



Appendix 2 to Veteran’s Advisory Board Strategic Plan 2026-2028

Goal 2: Grow Programs for Veterans

Objective 2.1: Increase funding and program support to reduce the number of veterans experiencing homelessness.

Initiatives

2.1.1 Coordinate with VAB-funded Veteran Navigator to identify concrete options to help un-housed veterans find housing, whether temporary, transitional or permanent. **Ongoing**

2.1.2 Better assess the number of un-housed veterans in Santa Fe by coordinating directly with local non-profits who aid those experiencing homelessness (e.g., Agape House, The Life Link, Chaplain Joe’s Street Outreach Ministry, New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness, St. Elizabeth’s Shelters). This includes adding specific veteran-related questions to intake forms used by these non-profits. **Ongoing**

2.1.3 Explore additional funding to alleviate veteran homelessness with the VA, DVS and the NM congressional delegation. **Ongoing**

2.1.4 Work with DVS and the Vet Center to identify homeless vets in Santa Fe who would be willing to take advantage of temporary housing and services available at the Veteran Integration Center (VIC) in Albuquerque. **New initiative**

Objective 2.2: Establish reviews of veteran-related programs through assessment of quantifiable performance metrics.

Initiatives

2.2.1 In coordination with DVS, employ the Syracuse University IVMF metrics-based analytical tool for evaluating local veteran-related programs. **Ongoing**

2.2.2 Offer the evaluation tool to all local organizations providing assistance to veterans, to include training these organizations on how to use the tool. **Ongoing**

2.2.3 Collate and evaluate data collected by the organizations, providing feedback to them and periodic assessments to the mayor and city council. **Ongoing**