

**VACCC SERVICES COMPARED WITH THOSE PROVIDED BY  
VACs IN OTHER COUNTIES, SORTED BY SIZE OF VETERAN POPULATION**

**COOK COUNTY VAC (VACCC)**  
POINT OF CONTACT  
Superintendent Elizabeth D. Soto  
312-433-6012

**VACCC CRITERIA**

Honorable or General (UHC) Discharge w/ min 6 months of Active Duty Service (exceptions for National Guard, Medical Paternity and/or LGBTQIA2S+) or 1 full contract served)  
Total Household income below 250% of the current Federal Poverty Guideline

**VACCC BUDGET**  
FY22: \$471,270

**VACCC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES**  
FY22: \$269,254.67

**VACCC PERSONNEL COUNT**  
3 Full-Time Staff

1-Superintendent, 1-Executive Assistant / Office Manager/ Assistance Coordinator and  
1-Finance Officer / Records Manager / Assistance Coordinator

**No VSOs -can't cite (like Kane Co.) benefits obtained for vets**

**VACCC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES**

Rent/ Mortgage: 1x12months  
Utility Bill(s): 1x12 months  
Food Gift Card: 1x6 months  
Transportation: Weekly  
Uniform: 1x24months  
Burial: 1x

**FY22 VACCC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

Up to \$1,400.00: Rent or Mortgage  
Up to \$550.00: Utility Bills (Water, Light, Gas)  
Food Assistance (Gift Cards) 1-\$100 Gift Card for Veteran and 1-\$100 Gift Card for each qualifying dependant  
Transportation: Weekly CTA and/or Pace Cards  
Uniform Employment Assistance: \$100.00 Walmart Gift Card  
Up to \$1,500.00 Burial Assistance  
Job Placement & Resume Writing Partnership: Of Color, Inc.  
V.A. Claims via Partnership: ILDVA or VFW Regional Office  
Veteran Subsidized Housing Assistance via Partnership: Innervoice  
Car Repair Assistance via Partnership: Innervoice  
Free Veteran and family Counseling Via Partnership: Chicago Vet Center  
Holiday Toy Give-Away for children of Cook County Veterans

**COOK COUNTY VETERANS SERVED**  
172,574

AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: **\$2.73**  
AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: **\$1.56**

**LAKE COUNTY VAC (VACLK)**  
POINT OF CONTACT  
Superintendent Andrew Tangen  
847-377-3344

**VACLK CRITERIA**

Honorable or GUH Discharge after 24 months of Active Service  
Homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, as by displacement caused by a natural disaster  
Bank account required

**VACLK BUDGET**  
FY23:\$1.6M (\$5.1M -\$3.5M Cap. Improve)?

**VACLK TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES**  
in 2022 Budget, FY21 & FY22 targets were \$90K & \$180K modified FY22:\$134,140  
rec in FY23 budget: \$207,495

**VACLK PERSONNEL COUNT**  
7 Total \*

Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief of Staff plus 3 VSO's and 1 Administrative Assistant per current homepage \*5-year historical in 2022 was 8 full time + 1 part time

**VACLK DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES**

Direct Financial Aid limited to once every 12 months

**VACLK SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

Past Due Rent or Mortgage  
Utility Bills  
Property Taxes  
Emergency Shelter or Hotel Stay  
Misc. Expenses: Home Repairs, Unique Situations  
PACE Ride Share Proram  
Car Repair

Medical Bills  
V.A. Claims Filing

**LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVED**  
45,362

AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: **\$35.27 ?**  
AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: **\$2.96 - \$4.57**  
**1.9 times VACCC in 2022**

**DuPAGE COUNTY (VACDC)**  
POINT OF CONTACT  
Superintendent Steve Fixler  
630-407-5655

**VACDC CRITERIA**

Emergency financial assistance to indigent veterans, with an Honorable or GUH Discharge, their spouses and dependents  
Veteran must be a DuPage County Resident  
Federal Poverty Level – Under 300%: (Single Veteran - \$3397 or Married - \$4577)

**VACDC BUDGET**  
FY23: \$529,477

**VACDC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES**  
\*VA Affairs August YTD actual in FY22: \$142K\*  
VA Affairs recommended FY23:\$200K

**VACDC PERSONNEL COUNT**  
3 Total

Superintendent, Administrative Assistant and Case Manager

**VACDC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES**

The temporary emergency financial assistance program is not to be considered an on-going financial supportive program over any considerable period.

**VACDC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

Mortgage or Rent payments  
Utility payments  
Work or Home related expenses  
Food and Family Essentials  
Auto Expenses  
Emergency medical prescription  
VA Medical Transportation needs  
Burial expenses  
Information and referrals  
Location and retrieval of discharge documents  
Work with other services for the Veteran Community:  
Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans  
DuPage Homeless Veterans Taskforce  
Catholic Charities and MSHV with the VA SSVF Grant

**DuPAGE COUNTY VETERANS SERVED**  
32,177

AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: **\$16.46**  
\*AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: **\$4.41 \***  
**2.83 times VACCC**

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<b>WILL COUNTY (VACWILLC)</b>
POINT OF CONTACT Assistant Superintendent Jen Solom 815-740-8389 vacwc@willcountyillinois.com
<b>VACWILLC CRITERIA</b>
Financial aid to veterans, who live in Will Co. and who fall below the 150% Federal Poverty Level, is paid directly to vendors. Those cleared to work must sign up for Will Co.'s Employment Assistance Program (EAP) and attend EAP meetings at the end of every month.
<b>VACWILLC BUDGET</b>
FY22:\$1.01M - FY23:\$1.05M
<b>VACWILLC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES</b>
unable to obtain
<b>VACWILLC PERSONNEL COUNT</b>
8 Total per current homepage*
Assistant Superintendent, Executive Assistant, Administrative Assistant, 3 VSO's, Peer Support Specialist and Driver *FY21 to FY22 counts went from 7 to 9
<b>VACWILLC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES</b>
<b>VACWILLC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS</b>
Rent or Mortgage Utilities Project 150 is a VAC Hotel for emergency shelter Food Personal Needs Free transportation to and from medical appointments
Guides veterans to employment needs experts like: Goodwill Workforce Connection Will County Workforce Connection Illinois Department of Employment Security Job Club-VA's Compensated Workforce Therapy Program EAP meetings in VAC boardroom at the end of every month Has a "VSO Award Log" (2015- -Present) = \$122M in June '22
<b>WILL COUNTY VETERANS SERVED</b>
28,583
AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: <b>\$35.34 / \$36.74</b> <b>12.9 to 13.5 times VACCC's</b> AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: <b>unknown</b>

<b>SAINT CLAIR COUNTY (VACSCC)</b>
POINT OF CONTACT Superintendent Kurt Daesch 618-277-0040
<b>VACSCC CRITERIA</b>
Honorable Discharge -no Misconduct Income under a Monthly Gross, Based on Family Size
<b>VACSCC BUDGET</b>
Calendar Years 2022:\$375K / 2023:\$630K
<b>VACSCC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES</b>
Calendar Year 2023:\$228K Direct to indigent vets \$217K, Burial expenses \$11K
<b>VACSCC PERSONNEL COUNT</b>
5 Total
Director, Executive Secretary / Counselor, 2 VSO's and 1 Part-Time
<b>VACSCC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES</b>
\$300 max on utilities per month Language about Monthly Gross is not Clear One-Time exemption only if Supr. Approves
<b>VACSCC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS</b>
Rent, Food and Hygiene, Based on Family Size Utilities - up to Set Maximum
<b>SAINT CLAIR COUNTY VETERANS SERVED</b>
26,832
AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: <b>\$13.98 / \$23.48</b> AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: <b>\$8.50</b> <b>5.45 times VACCC</b>

<b>MADISON COUNTY (VACMC)</b>
POINT OF CONTACT Superintendent Bradley Lavite 618-296-4554
<b>VACMC CRITERIA</b>
Must be county resident and must complete a Veterans' Financial Assistance Request Form. Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Financial Assistance (IVA and/or EVA) are based on income and need. IVA is based on IDES standard; EVA is one time aid to get through a qualified emergency. Amount is now based on 200% of HHS guidelines. Cannot be receiving aid for the same items from another source.
<b>VACMC BUDGET</b>
plan FY22:\$858K - actual levy EOY22:\$707,102
<b>VACMC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES</b>
plan FY22:\$96K but actual EOY22: \$73,137
<b>VACMC PERSONNEL COUNT</b>
9 Total
Superintendent, 2 Administrative Assistants, 3 VSO's and 3 Temp Employees
<b>VACMC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES</b>
Financial Assistance is not designed to be support over any considerable period of time. EVA is one-time aid.
<b>VACMC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS</b>
Do NOT include Crisis Response. Basic Need categories: Food (for pets too), Personal Hygiene Rent and Mortgage Assistance Electric, Gas and Propane/Heating Fuel Water, Sewer and Trash Phone and Internet Assistance for Low Income Households Limited Lifetime Property Tax Assistance to Avoid Default Bed with Mattress, Dresser, Kitchen Table, Utensils/Wares, etc. Household Items are limited 1-time assistance Bus tokens get to and from VAC appointments and employment throughout Madison County until 1st pay check
Beyond financial assistance, VAC helps with outreach and by securing benefits for veterans. (\$4.65M obtained in 2022)
<b>MADISON COUNTY VETERANS SERVED</b>
20,512 (2022 Annual Report claims 19,500)
AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: <b>\$41.83 / \$34.47</b> AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: <b>\$3.56</b> <b>2.28 times VACCC</b>

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<b>KANE COUNTY (VACKC)</b>
<b>POINT OF CONTACT</b> Superintendent Jacob Zimmerman 630-232-3550 zimmermanjacob@co.kane.il.us
<b>VACKC CRITERIA</b>
Veteran must complete and submit VAC's Application form, with DD 214 and, if applicable, copies of marriage certificate, children's birth certificates or adoption decrees, government issued photo ID's showing a current Kane county residence
<b>VACKC BUDGET</b> FY23:\$464,764
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES</b> FY22:No Figure Reported 2022 Annual Report:Only 21 vets applied <b>like McHenry County</b>
<b>VACKC PERSONNEL COUNT</b> 6 Total (up to 9 with max number of interns) Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, 2 VSO's and currently 2 Interns (may go up to 5) Since the interns are paid by other VA programs, VAC saves on personnel cost.
<b>VACKC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES</b> 2022 Annual Report:Only 21 vets applied
<b>VACKC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS</b>
Rent or Mortgage Utilities Food Personal Needs Transportation
*VAC's 2022 Annual Report noted Kane County vets have a significantly higher median income than the average non-veteran citizen.
All 4 staff members now Certified Veterans Advocates (CVAs) In 2022, with their advanced training, they claim a record \$5.8M in added or increased benefits for veterans.
<b>KANE COUNTY VETERANS SERVED</b> 19,353 (It only claims 18,644 online)
AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: <b>\$24.02</b> <b>8.80 times VACCC's</b> AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: <b>Minimal*</b>

<b>WINNEBAGO COUNTY (VACWinnC)</b>
<b>POINT OF CONTACT</b> Superintendent Steve Thomas 815-516-2850
<b>VACWinnC CRITERIA</b>
Veterans, their families, and surviving spouses, residing in Winnebago County, financial Assistance if income qualified Must be seeking employment or disability. Need original or certified copies of DD-214 / DD-215, with GUH discharge and valid photo ID plus Social Security card. 929 veterans served FY21
<b>VACWinnC BUDGET</b> FY22 and plan for FY23:\$652,000
<b>VACWinnC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES</b> FY22:\$318,000
<b>VACWinnC PERSONNEL COUNT</b> 7 Total Could not get more than a list of names and salaries without job titles.
<b>VACWinnC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES</b>
<b>VACWinnC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS</b>
Rent or Mortgage (voucher) Utilities (voucher and/or referral) SNAP card, etc. by referral Personal Hygiene (limited use vouchers and/or referrals) Transportation
<b>WINNEBAGO COUNTY VETERANS SERVED</b> 16,885
AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: <b>\$38.61</b> AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: <b>\$18.83</b> <b>12.07 times VACCC</b>

<b>McHENRY COUNTY (VACMcC)</b>
<b>POINT OF CONTACT</b> Superintendent Michael Iwanicki 815-334-4229 MAlwanic@mchenrycountyil.gov
<b>VACMcC CRITERIA</b>
Emergency Assistance can be provided to applicants who are not eligible for Veterans General Assistance and fall below 250% of the poverty level. Each recipient is required to attend budgeting class at Consumer Credit Counseling. Disaster Assistance applies when party was not the cause of housing loss.
<b>VACMcC BUDGET</b> calendar 2021: \$601,805
<b>VACMcC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES</b> calendar 2021: \$18,400 <b>like Kane County</b>
<b>VACMcC PERSONNEL COUNT</b> 10 Total Superintendent, Chairman, VSO-II (Deputy), 2 VSO-I's, an Office Clerk / Dispatcher and 4 Transportation Specialists
<b>VACMcC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES</b>
Emergency Veterans Assistance is available to those in need of one-time assistance for rent, mortgage, or utilities in arrears
<b>VACMcC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS</b>
Assistance is paid directly to vendors for Rent or Mortgage, Utilities, Food, and Gasoline  Vets with disability, transportation issues, or work schedule can make off site, after hours, or virtual appointments  in 2021 the VACMcC filled 645 transportation appointments for 206 local veterans using 4 vehicles which make stops in Woodstock, McHenry, Crystal Lake and Lovell FHCC Caregiver Relief Veterans Assistance Referrals to Other Social Service Agencies Outreach Education Program
in 2021 claims prepared by their VSOs resulted in just under \$3.5M in new claims dollars
<b>McHENRY COUNTY VETERANS SERVED</b> 13,952
AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: <b>\$43.13</b> AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: <b>\$1.32</b> <b>only 85% of VACCC</b>

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SANGAMON COUNTY (VACSC)	PEORIA COUNTY (VACPC)	ADDITIONAL COUNTY
POINT OF CONTACT Superintendent Dane Shaffer 217-753-6694 dane.shaffer@sangamonil.gov	POINT OF CONTACT Superintendent Michael Brooks 309-681-2554	POINT OF CONTACT Superintendent
VACSC CRITERIA Service available only to Sangamon County, IL residents who are eligible veterans and their families	VACPC CRITERIA All assistance provided by the VACPC is predicated on an established standard of need as set forth by IDHS. Applicants must produce a DD-214 or Certificate of Service for Honorable (or Under Honorable Conditions) Discharge, be residents of the county unable to provide food, shelter etc. and have applied for Public Aid (AFDC, Food Stamps, and medical)	CRITERIA
VACSC BUDGET FY22 adopted: \$243,151 - FY23 recommended: \$306,903	VACPC BUDGET actual EOY total expend 2019:\$510,355 & 2020:\$473,043*	BUDGET
VACSC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES could not find only expenditure report found was for EOY 2021 there was no breakdown of total \$230,856	VACPC TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES could not find	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES
VACSC PERSONNEL COUNT 7 Total Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, 1 Senior VSO and 2 VSO's, 1 Assistant VSO, and 1 Executive Administrative Assistant.	VACPC PERSONNEL COUNT 3 Total As listed on stationery letterhead: Superintendent Brooks, Trisha Collins - VSR, and Brianna Lauer- Assistance Coordinator	PERSONNEL COUNT Total
In March 2023, VAC plans to hire 1 more Assistant VSO VACSC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES annual one-time emergency assistance	VACPC DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES Emergency and interim financial assistance should not be considered to be an ongoing financial supportive program	DISBURSEMENT TIMEFRAMES
VACSC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS Rent or Mortgage Utilities Food  Personal Needs  Burial Assistance Offers transportation to Danville VAMC, Peoria CBOC, and St Louis VAMC Assist with filing SHEVD disability verifications online  VAC has VSO's accredited by the VA to prepare, present, and prosecute VA Disability and Pension claims	VACPC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS Rent (not security deposits, back rents or home finding fees) Utilities and Fuel (no deposits or past due bills) Food and Personal Items: Depending on family size  Personal Needs Transportation to the local Veterans Medical Center	SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
SANGAMON COUNTY VETERANS SERVED 13,399 AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: \$18.15 to \$22.90 6.7 to 8.4 times VACCC's AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: unknown	PEORIA COUNTY VETERANS SERVED 10,908 2020 AVERAGE BUDGET \$'s PER VETERAN: \$43.37 15.9 times VACCC's AVERAGE DIRECT AID PER VETERAN: unknown	VETERANS SERVED