

Letter of Support (LOS) Template for VISN 2/VSA Representative

To whom it may concern:

This letter of support is being written on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert Agency Name) application to receive funding for the CARES UP Veteran-serving organizations grant opportunity for assisting transitioning service members and Veterans (TSM/Vs) to implement the Expiration Term of Service (ETS) Sponsorship Program (ETS-SP).

As \_\_\_\_\_ (VISN 2/VSA etc.), we recognize the importance of ensuring that Transitioning Service Members and Veterans (TSM/V) are afforded the proper support they deserve during the first year of post-military life. This is a timeframe that many mental health clinicians call “the deadly gap” due to the high rates of homelessness, criminal justice involvement, alcohol and substance use, unemployment, and suicide among Veterans during that difficult transitional period.

We firmly believe that utilization of the Expiration Term of Service (ETS) Sponsorship Program (ETS-SP) as the vehicle to provide that support will make a significant and lasting impact on veterans in the community.

Should your department be chosen to receive this funding, we stand ready to support you and your staff through the planning and implementation phases of the grant.

We look forward to the promise that this funding opportunity seeks to deliver, increasing the timely connection of TSM/Vs to identified supports once returning home (including the connection to the VA, employment service, Behavioral Health services, etc.); achieving purpose and prosperity; reducing stress and risk; and engaging together.

Please feel free to contact me for any questions at \_\_\_\_\_ (insert Contact Information).

Sincerely,

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(VISN 2/VSA representative)