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Veteran's Treatment Court Expands with Nearly $1 Million Grant

Judge-led initiative expands support and services for Hamilton County Veterans

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN (November 4, 2026) —Hamilton County's Veterans Treatment Court will receive $984,370 in federal grant funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance to expand and enhance services for veterans involved in the justice system, following approval by the Hamilton County Commission.

Led by Judges Boyd Patterson and Gary Starnes, the Veterans Treatment Court was established in December 2024 under Mayor Wamp's administration to provide veterans with access to treatment, support, and resources to address underlying challenges and build more stable futures.

"Our responsibility to the men and women who served our country does not end when they return home," said Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp. "Judges Starnes and Patterson have built a program that addresses the unique challenges veterans face and connects them with pathways to recovery. Our administration is proud to support their work and help provide the resources needed to serve those who served us."

Hamilton County's Veterans Treatment Court is one of 12 VTC's operating across Tennessee. Since its establishment in 2024, the program has served 12 veterans, including eight active participants, and celebrated its first successful graduate on December 4, 2025.

"The heroes today are the grant writers who brought this funding home to Hamilton County. This award will expand and expedite vital services to the veterans in our community," said Criminal Court Judge, Boyd Patterson. "We remain incredibly grateful to have the Office of Economic and Community Development on our team."

With this funding, the Veterans Treatment Court will be able to serve up to 120 of the approximately 21,933 veterans who call Hamilton County home over the next four years, enrolling 20 to 30 new participants annually.

The court's next graduation ceremony is scheduled for November 5.

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