was successful in meeting the originally proposed program goals and objectives. The organization continued to use its program evaluation to assess participants for decreases in post-traumatic stress, anxiety, depression and more. Outcomes for participants receiving sessions of ART shows veterans experience an average reduction of 50% in post-traumatic stress, 62% in depression, 54% in anxiety, 43% in stress, increases in resiliency and other positive outcomes.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES



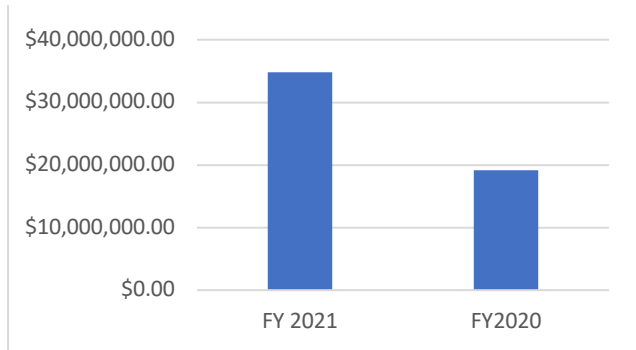
Warrior Wellness Program committed to achieving the following outcomes and outputs:

- Veteran participants will report decreases in post-traumatic stress and/or MST
- symptomology including anxiety, depression and stress.
- Veteran participants will report increases in resiliency.
- Veteran participants will develop a better understanding of self-care and the tools they can use to maintain growth they experienced through ART.
- 28 Veterans suffering from PTSD and/or MST will be served through DVNF funding.
- Each veteran will receive an average of 4 sessions each of ART, totaling 112 sessions
- provided through DVNF funding.

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

THANKS TO OUR DONORS, THE FOUNDATION RAISED \$34,751,168.00 IN 2021.

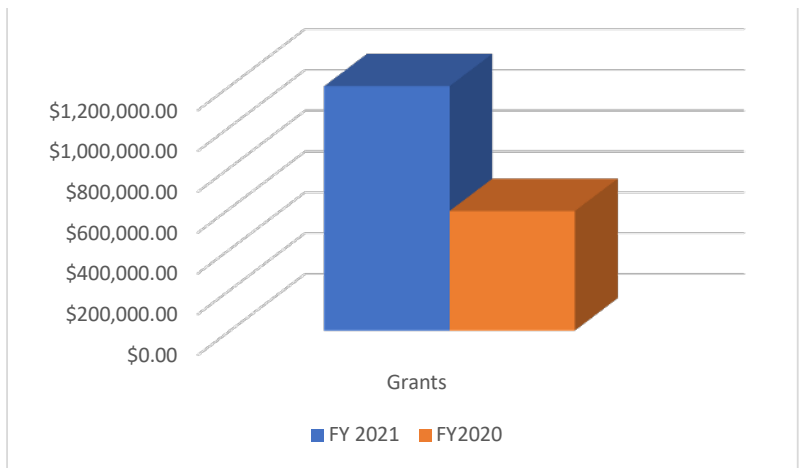
TOTAL REVENUE FY 2021 VS. FY 2020



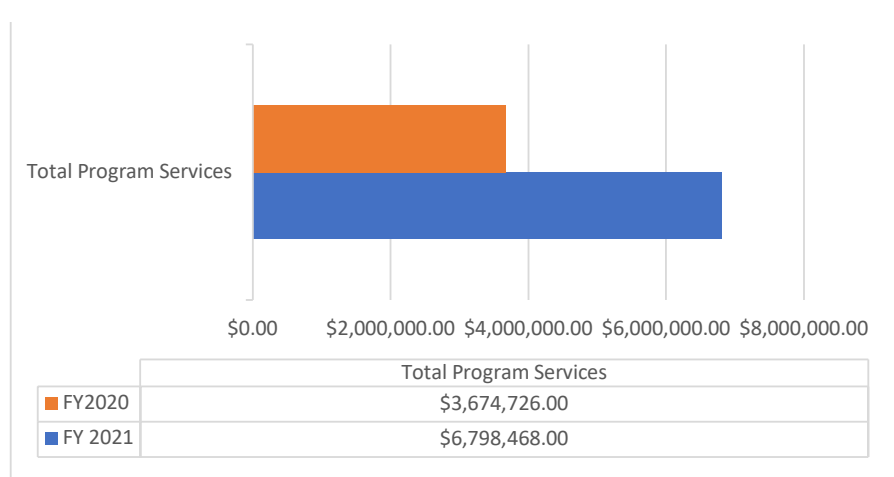
The Disabled Veterans National Foundation provided in kind support and grants to X organizations through our Health and Comfort and Capacity Building Grants Program. In 2021, DVNF disbursed \$6,798,468.00 to help at-risk veterans. This is a 46% increase over the previous year.



GRANT DISBURSEMENTS FY 2020 VS. FY 2021



TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2020 VS. FY 2021



DVNF would like to thank all of our Donors and Sponsors for their contributions to our work in 2020. Without you, our work would not be possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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