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FrontLine Service awarded \$2.2 million federal Veterans Affairs grant to service veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

CLEVELAND, OHIO – FrontLine Service was awarded a \$2.2 million grant to serve military veterans in Cuyahoga, Lake and Lorain County, who are at risk of becoming homeless or who are currently homeless. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant provides permanent housing for military Veterans and their families. In addition to rapid placement into housing, the program provides eviction prevention, short-term rental subsidy, utility connection, furniture assistance, transportation assistance, and connection with Veteran services and community resources.

Susan Neth, Chief Executive Officer at FrontLine Service remarked, “FrontLine Service is deeply committed to ending veteran homelessness in Cuyahoga County. Working closely with our community partners, we have been in the forefront of efforts to serve those who have fought for our country and are now struggling without the safety and security of a home. We are grateful for this opportunity to expand these critical services outside of Cuyahoga County.”

FrontLine Service has been operating a Supportive Services for Veteran Families program since 2011. From 2013 – 2015 FrontLine has served 968 households. Less than 1 percent of those served have returned to homelessness. FrontLine staff outreach into the community to identify veterans and offer them assistance and services. The program utilizes the Housing First Model, focusing on quickly regaining or establishing stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. The intensive case management services, and the ability to effectively connect individuals to community resources and VA supports, has allowed those served to quickly move out of shelter or the street into permanent housing. With the increase in funding, FrontLine will expand services beyond Cuyahoga County.

LaTonya Murray, Director of Emergency Housing at FrontLine Service stated “We have worked diligently with other Veteran service providers to address veteran homelessness in Cuyahoga County. We work to ensure that every Veteran experiencing homelessness has immediate access to shelter and a rapid exit strategy that will quickly return them to permanent housing. We foresee ending Veteran homelessness in our community in the very near future.”

About FrontLine

FrontLine Service is a private non-profit social service organization in Cuyahoga County that provides mental health and supportive services to more than 30,000 adults and children each year. With the mission of *“Reaching out to adults and children in Northeast Ohio to end homelessness, prevent suicide, resolve behavioral health crises and overcome trauma”*, FrontLine Service is the provider of choice in Cuyahoga County for administering services to some of the most vulnerable members of our community: homeless, severely mentally disabled, those in psychiatric crisis and adults and children who have been traumatized by violence in their home or community.