

## Wounded Warrior Project Now Accepting Letters of Interest for 2014 Fall Grants Cycle through May 19

**Washington, DC** (May 2, 2014) – Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), whose mission is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors, is now accepting Letters of Interest (LOI) for the second grant cycle of 2014. The WWP Grants Program, which has awarded more than \$6.5 million to over 75 organizations to date, was created to bridge gaps in care and services by supporting exceptional nonprofits that provide high-quality, high-touch programming to injured service members in remote or underserved regions. For this grant cycle, WWP is prioritizing funding within fifteen categories ranging from suicide prevention to BMI reduction among warriors.

The development of the funding priorities was informed by the 2013 WWP Annual Alumni Survey, whose findings are based on responses from nearly 14,000 Iraq and Afghanistan service members, making it the most statistically relevant and largest sample size of service members injured or wounded since 9/11. By relying heavily on the Annual Alumni Survey to help identify the most significant reintegration challenges for wounded service members and their families, the targeted funding process allows WWP to directly seek organizations that provide high-quality programming in focus areas that injured veterans have identified as most important for their recovery and reintegration into their communities.

“Identifying the funding priorities allows us to take a strategic, proactive approach to addressing the biggest trends and issues facing this population of injured veterans,” said Charlie Abell, executive vice president, policy and government affairs, Wounded Warrior Project. “Our more targeted approach will allow us to reach deeper into the communities and support specialized and critically needed programming where it may not have been available or accessible before.”

With the number of wounded service members returning home to their communities increasing every day, supporting organizations that seek to enhance the lives of wound service members, veterans, and/or their caregivers and family members through programmatic activities that address one of the gaps in services WWP has identified is of paramount importance. It is estimated over 50,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in recent military conflicts, another 320,000 have experienced a traumatic brain injury while on deployment, and as many as 400,000 additional service members live with the invisible wounds of war including combat-related stress, major depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Interested organizations must complete an LOI by May 19, at 5 pm EST to be considered for an invitation to

submit a full application. Only organizations who are invited to submit a full application will be considered for a grant.

For more information, please visit <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/grants.aspx>

### **About Wounded Warrior Project®**

Wounded Warrior Project is recognizing its ten-year anniversary, reflecting on a decade of service and reaffirming its commitment to serving injured veterans for their lifetime. The mission of Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors. WWP currently serves 50,000 warriors and nearly 7,000 family members through its unique 20 programs and services. WWP's purpose is to raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. WWP is a national organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. To get involved and learn more, visit [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org).

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