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**Heller Applauds $250,000 Department of Labor Grant to Help Nevada’s Homeless Veterans Gain Employment***Heller Has Championed Policies to Combat Veteran Homelessness*

**WASHINGTON**– U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV), a senior member of the U.S. Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, today announced that Nevada is expected to receive $250,000 in grant funding to help Nevada’s homeless military veterans gain employment. Specifically, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) directed $250,000 to the U.S. VETS – Las Vegas, which is located in Las Vegas, NV.

The grant funding comes from the DOL’s Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP), which helps state, tribal, and local agencies and nonprofits provide homeless veterans with job training and placement. DOL Secretary Alex Acosta today unveiled a total of 163 HVRP grantees nationwide totaling $47.6 million, which is expected to help more than 18,000 homeless U.S. veterans.

“No veteran should be forced to live on the streets or in their cars after defending our country. That’s why I welcome the Department of Labor’s announcement that U.S. VETS – Las Vegas, which has been doing incredible work for our military heroes since 2001, has been awarded $250,000 to help our veterans gain employment,” **said Heller.** “My office has worked closely with U.S. VETS – Las Vegas, which recently opened its culinary training class. As a senior member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee representing 300,000 veterans living in Nevada, I will continue to make sure that important organizations on-the-ground, like U.S. VETS, have the federal resources and support they need to continue assisting the men and women who answered our nation’s call.”

**Background**:

Heller has been a long-time champion of fighting veteran homelessness. [Earlier this year he urged the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2018/1/heller-to-va-help-nevada-s-homeless-veterans-get-jobs-succeed-in-stem-careers) to help fight Nevada’s veteran homelessness problem by encouraging veterans to gain employment in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers.

In 2017, Heller introduced the Creating a Reliable Environment (CARE) for Veterans’ Dependents Act, bipartisan legislation to ensure that children of homeless veterans are eligible for services provided to that veteran by VA-funded facilities. Additionally, in 2012, he authored the Women’s Homeless Veterans Act, a bill to provide shelters and short-term housing to women who become homeless after serving in the military.

Heller also joined several of his colleagues in [advocating for three critical programs to help homeless veterans across the country](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2017/5/heller-bipartisan-group-of-senators-defend-programs-to-help-homeless-veterans): Supporting Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program, the GDP Program, and services provided by the Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program.

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