



# CITY OF SCRANTON

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## **Scranton Awards \$100,000 in Grants for Veterans' Services**

SCRANTON, PA. – Mayor Paige G. Cignetti celebrated \$100,000 in grant awards for veterans' services to eight organizations on Mon., May 19, 2025. Grants are funded through the City's 2025 operating budget and continue Mayor Cignetti's commitment to serving local veterans.

"These grants showcase the depth and breadth of work local organizations do to address the unique issues that our veterans face," Mayor Cignetti said. "I'm proud of how City Council and our administration have grown this program to what it is today."

The City accepted veterans service grant applications throughout April. Following an internal review, funds were awarded to the following eight organizations:

- Agency for Community EmPOWERment of NEPA (ACE), 123 Wyoming Ave., \$5,000 to support the Veterans Rise and Ride program that provides transportation to employment and medical appointments;
- American Legion Connolly Post 568, 2929 Birney Ave., \$20,000 for upgrades to the community hall to improve energy efficiency and provide ADA-compliant seating;
- Bread Basket of NEPA, 550 Madison Ave., \$5,000 for its Veteran Food Security Support Initiative which helps Lackawanna County veterans struggling with food insecurity;
- Fight4Vets, 711 Davis St., \$10,000 for a rent assistance program that combats veteran homelessness by providing emergency rent support and additional prevention services;
- Scranton Veterans Memorial Park, located at Scranton High School, 63 Munchak Way, Scranton, \$5,000 to purchase flags for each Armed Forces branch and continued maintenance of the site;
- UKAVETS, 237 Railroad Ave., \$10,000 for the replacement of outdated facilities;

- Valhalla Veterans Services, 2754 Jackson St., \$20,000 to support Valhalla's Hope, which removes financial barriers to mental health counseling and suicide intervention services for local veterans; and
- Warrior Strong, 311 Adams Ave., \$25,000 to support the Resilient Warriors program, its unique comprehensive health and wellness program.

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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.

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**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.