

# Minneapolis/Hennepin County CoC

**Type of Funding:** Flex Funding

**Receiving Organization:** Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans

**How much:** \$30,000

**How long:** 6 months

## How were funds used?

To eliminate individual veterans' barriers to housing by paying for:

- Security Deposits
- Back Rent/Rental Assistance
- Transportation

## How did it work?

Service providers brought requests for individual veterans to case-conferencing meetings and approved the funding by assessing if the veteran would continue to experience homelessness, if not for this assistance.

## This funding helped to...

- Achieve a 10% reduction in long stayers on the Veteran BNL.
- Demonstrate the effectiveness of this kind of funding, leading to a local funder supporting a statewide, \$150,000 Flexible Fund!

**Type of Funding:** Capacity Grant Housing Navigator + Diversion Fund

**Receiving Organization:** Guild: Mental Health + Housing Services

**How much:** \$100,000

**How long:** 1 year

## How were funds used?

Funded an outreach and housing navigation position focusing on veterans who were not eligible for other programs. Equipped the staff with diversion funds to address immediate needs and barriers like gear for veterans living outdoors and back rent.

## How did it work?

A key veteran serving organization hosted the position. The navigator attended case conferencing and was deployed to outreach to veterans who were not successfully moving through the housing placement process.

## This funding helped to...

- Engage 40 veterans in housing placement.
- Justify the need for 3 more FTEs in this role, which was funded through the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

# Charlotte/Mecklenburg County CoC

**Type of Funding:** Flex Funding

**Receiving Organization:** Veterans Bridge Home

**How much:** \$100,000

**How long:** 1 year

## How were funds used?

To support housing placement and stabilization, the funding was used to address barriers and cover costs that emergency Covid relief and other community resources could not cover like court & government fees, and back-rent from past evictions.

## How did it work?

A collaborative, core team developed the funding process policies and procedures. They developed an online application portal so that all homeless services providers could apply for funds. The core team worked collaboratively to approve and distribute funds.

## This funding helped to...

- Maintain or obtain housing for 55 veterans.
- Achieve a **25% reduction** in veteran homelessness, and a **50% reduction** in veteran chronic homelessness

**Type of Funding:** Flex Funding

**Receiving Organization:** Mecklenburg County

**How much:** \$70,000

**How long:** 1 year

## How were funds used?

To address barriers facing individual veterans that prevented them from obtaining or sustaining housing, such as:

- Eviction & utility arrears
- Security deposits
- Application fees

## How did it work?

The flex funding was marketed to community agencies. The county created a process to align with their internal process for selecting and vetting vendors, but was able to receive and process applications through a shared online portal.

## This funding helped to...

- Extend support for 43 additional veterans.
- Achieve a **25% reduction** in veteran homelessness, and a **50% reduction** in veteran chronic homelessness

*Paid for similar expenses but coordinated to extend the resources.*

*They collaborated and used the same online system!*

*Served nearly 100 veterans.*

*Together these investments contributed to community reductions!*