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Operation 6: I got your back! Executive Summary

The Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council of Mohave County, Inc. (JAVC), an established 501(C)(3) Public Charity is seeking \$5 Million in funding to establish a Veterans Outreach Program. This will provide Homeless and At-Risk Veterans with housing, group counseling, vocational training and employment in Mohave County. The US Department of Veterans Affairs collected data in 2015 through At-Risk Veterans Stand Downs and Point In Time (PIT) surveys that showed an urgent need for a more proactive approach to ending homelessness among our veteran population in rural areas. This program was designed to not only address those needs in rural Mohave County, but demonstrate that it could easily be applied to any urban setting in the United States.

This program will be in three phases:

The first phase is to obtain property and build the infrastructure. (Note: A tentative site has been identified.) This will be branded as the *JAVC Veterans Training Campus*. Upon completion it will house veterans, provide classrooms and offer on-site Veteran Services. The campus manufacturing facility will be used for OJT (On the Job Training) and the refunctioning of 10' X 20' and 20' X 40' containers into approved housing.

The second phase is to provide certified job skills and Veteran Services. We currently have written and verbal commitments from: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, USDA – Rural Development, Northern Arizona Veterans Resource Center, Northern Arizona Goodwill Industries, Mohave County One-Stop centers, Mohave Community College and Southwest Behavioral Corporation and numerous other Mohave County Veterans' Service Organizations. We also have a verbal commitment from Home Depot Corp. to help obtain grants for the required building materials. In addition, we have backing from numerous City and County elected officials in the area.

The third phase is to help veterans obtain gainful employment. Our goal at the end of the each training session is to have provided the veteran with the certified skill sets needed to become self-sufficient. We do realize that having a good skill set and getting a job is not an easy transition. This is where our parallel Veteran Services programs will offer group counseling and teach our veterans how to create a resume, fill out a job application and handle a job interview. With the community resources willing to help with this project, we have an established county wide network with all their state wide contacts. This should provide many employment opportunities.

The expected benefits to the general public are that veterans who graduate will no longer be a drain on public resources, but rather would be taxpayers, consumers, home owners and contributing to the general wellbeing of their communities.

The benefits to the veteran and his/her family will be measurable. They will regain self-pride and be able to feel good about themselves again. This will be enhanced by the support of their fellow veterans going through the program. It's a feeling of belonging that most haven't felt, since their time in the military. Veterans know what support is: *"My buddy's life depends on me protecting their back and my life depends on my buddy protecting my back."* Ergo *Operation 6 (I got your back!)*