

Attention VSOs and Local Nonprofits: FY2025 City Council Discretionary Funding is Now Open



Every year, members of the City Council allocate discretionary funding to not-for-profit organizations in order to meet local needs and fill gaps in City services. Discretionary funding is a duly appropriated sum of money in the City's expense budget allocated to an eligible not-for-profit organization by the Council or a Member of the Council.

Please be advised that all not-for-profit community-based organizations that wish to apply for discretionary funding for FY2025 must submit a Council Application. More information about the **FY2025 application** can be found on the [City Council's website](#) and the **submission deadline will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024.**

[Learn More About City Council Discretionary Funding](#)

[Apply for FY2024 City Council Discretionary Funding](#)

Edge4Vets February Session

Prepare for jobs and get business mentors to help you succeed in NYC. Edge4Vets offers **FREE** in-person career workshops with proven results. Check out their [website](#) for more info and to [register](#)!



Events

FRIDAY	JAN 05
1/5/2024 Long Island City Mulchfest: Street Tree Care	11:00am – 1:00pm
1/5/2024 Vet2Vet Peer Gathering	5:00pm – 6:00pm
SATURDAY	JAN 06
1/6/2024 Putting a Garden to Bed in Woodside Queens	11:00am – 2:00pm
SUNDAY	JAN 07
1/7/2024 Canopus Lake Hike	9:00am – 12:00pm

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Check out **Our Veterans NYC Calendar**, a newsletter supported by the **Bob Woodruff Foundation and Pathfinder Labs**, to keep up with events in the NYC Veteran community. From social gatherings to resourceful workshops there is something for everyone.

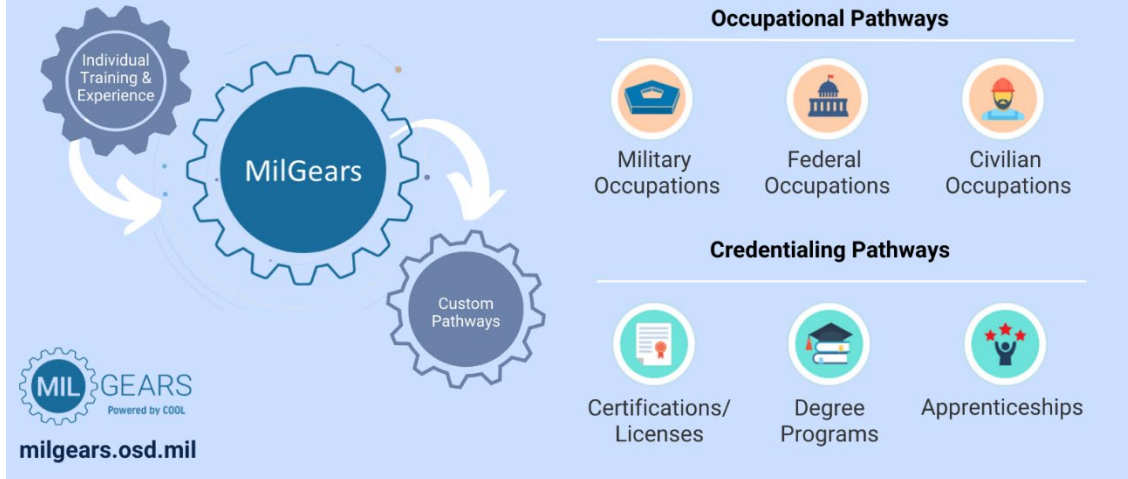
And remember, if you're hosting a Veteran event, or event that feels relevant to the Veteran community, you can submit it on their [website!](#)

[View Our Veterans NYC Calendar](#)

MilGears Career Tools

Custom Pathways to Help Achieve Your Goals

MilGears leverages your unique education, training, and experience to provide customized career and credentialing pathways.



MilGears is a customized career-building tool developed to assist Veterans while serving, through transition, and in the civilian workspace. The MilGears platform assists you in helping you plan and achieve your goals by highlighting career possibilities and helping you visualize how to reach those goals. Check out their clickable [flyer](#) or visit their [website](#) for more info.

[Find More Info on MilGears](#)

VETERAN NEWS

CFPB to distribute nearly \$6million to consumers harmed by predatory loans to veterans

In December, the CFPB sent \$6 million in financial relief to consumers harmed by illegal lending practices targeting veterans. Five people and their companies misled veterans and other consumers into selling their pension and disability payments, which is illegal under federal and relevant state law. These transactions were instead illegal high-interest loans.

The lawsuits involved the following individuals and entities:

- Mark Corbett
- Andrew Gamber, Voyager Financial Group, LLC; BAIC, Inc., and SoBell Corp
- Katharine Snyder, Performance Arbitrage Company, Inc. and Life Funding Options, Inc.
- Candy Kern-Fuller and Howard Sutter III, attorneys at Upstate Law Group LLC

Most customers will automatically receive a refund check. If you believe you are eligible and do not receive a check, you can [submit a claim for a refund](#).

[Read Full Story](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

VA | News: [Veterans share their New Year's resolutions](#)

MarketWatch: [Why one backer of MDMA therapy sees 'exponential' growth following FDA approval this year](#)

Military Times: [Chef Andre Rush wants veterans to choose passion over a paycheck](#)

CBS News: [Nonprofit hopes to make it easier for volunteers to help train service dogs](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

Each week DVS shares a brief update about how our administration is getting stuff done for New Yorkers.

Public safety is the prerequisite to prosperity, which is why the Adams administration has taken action to drive crime down, support local businesses, and invest in working people. Last week, New York City launched our new CURE initiative to open direct lines of communications between city government and small businesses and keep business doors open. Here at DVS we're involved in vital outreach to our community, through programs like Mission: VetCheck, ensuring our city's veterans have the resources and information they need.



The Adams administration is dedicated to cutting through the noise and delivering information directly to you and all New Yorkers.

Sign up to "Hear From Eric" and get direct messages from City Hall, tailored to your interests and neighborhood, sent directly to your inbox

– at [nyc.gov/hearfromeric!](https://nyc.gov/hearfromeric)

[Mayor Adams, Governor Hochul Announce First-of-Its-Kind Floating Pool Coming To City Waters, Further Expanding Swimming Access For New Yorkers](#)

[From Trash to Treasure: Ahead of Citywide Curbside Composting, Adams Administration Expands Staten Island Compost Facility](#)

[Mayor Adams Announces Suit Against Texas Charter Bus Companies Seeking \\$708 Million to Cover Costs of Caring for Migrants Transported to NYC](#)



We want to showcase Veteran work and help spread the word. We want this to be a space for Veteran artists to express themselves in an authentic way.

Please email submissions to connect@veterans.nyc.gov with a brief bio, an artist statement, art medium, and your affiliation to the Veteran community.

First virtual National Military Veterans Artist Network Symposium

Join The Art Students League of New York and Americans for the Arts in the first virtual National Military Veterans Artist Network Symposium. Whether you're an experienced professional or someone looking to express themselves through the arts—this symposium can provide you with the tools you need to further your artistic journey.

[Register for Symposium](#)

Join Our Team! Be Part of the Mission!



Current DVS Job Openings

Being part of our team is a great way to continue to serve.

[Visit NYC.gov/jobs](https://www.nyc.gov/jobs) and select “Veterans’ Services” from the agency menu to learn [more about and apply to the job below.](#)

Site Reliability Engineer - This position will support and develop the agency’s core business applications while providing secured network connectivity, asset management, and technical support for a highly mobile team.

VA Work Study Positions at DVS

The NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) supports VA Work-Study Positions! Here is a current list of available VA Work-Study openings:

- [Administrative Intern](#)
- [Communications Intern](#)

- [Data Science Intern](#)
- [Information Technology Intern](#)
- [Intake Aide](#)
- [Legal Intern](#)
- [Mission: VetCheck Intern](#)
- [Outreach Intern](#)
- [Policy and Strategic Partnership Intern](#)

[Check Here for VA Work-Study Postings](#)

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



Open Competitive Exams

[Heating Plant Technician \(Housing Authority\)](#)

[Associate Fraud Investigator](#)

[Congregate Care Specialist](#)

To view all available job listings, visit the exam board [here!](#)

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Programs and Initiatives

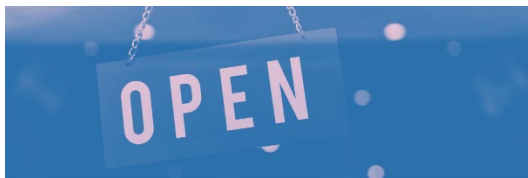


NYC
Department of
Veterans' Services

Affordable Housing for Veterans

Resources to help veterans maintain and secure stable and affordable housing

This banner features a large red arrow pointing left, set against a dark blue background. The NYC Department of Veterans' Services logo is on the left, and the main title and subtitle are centered within the arrow.



VetBizNYC

Online interactive map to find veteran-owned businesses across NYC: vetbiznyc.cityofnewyork.us

This block shows a map of New York City with various neighborhood names and pins indicating the locations of veteran-owned businesses. The text "VetBizNYC" is prominently displayed in large red letters, with the URL below it.



Newsletter Sign-up

If you received this newsletter by way of a friend or colleague and have yet to sign-up on your own, click [here](#), and stay up-to-date with the latest news impacting the community, updates on city services, info on DVS programs, Veteran-specific resources & more.

Contact Us

- Complete a service request form at vetconnectnyc.org
- [Message the Commissioner](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
- [Press Inquiries](#)
- [Event Request Form](#)

Stay tuned on our website www.nyc.gov/vets and social media platforms [@nycveterans](https://twitter.com/nycveterans), or via email at connect@veterans.nyc.gov.

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