



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Veterans, Military Families, and Military Affairs
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

November 25, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Veterans, Military Families, and Military Affairs was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0722, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$12,881.00) in the form of a grant, for the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund enhanced employment services for eligible veterans, prioritizing disabled veterans, and those facing significant barriers to employment, with the goal of improving their job search outcomes and economic self-sufficiency.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on April 2, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0722 is an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant awarded by the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services in the amount of \$12,881. These funds would fund enhanced employment services for eligible veterans, prioritizing disabled veterans, and those facing significant barriers to employment with the goal of improving their job search outcomes and economic self-sufficiency.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Friday, November 21, 2025 to discuss Docket #0722. The Committee heard from Joseph Le, Chief of Staff for the City of Boston's Worker Empowerment Cabinet who provided testimony regarding this docket.

Mr. Le stated that this docket authorizes the City to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$12,881. This grant is from the Department of Labor and passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. He stated that these funds will be used specifically to support the occupancy costs associated with two MassHire Veterans Services Centers located at 75 Federal Street in Downtown Cross and 10 Malcolm X Boulevard in Roxbury. These service centers are focused on supporting veterans and their families enter the workforce.

Mr. Le stated that last year, 59 veterans were assisted in job search, assessments, and counseling, and 30 of these veterans have entered into employment with an average hourly rate of \$28.49. Veterans and their families are also matched with educational services and job training programs as well.

Councilors and panelists also discussed possible cuts to grants for veterans from the federal government, providing pathways for jobs in both labor unions and white collar jobs, mental health services for



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veterans, the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Service's Bridge the Gap grant program, as well as Docket #0253 - the goals and priorities for the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Services

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Veterans, Military Families, and Military Affairs I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

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