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## **Applications Open for Scranton 2025 Veterans' Grants Through April 29**

SCRANTON, PA. – Mayor Paige G. Cognetti announced that a total of \$100,000 in grants are available to nonprofit organizations located within the City of Scranton that serve veterans and their families. Applications are open today, Wednesday, April 2, 2025, and are due by Friday, Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Groups can apply online through OpenGov at <a href="https://bit.ly/ScrantonVeterans2025">https://bit.ly/ScrantonVeterans2025</a>.

"These funds help our local nonprofits continue to serve the respected members of our veteran community and close potential service gaps in their care," Mayor Cognetti said. "We are proud of their service and of our ability to provide this funding each year."

Grants are available for programming including supportive services, homelessness prevention, mental health services, addiction recovery, financial assistance, home rehabilitation, and more.

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(19), or 501(c)(23) that serves veterans and their families in Scranton. Groups will also need to demonstrate financial management and programmatic expertise, along with documenting all service or program expenses.

Funding decisions will be made by a committee to include representation of veterans. Programs may be funded in part or in full based on available funds, with priority given to applicants that demonstrate how programs will prioritize and support low-income veterans. All funds must be used by **December 31, 2025**.

In 2024, recipients of a total of \$85,000 in funding supported local veterans memorial parks, mental health and holistic wellness services, and improvements to veterans living facilities and social organizations.

Applications are open now. Interested groups can contact City of Scranton Executive Director of the Office of Community and Economic Development, Sherry Frable, at <a href="mailto:sfrable@scrantonpa.gov">sfrable@scrantonpa.gov</a>, or Community Development Manager, Liza Carroll, at <a href="mailto:lcarroll@scrantonpa.gov">lcarroll@scrantonpa.gov</a>.

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**ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON:** Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 76,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit <a href="https://www.scrantonpa.gov">www.scrantonpa.gov</a>

**ABOUT MAYOR PAIGE G. COGNETTI:** Paige G. Cognetti was sworn in as the 36<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Scranton in January 2020. Her administration is focused on driving economic growth, upgrading infrastructure, ensuring public safety, fostering government transparency and efficiency, and improving residents' overall quality of life.