

**Arizona Supreme Court
Administrative Office of the Courts**

Funding Plan for Veterans Courts Funds

****Complete Highlighted Areas****

Fiscal Year	Court Name	Allocation
FY2026	Lake Havasu Municipal Court – Veterans Treatment Court	\$18,729
Management of allocation of Veterans Court Funding: In accordance with FY2026 State Legislative Appropriations, the legislature has provided \$750,000 in funding to DES to support Veterans Courts. DES is transferring the funding to the AOC to manage. This is one-time money, which will be shared statewide, based on Veterans Court “participant numbers.”		
Utilization of Funds. The funding must be used specifically for “ <i>veteran treatment court to provide services to veterans who have substance use disorders or mental health conditions.</i> ” See exact funding language below. <u><i>SB 1735 2025-2026; general appropriation act</i></u>		
Funding Plan Utilization Summary:		
<i>(Please expand and be specific on how the proposed funds will be utilized)</i>		
The Lake Havasu City Municipal Court has BJA grant funding for our Veterans Treatment Court’s testing and treatment programs and case management system through FY26. The proposed funds will be utilized to support the recovery and mental health of our justice involved veterans through developing an incentive program and providing pro-social events. An Incentive Program would assist in encouraging and reinforcing positive behavior, recovery progress, and successful reintegration among veteran participants. This program would acknowledge the unique experiences of veterans and leverages structure, accountability, and peer support to promote long-term success. The incentive program would include non-tangible incentives such as praise, recognition, reduction in court appearances, and phase promotion. Funding would assist with the purchase of tangible incentives such as transportation tokens, phase dog tags, military challenge coins/tokens/patches/pins, certificates for achievements, hygiene and food items (incentive store), and various gift cards and certificates. All incentives would be individualized and utilized to support the veterans progression in the Treatment Court. The incentive approval process will include Staffing team nominations based on the individual’s behavior, ie treatment, housing, employment, negative testing, etc. The VTC Team will discuss the recommendations in Staffing and the Judge will provide approval. All incentives will be recorded in the case management system for transparency and tracking purposes. The Incentive Program will be reviewed annually to assess effectiveness, equity, and alignment with treatment court best practices. Participant feedback will be incorporated to improve incentive relevance and impact. Further, our Veterans Treatment Court would like to provide structured, safe, and engaging pro-social opportunities for Justice Involved Veterans to experience recovery-supportive social opportunities that reinforce the values of service, accountability, and healthy lifestyles. These events aim to strengthen mentor bonds, reduce isolation, transition into alumni groups and encourage participants to develop hobbies, interests, and support systems among justice-involved veterans.		

Pro-social events will be held monthly and would include smaller events like community service events, hikes, movie outings, games days, painting, and various other hobbies. Larger events could be held quarterly like family BBQ, beach days, holiday party, attending a sporting event or other local community events.

Each pro-social event will be voluntary but encouraged, drug and alcohol free, monitored by staff or mentors, and accessible and inclusive with transportation provided if needed. The Court will collaborate with military organizations, veterans groups, and agencies and a pro-social calendar will be provided. Participant feedback will be gathered regularly to tailor events to their interests.

Sign/Date:

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Authorized Signature on Behalf of the
Veterans Court

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