

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 associates who have served, who are still serving or who otherwise have deep ties to the military lead 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 two types of grants: Innovation Grants and 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 Shauna Greene ([shaune.greene@ambfo.com](mailto:shaune.greene@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.

The Overwatch Fund hosts annual workshops that are open to any nonprofit organizations serving veterans in Georgia. 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.

### **Additional Criteria**

Organizations seeking funds for projects that fall outside of The Overwatch Fund's areas of focus should not submit letters of inquiry. Due to the volume of inquiries, The Overwatch Fund is unable to respond to submissions that fall outside of the Grant Guidelines. Organizations seeking funds for projects that fall outside of The Overwatch Fund's areas of focus should not submit letters of inquiry, nor is the fund able to consider grants for:

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