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## Senator César J. Blanco Announces \$2.3 Million in Grants to Support Veteran Service Organizations in West Texas

El Paso, Texas – Today, Senator César J. Blanco announced that local veteran advocacy organizations will be awarded a total of \$2.3 million in grants by the Texas Veterans Commission's (TVC) Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA). During the 89th Legislative Session, Senator Blanco was proud to help secure \$63.9 million in grant funding for the Commission.

This funding will provide essential services benefiting over 48,000 veterans and their families in the West Texas Region. The grant recipients and their respective amounts are as follows:

- Jeff Davis County:
  - o \$345,000 grant for veteran housing support
  - o \$350,000 grant for veteran services
- El Paso County:
  - o \$285,000 grant for veteran treatment court program
  - o \$400,000 grant for veteran services
- YWCA El Paso del Norte Region: \$250,000 grant
- Child Crisis Center of El Paso: \$235,000 grant
- Project Amistad: \$200,000 grant
- The Salvation Army El Paso: \$150,000 grant for homeless veteran support
- City of El Paso: \$120,000 grant for transportation programs and services

## **Senator Blanco issued the following statement:**

"West Texas is home to tens of thousands of veterans who have worn our nation's uniform with honor. These grants mean that more veterans and their families will have access to housing, counseling, transportation, and other critical support right here in our communities. From El Paso to the rural counties I represent, this funding will help ensure our veterans are not left behind when they come home.

I'm grateful to the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance and to the local organizations on the ground doing this important work. Together, we are honoring the service of our veterans by making sure they and their families get the care and support they've earned."