

THE ARTHUR M. BLANK
FAMILY FOUNDATION
★The Overwatch Fund★

Mission

Administered by The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, The Overwatch Fund awards grants to nonprofit organizations supporting veterans of the U.S Military in the state of Georgia. Only nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)3 designation are eligible for consideration.

A select group of veterans, who currently hold positions as associates across the Blank Family of Businesses, leads The Overwatch Fund. The Fund will focus on investments, programs or policies that improve veterans' conditions related to mental health, homelessness and successful transition from service. Nonprofit organizations must also demonstrate that they share the Blank Family of Businesses core values.

- Innovate continuously
- Give back to others
- Put people first
- Lead by example
- Listen and respond
- Include everyone

Grant Guidelines

The Overwatch Fund awards three types of grants:

- Innovation Grants
- QRF Grants
- Listen & Respond Grants

Innovation Grants

Innovation grants -support the design of and/or testing of a new program or policy that holds promise for producing systemic change for veterans and tend to be multi-year.

The Overwatch Fund does not accept unsolicited proposals for Innovation Grants. Organizations interested in Innovation Grants should submit a detailed Letter of Inquiry (LOI) describing the project, the timeline, the estimated cost and how the project will lead to systemic change for veterans. Based on a review of the LOI, the fund will determine whether to invite a full proposal. Innovation Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. An invitation to submit a full proposal does not represent a commitment to funding. Committee members will conduct site visits and carry out due diligence during the proposal review.

Nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)3 designation may submit an LOI at any time during the year to John Bare (JBare@ambfo.com).

QRF Grants

Based on the military's Quick Response Force, QRF grants enable The Overwatch Fund to respond to urgent and immediate needs that committee members identify during the year. QRF grants are designed to address a targeted, immediate need that will enable an organization to expand or improve service delivery.

The Overwatch Fund does not accept unsolicited proposals for QRF Grants. An organization will be contacted by the Foundation when The Overwatch Fund's committee members have selected it for QRF grant. Organizations with an immediate need and an interest in QRF grants should submit a detailed Letter of Inquiry (LOI) describing the project, the timeline, the estimated cost and explanation of the urgency.

Organizations with a 501(c)3 designation may submit an LOI to John Bare (JBare@ambfo.com).

Listen and Respond Grants

The Overwatch Fund will use Listen and Respond Grants to deepen and broaden engagement with nonprofit organizations serving veterans.

In the fall and spring, The Overwatch Fund will host workshops that are open to any nonprofit serving veterans. Through these workshops, The Overwatch Fund will get to know new organizations and identify opportunities to expand the portfolio. The workshops will also enable nonprofit staff to get to know committee members leading The Overwatch Fund.

Organizations must complete questionnaires to secure spots at each workshop, and these forms will serve as draft grant applications. The workshops will launch in fall 2018.

Additional Criteria

Due to the volume of inquiries, The Overwatch Fund is unable to respond to submissions that fall outside of the Grant Guidelines. In addition to the priorities and conditions described above in the Grant Guidelines, the fund does not consider grants for:

- individuals
- scholarships
- houses of worship or religious activity
- medical research
- VA hospitals or health insurance
- deficit operations

Organizations seeking funds for projects that fall outside of The Overwatch Fund's areas of focus should not submit letters of inquiry. Organizations looking for foundations

with an interest in their work should contact the [Foundation Center library](#), which makes available a searchable database nonprofits can use to develop funding leads.