



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency, Veterans Affairs program recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the California Department of Veterans Affairs "County Subvention Program Certificate of Compliance" and the "Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance" for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the participation in each of these programs;
- 2) Authorize the County Veterans Service Officer to actively participate in the promotion of the California Veterans License Plate program under California Military and Veterans Code Section 972.1; and
- 3) Authorize the use of special interest license plate fees, in accordance with California Military and Veterans Code Section 972.2, which are deposited in a special revenue fund for extra help staffing in the Veterans Program.

FUNDING: State & Federal Funding \$70,937 State subvention funding \$57,100, Federal matching funds \$4,143, and Special Revenue funds \$9,694.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

State subvention funding is distributed to counties that establish and maintain a county Veterans Service Officer on a pro rata basis under the California Military and Veterans Code (CMVC) Section 972.1. FY 2019-2020 is estimated at \$57,100.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs obtains federal matching funds to contribute toward the salaries and expenses of County Veterans Service Officers on a pro rata basis for Medi-Cal related activities under CMVC Section 972.5. FY 2019-20 is estimated at \$4,143.

Under CMVC Section 972.2, the County receives revenue from special interest license plate fees which are deposited in a special revenue fund. The current fiscal year proposed use is to support extra help staffing in the Veterans Program. FY 2019-2020 is estimated at \$9,694.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the Board decline to approve action items #1 and #2, the funding for the County Veterans Service Officer would be reduced by \$61,243. Should the Board decline to approve action item #3, the County would lose revenue from special interest license plate fees as budgeted in the amount of \$9,694.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

- 1) 11/20/18 #18-1658 HHSA Veterans Affairs Participation in Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance
- 2) 12/05/17 #17-1233, 11/15/16 #16-0989, 10/27/15 #15-1064, 10/21/14 #14-1333, 10/22/13 #13-1283, 10/23/12 #12-1237, 09/27/11 #11-1006, 09/21/10 #10-0825, 10/27/09 #09-0970, 09/16/08 #08-1365, 10/16/07 #07-1551, 09/12/06 #06-1443

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The FY 2019-2020 Recommended Budget Veterans Service Officer position is budgeted at \$75,805. Participation in the County Subvention Program, and the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program ensures that El Dorado County receives State subvention funding (FY 2019-2020 estimated at \$57,100) as well as federal Medi-Cal matching funds (FY 2019-20 estimated at \$4,143) to help pay for the Veterans Service Officer position.

In addition, allowing the Veterans Service Officer to participate in the promotion of the California Veteran License Plate program results in license plate revenue (FY 2019-2020 estimated at \$9,694) that is deposited into the Veterans Special Revenue Fund, to be used for extra help staffing.

In the event these funds were not received, there would be an increase to Net County Cost commensurate with the lost revenue.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Obtain signature of Chair on three (3) original California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Subvention Program Certificates of Compliance;
- 2) Obtain signature of Chair on three (3) original California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificates of Compliance; and
- 3) Return two (2) fully executed originals of each Certificate of Compliance to the Health and Human Services Agency Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road Placerville for further processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

County Strategic Plan: Good Governance

CONTACT

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