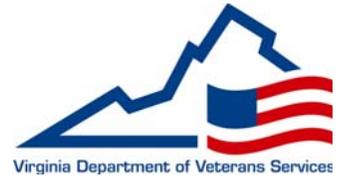


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State seeks applicants for veterans healthcare funding

RICHMOND— The Virginia Wounded Warrior program (VWWP) has issued a solicitation to the state's community behavioral healthcare and brain injury service providers requesting applications for the Veterans and Families Community Behavioral Healthcare and Rehabilitative Services funding. VWWP will award approximately \$1 million in fiscal year '09 to community programs that provide case management, outpatient, family support and other behavioral healthcare and brain injury services for veterans and their family members.

Legislation creating the Virginia Wounded Warrior program was passed unanimously by the 2008 General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Tim Kaine. The program will coordinate support services for veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserves who have stress-related and traumatic brain injuries resulting from service in a combat area. It will ensure that these veterans and their families receive timely assessment, treatment, and support.

The General Assembly appropriated \$2.4 million in FY09 and \$2 million in FY10 to support the VWWP. More than half of the funding will be used to create and expand service capacity at the community level to provide services that focus on combat/operational stress disorders and traumatic brain injury. Grant funds also may be used to create or expand services for the family members of veterans.

Community programs applying for the VWWP funding should be able to show partnerships with other community organizations, military organizations, and local, state, and federal government agencies. The VWWP is particularly interested in programs that provide priority care for veterans, specialized approaches to care, evidence-based practices for treating veterans, and education for personnel working with veterans and their family members.

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For specific information about eligibility, the application process, and the application, visit www.virginiaforveterans.com/woundedwarrior. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. EST, Monday, February 9, 2009. Inquiries and applications should be addressed to Barbara Vonada, (804) 371-4675, Barbara.Vonada@dvs.virginia.gov.

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