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**Heller Applauds Veterans Affairs’ Grant Funding to Combat Veteran Homelessness in Nevada**

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV), a senior member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, welcomed the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) announcement that several agencies in Las Vegas, Reno, and Sun Valley, Nevada will receive federal funds to help homeless veterans. The funds were made possible through the VA’s Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program, and a total of $188 million will be awarded to community agencies around the country that provide services to homeless veterans.

“No veteran should be forced to live on the streets after serving their country. I’m pleased the VA recognizes the good and meaningful work organizations in our communities are doing to ensure Nevada’s warriors have a place to call home,” **said Heller.** “As a senior member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee representing 300,000 veterans living in Nevada, I will continue to push for policies that reduce the rate of veteran homelessness and help put the men and women who answered our nation’s call on a successful path after separating from the military.”

The Nevada agencies receiving federal funding include:

* HELP Las Vegas Housing Corporation in Las Vegas, NV
* HELP Las Vegas Housing Corporation II in Las Vegas, NV
* The Salvation Army in Las Vegas, NV
* United States Veterans Initiative in Las Vegas, NV
* WestCare Nevada, Inc. in Reno, NV
* Vitality Unlimited in Sun Valley, NV

**Background**:

Heller has been a long-time champion of fighting veteran homelessness. Earlier this year, 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. In May, [Heller spoke at a Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs](https://youtu.be/5l0YTSIvfeU) hearing about the legislation. 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 recently 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.

