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Barnstable County
FY27 License Plate Grant Application Submission

Massachusetts Veterans Alliance Foundation Corp

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Project: Cape Cod Veterans Community Resiliency Initiative

Brief Project Description:
The Cape Cod Veterans Community Resiliency Initiative will expand the Massachusetts Veterans Alliance Foundation's year-round programs serving veterans and active-duty military families across Cape Cod. Through an expanded Veterans Free Market, monthly Veterans Lunches, community partnerships, volunteer engagement, and access to food and household essentials, the initiative will strengthen the support network available to Cape Cod's veteran community. The project will increase year-round participation, reduce barriers to essential resources, create meaningful opportunities for veterans and community members to connect, and strengthen partnerships among veterans, volunteers, local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders.

How does the project advance one or more 2024 Cape Cod CEDS Key Actions?
This project directly advances the 2024 Cape Cod CEDS Key Action "Support Year-round Community Activity and Civic Engagement." MassVAF provides consistent, year-round opportunities for Cape Cod veterans to remain connected to their community through monthly Veterans Lunches, the Veterans Free Market, volunteer opportunities, community partnerships, and local events. Expansion of these programs will increase year-round engagement while strengthening relationships among veterans, residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community partners. The initiative supports the CEDS vision of a resilient, inclusive, and diverse year-round

Cape Cod community by creating an accessible gathering point where veterans can connect with resources, one another, and the broader community.

What economic development needs/priorities will this project address?
Cape Cod's economic resiliency depends on maintaining a strong, connected year-round population. Veterans, particularly older veterans and those experiencing financial pressure, can face increasing costs for food and basic household necessities. By reducing these pressures and strengthening access to community-based support, this project helps veterans remain connected and engaged within their Cape Cod communities. MassVAF also creates year-round opportunities for volunteerism, civic participation, and partnerships with local businesses and organizations. The project strengthens the social infrastructure that supports a stable year-round community while leveraging local donations, volunteers, businesses, and nonprofit partnerships to address community needs efficiently.

What is the anticipated impact of this project on these economic development needs/priorities? How will this project support Cape Cod's economic resiliency?
The project will strengthen Cape Cod's economic resiliency by supporting veterans and military families who are an important part of the region's year-round community. By providing reliable access to food, household essentials, community connections, and supportive resources, MassVAF helps reduce financial pressures that can affect household stability. The project will also expand year-round volunteerism, civic engagement, and partnerships with local businesses and organizations. Grant funding will allow MassVAF to serve more veterans, strengthen its local network of support, and build a sustainable community-based program that keeps resources circulating locally while helping veterans remain connected, supported, and engaged in their Cape Cod communities.

Are there any anticipated challenges to implementing the project within the required timeframe of the grant award?
No significant implementation challenges are anticipated. MassVAF's Veterans Free Market and monthly Veterans Lunch are established, active programs with an existing volunteer team, community partnerships, and operating procedures already in place. Because this project expands existing services rather than creating a new program from the ground up, MassVAF is positioned to begin implementation immediately upon award. Program participation, food and essential-goods distribution, volunteer engagement, and expenditures are already tracked, allowing MassVAF to measure project outcomes and meet grant reporting requirements throughout the grant period.

Would the funding be used to support a grant program? Yes / No
No

SCOPE OF WORK AND TIMELINE

Task 1

Description: Expand the Veterans Free Market to provide increased year-round access to nutritious food, household essentials, and basic necessities for Cape Cod veterans and active-duty military families.
Deliverable: Provide consistent year-round Veterans Free Market services, increase access to food and household essentials, and track the number of veteran households served and pounds of food distributed.
Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2027

Task 2

Description: Strengthen Monthly Veterans Lunch Program: Continue and strengthen monthly Veterans Lunches that provide Cape Cod veterans with free meals, social connection, community engagement, and access to information and resources.
Deliverable: Conduct 12 monthly Veterans Lunches during the project period and track veteran participation at each event.
Estimated Completion Date: June 30,2027

Task 3

Description: Expand Community & Business Partnerships: Develop and strengthen partnerships with Cape Cod businesses, nonprofit organizations, veteran organizations, and community groups to increase local participation and resources supporting veterans.
Deliverable: Increase community partnerships, food and essential-goods donations, volunteer participation, and collaborative support for MassVAF veteran programs.
Estimated Completion Date: June 30,2027

Task 4

Description: Increase Volunteer & Civic Engagement: Expand year-round volunteer and civic engagement opportunities that bring veterans and community members together in support of Cape Cod's veteran population
Deliverable: Recruit and engage volunteers throughout the project period and document volunteer participation in Veterans Free Market operations, Veterans Lunches, food drives, and community events.
Estimated Completion Date: June 30,2027

FY27 LICENSE PLATE GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET

Please upload this sheet as a PDF as part of your application.

Please fill in all budget categories relevant for your proposed project, including a brief description of the funds requested. The total amount requested should equal the total amount noted in the scope of work. All project expenses are provided on a reimbursement basis.

Category	Amount Requested	Match Amount (optional)	Total Project Cost	Budget Narrative
Personnel/Labor from Staffing Plan)	$0	$0	$0	100% volunteer operated.
Fringe Benefits (from Staffing Plan)	$0	$0	$0	No paid employees.
Travel	$0	$0	$0	No travel requested.
Equipment	$5,000	$0	$5,000	Food storage/market equipment.
Supplies	$23,000	$0	$23,000	Food, essentials & program supplies.
Contractual/Consulting	$0	$0	$0	No consulting requested.
Small Grants Program	$0	$0	$0	Not applicable.
Other	$2,000	$0	$2,000	Direct program growth costs.
Total Direct Cost	$30,000	$0	$30,000	
Indirect Costs*	$0	$0	$0	
Total	$30,000	$0	$30,000	

*Maximum of 15% of project direct cost unless the project applicant has a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

Massachusetts Veterans Alliance Foundation Corp.

PROGRAM & IMPACT SUMMARY - FY27 LICENSE PLATE GRANT

Massachusetts Veterans Alliance Foundation Corp. (MassVAF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in March 2025 to provide dignified, stigma-free support to veterans and active-duty military families. Based in Sandwich, Massachusetts, MassVAF is entirely volunteer-run and operates without payroll or facility rent, allowing resources to remain focused on direct veteran programs.

10,929+ lbs	Weekly	Monthly	100%
Food distributed over the first 14 months	Veterans Free Market access	Free Veterans Lunch	Volunteer operated

Core Programs

Veterans Free Market: Veterans can select food and household essentials in a respectful, choice-based setting. The market expanded from a monthly service to weekly Monday appointments in March 2026 as participation and demand increased. MassVAF also provides monthly Household Essentials "Gratitude Bags" to help veterans with basic necessities.

Monthly Veterans Lunch: A free community meal held on the third Friday of each month, bringing veterans together for food, fellowship, information, speakers and connection to local resources. The lunch is intentionally open to veterans without a needs test, helping remove stigma and making it easier for veterans who may be experiencing food insecurity to accept support.

Demonstrated Growth & Community Need

MassVAF's programs have grown quickly through word of mouth, community partnerships and consistent service. Monthly lunches now regularly serve dozens of veterans, while weekly Free Market appointments provide ongoing access to food and essentials. As participation increases, MassVAF must maintain larger inventories, increase food purchasing capacity and improve the equipment and storage needed to safely support expanded operations.

FY27 Expansion Plan

License Plate Grant funding would support the next stage of program growth by increasing food and household-essential inventory, strengthening the monthly Veterans Lunch program, purchasing needed food-storage and market equipment, and providing additional direct program resources. MassVAF's goal is to increase capacity so that program availability can grow alongside the veteran community it serves without sacrificing dignity, quality or consistency.

Why This Investment Goes Further

MassVAF is a volunteer-only organization with no paid staff and no facility rent. Community partnerships and donated goods further stretch each dollar. Grant funding can therefore be concentrated on tangible program needs - food, household essentials, equipment and direct services for veterans.

Massachusetts Veterans Alliance Foundation Corp.
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Program Location: 20 Main Street, Sandwich, MA
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Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin

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Corporations Division

Business Entity Summary

ID Number: 001877315

Request certificate | New search

Summary for: MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS ALLIANCE FOUNDATION CORP.

The exact name of the Nonprofit Corporation: MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS ALLIANCE FOUNDATION CORP.

Entity type: Nonprofit Corporation

Identification Number: 001877315

Date of Organization in Massachusetts: 03-24-2025

Date of Revival:

Last date certain:

Current Fiscal Month/Day: 04/30

The location of the Principal Office in Massachusetts:

Address: 1 CANDLEWOOD DR

City or town, State, Zip code, Country: SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA

The name and address of the Resident Agent:

Name: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC.

Address: 1900 WEST PARK DRIVESUITE 280F

City or town, State, Zip code, Country: WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581 USA

The Officers and Directors of the Corporation:

Title	Individual Name	Address	Term expires
PRESIDENT	CHARLES PERENICK	1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA 1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA	In bylaws
TREASURER	CHARLES LAW	1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA 1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA	In bylaws
CLERK	FRANK TONINI	1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA 1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA	In bylaws
VICE PRESIDENT	NICHOLAS IAIENNARO	1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA 1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA	In bylaws
DIRECTOR	JOEL MAGRINEI	1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA 1 CANDLEWOOD DR SANDWICH, MA 02563 USA	In bylaws

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MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS ALLIANCE
FOUNDATION CORP
1 CANDLEWOOD DR
SANDWICH, MA 02563

Date:
06/12/2025
Employer ID number:
33-4654684
Person to contact:
Name: M Vernon
ID number: 5262610
Telephone: (877) 829-5500
Accounting period ending:
April 30
Public charity status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
March 24, 2025
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053513003165

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Veterans Services

Be it hereby known to all that
the Executive Office of Veterans Services offers
its sincerest congratulations to:

Amy Bradford

in recognition of

YOUR SELFLESS DEDICATION TO SERVING VETERANS THROUGH COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS PROVIDED VITAL SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUT NATION. YOU ARE A TRUE EXAMPLE OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

The Secretariat extends its very best wishes
and expresses the hope for future good fortune
and continued success in all endeavors.

Given this 13 day of January 2026

Offered by: _____

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
EXECUTIVE OFFICE *of*
VETERANS SERVICES

Andrea Gayle-Bennett
Interim Secretary of Veterans Servic

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The House of Representatives

Be it hereby known to all that:
The Massachusetts House of Representatives
offers its sincerest congratulations to:
Massachusetts Veterans Alliance
Foundation Corp of Sandwich
in recognition of
Your Dedication to Honoring and Providing Support to Our
Veterans and Their Families with Dignity and Respect.
The entire membership extends its very best wishes
and expresses the hope for future good fortune
and continued success in all endeavors.

Given this 21st day of November, 2021
At the State House, Boston, Massachusetts

by Ronald Mariano
Ronald Mariano
Speaker of the House

Offered by
State Representative