

# **OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

FY 2024 PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

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#### 1 OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

*Mission:* The Office of Veterans Affairs was established to provide veteran benefits, assistance, information, outreach, effective advocacy, claims processing assistance and service provider coordination to veterans and their families so that they can access their entitled resources and benefits.

Services: Serve as principal advisor to the Mayor on all issues regarding veterans' services and benefits, Serve as an advocate on behalf of DC veterans and their families. Promote the use of the US Department of Veterans Affairs and District of Columbia programs and services among District of Columbia veterans and their families, Analyze and evaluate issues and concerns raised by District of Columbia veterans and their families, Analyze and evaluate veterans affairs statistics on District of Columbia veterans' demographics and benefits, Work with other District government and federal, state and private agencies to solicit veterans' benefits assistance, Sponsor events that recognize and commemorate the sacrifice and military service of DC veterans, Host meetings with veteran service organization leadership to discuss concerns and issues requiring Office of Veterans Affairs assistance, Participate in local veterans service organizations conventions and events, Participate in citywide open houses, seminars and fairs to distribute veterans benefits and services information, Maintain and disseminate accurate and timely veterans' benefits and services information within the Office of Veterans Affairs Respond to inquiries concerning veterans' benefits and services.

#### 2 2024 OBJECTIVES

Strategic Objective

Create and maintain partnerships to provide veterans and their family's access to District Government, Community Resources and other supportive services.

Expand and reinforce external relationships with veteran service organizations and agencies.

Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent, and responsive District government.

## **3 2024 OPERATIONS**

| Operation Title   | Operation Description  |
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| Create and maintain partnersh<br>munity Resources and other su              | ips to provide veterans and their family's access to District Government, Comportive services.   |
| Benefits and Entitlements:<br>Daily Service                                 | Ensure access to a veteran service officer for assistance with filing evidence/burden of proof and fully developed claims.   |
| Program Management: Daily<br>Service  | Actively managing partnerships, activities and collaborative work plans, and solid communication structures and practices.   |
| Community Engagement:<br>Daily Service                                      | Publicize agreed-upon and understood common aims of our partnership, internal and external activities, programs, and priorities using social media platforms, online outlets, and outreach activities.   |
| Partnership Development:<br>Key Project                                     | Connect and develop a stable foundation for the rationale, and activities of partnerships while allowing sufficient flexibility for these components to develop and evolve in response to external and internal demands of our constituents.                       |
| Referral Assistance: Daily<br>Service                                       | Provide customer service and referral assistance.  |
| Expand and reinforce external   | relationships with veteran service organizations and agencies.   |
| Program Management: Key<br>Project  | Manage recognition program.  |
| Service Delivery: Daily<br>Service  | Provide customer service through referral assistance, intake assessments, and benefits and entitlements counseling.  |
| Veteran Engagement: Daily<br>Service  | Operations include daily contact and interactions with veterans through walk in, answering phones, emails, and benefits intake assessment counseling.  |
| Community Engagement: Daily Service Strategic Communications: Daily Service | Support increased access to and participation in programs that promote economic resilience, health and well-being, and an improved quality of life.  Communication through monthly newsletters, email blast, information flow through listserves and social media. |
| Community Engagement:<br>Key Project  | Interact with federal and local community-based networks that bring together local stakeholders and opportunities for greater impact by attending community meetings, events, seminars, and training.  |

## **4 2024 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

### Key Performance Indicators

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| Create and maintain partnerships to pr   | ovide veter     | ans and the    | eir family's a        | ccess to Dis              | trict Govern              | ment, Com                 | munity Reso               | urces and o               | ther suppor | tive services.        |   |
| Number of veteran events coordinated in partnerships with other organizations  | Up is<br>Better | 61             | Not<br>Avail-<br>able | 17                        | 8                         | 16                        | 14                        | 55                        | 60          | Nearly Met            | Personnel Shortages / Training new hires                                    |
| Number of newly established relationships  | Up is<br>Better | 19             | Not<br>Avail-<br>able | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | 23                        | 10          | Met                   |   |
| Expand and reinforce external relation   |                 | eteran serv    |                       | tions and ag              | gencies.                  |                           |                           |                           |             |                       |   |
| Number of veterans and their<br>family members who applied for US<br>Department of Veterans Affairs<br>earned benefits and entitlements  | Up is<br>Better | 254            | Not<br>Avail-<br>able | 25                        | 27                        | 25                        | 25                        | 102                       | 250         | Unmet                 | Personnel Shortages / Training new hires                                    |
| Number of veterans, veteran<br>community leaders and stakeholders<br>recognized by MOVA  | Up is<br>Better | 152            | Not<br>Avail-<br>able | No data<br>avail-<br>able | 120         |                       | Employee turnover - data was not<br>capture due to personnel<br>shortages . |
| Number of community meetings and events attended by MOVA   | Up is<br>Better | 78             | Not<br>Avail-<br>able | 26                        | 20                        | 20                        | 20                        | 86                        | 75          | Met                   |   |
| Number of DC Veterans assisted from MOVA events  | Up is<br>Better | 3,316          | Not<br>Avail-<br>able | No data<br>avail-<br>able | No data<br>avail-<br>able | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | 1,691                     | 3000        | Unmet                 | Personnel Shortages / Training new hires                                    |
| Create and maintain a highly efficient,  | transparent     | , and respo    | nsive Distric         | t governme:               | nt.                       |                           |                           |                           |             |                       |   |
| Percent of new hires that are<br>District residents  | Up is<br>Better | New in<br>2023 | 100%                  | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | 100%                      | -           | -                     |   |
| Percent of new hires that are current District residents and received a high school diploma from a DCPS or a District Public Charter School, or received an equivalent credential from the District of | Up is<br>Better | New in 2023    | New in 2023           | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure    | No applicable incidents   | -           |                       |   |

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| Percent of employees that are<br>District residents  | Up is<br>Better | New in<br>2023     | 100%                | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | 100%                                 | -              | -                   |                               |
| Percent of required contractor evaluations submitted to the Office of Contracting and Procurement on time.   | Up is<br>Better | New in 2023        | New in 2023         | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | No ap-<br>plicable<br>inci-<br>dents | -              | -                   |                               |
| Percent of agency staff who were employed as Management Supervisory Service (MSS) employees prior to 4/1 of the fiscal year that had completed an Advancing Racial Equity (AE204) training facilitated by ORE within the past two years. | Up is<br>Better | New in 2023        | New in 2023         | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | Annual<br>Mea-<br>sure | No applicable incidents              | -              | -                   |                               |