

Local Veteran Organization Awarded Portion of 10 Million Dollar Federal Service Dog Grant

Local veteran organization Honoring America's Warriors has been awarded a portion of a 10-million-dollar federal grant to provide placement and training of service dogs for disabled veterans. The Wounded Warrior Service Dog Grant is funded by congressional appropriations to the Department of Defense and the program is administered through The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. "The purpose of the grant is to provide veterans who need mobility and or psychiatric service dogs at no cost," said Scotty Deatherage, founder and executive director of Oklahoma-based Honoring America's Warriors. "It ensures that the highest quality service dogs are being placed with disabled veterans who need them."

"It is heartbreaking that 20 veterans take their own lives each day," said retired USAF Major General and HAW board president Rita Aragon. "We must do more to help those with physical, mental and other service-connected forms of trauma". Providing service dogs to veterans is a proven theory, but for many, the cost associated with training and raising these animals is too great. Honoring America's Warriors service dog program began in 2015 and this is their second federal award in the past two years.

Disabled Veterans and/or Service Members can apply for the program via the organizations website www.honoringamericaswarriors.org or for more information contact HAW headquarters at (405) 948-4376.

Honoring America's Warriors is an Oklahoma 501C3 that provides



rendering of military honors, memorials, and dedications, placement, and training of service dogs for veterans, outdoor hunting, and fishing programs, adaptive sports programs, and repair homes for low income veterans.

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