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*SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS*  
*New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers Van Grant*

## **The New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers Announces Homeless Veterans Van Grant Complete**

Albuquerque, NM – The New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers (VIC) announced today that their Van Grant for Homeless Veterans is complete.

The VIC provides transitional housing and supportive services to homeless Veterans. They recently received a VA grant for two vans to transport these Veterans to appointments such as medical, employment, social security or benefits. The DAR funded a lift gate for one of the vans to enable the VIC to transport wheelchairs needed by some of these Veterans.



The CEO of the VIC, Elinor Reiners said “We are excited at the completion of our van grant with the final installation of a lift gate on one of the vans. These vans enable us to help our Veterans with transportation to much needed appointments and the gate is an added feature as we

have not previously been able to accommodate wheelchairs.”

The VIC was awarded a grant by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in the amount of \$6,175 on April 16, 2014. Funding for this project was made possible through the sponsorship of Zia Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, located in New Mexico.

The vans for the VIC Homeless programs are instrumental in giving the VIC staff and volunteers the opportunity to transport homeless Veterans to appointments. The lift gate gives the team an added capability to transport wheelchairs as well.



Elinor Reiners, VIC CEO stated “The VIC is fortunate to have the VA, Zia Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion Riders, and all the individuals donors, who have partnered in assisting us to obtain the funding for the vans to transport the homeless and low income Veterans in our programs.

The DAR grants program was started in 2010. Funding is awarded to support projects in local communities which promote the organization’s mission areas of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation’s children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With 178,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is

one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit [DAR.org](http://DAR.org).

For more about applying for a Special Projects Grant from DAR, visit [www.dar.org/grants](http://www.dar.org/grants).

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