



City of Boston  
Veterans' Services

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**A Statement From the Commissioner  
Bridge the Gap Mini-Grant Program**

The Mayor's Office of Veterans' Services is committed to pioneering innovative solutions that uplift the well-being of veterans, service members, and their families, creating environments where they can truly thrive. Today, I am proud to announce the 2025 Bridge the Gap Mini-Grant Program is underway, an ongoing initiative dedicated to empowering organizations that serve Boston's veteran and military community.

Our mission through the Bridge the Gap Mini-Grant Program is to address any existing needs of our veterans and their families, bridging gaps that may persist even after accessing other benefits. With these grants, organizations can implement impactful projects and programs in vital areas such as housing, transportation, health and wellness, economic mobility, financial literacy, legal services, and educational or historical programming.

We invite non-profit organizations dedicated to our veterans to apply for this meaningful support. A total of \$200,000 is available, with individual applicants able to seek up to \$9,999 in funding. Eligibility requires a demonstrated commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Boston's veteran community, a comprehensive understanding of their diverse needs, and the capability to deliver programming within the highlighted focus areas.

We wholeheartedly encourage organizations to seize this opportunity to profoundly impact the lives of Boston's veterans and their families. The application can be found at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/veterans-services>. If you have any questions, please reach out to our program manager, Bella Giambusso, at [bella.giambusso@boston.gov](mailto:bella.giambusso@boston.gov). The deadline for applications is Thursday, March 6, 2024.

Together, let us bridge the gap and ensure our veterans receive the support and recognition they deserve and earn.

Very Respectfully



Robert Santiago  
Commissioner