



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Treasurer–Tax Collector
Department No.: 065
For Agenda Of: 2/18/14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required:

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Harry E. Hagen, CPA, CPFO, CPFIM
Director(s) Treasurer-Tax Collector/Public Administrator/Veterans' Services
Contact Info: Arlene Diaz, Veterans' Services Manager x2795
SUBJECT: 2013-2014 Veterans' Services Office – California Department of Veterans Affairs
One Time Funding Subvention Program

County Counsel Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the California Department of Veterans Affairs One Time Funding Subvention Program Special Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.
- B. Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0003260 recognizing the revenue and related appropriations.
- C. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet) is making available \$55,293 in additional funding for the County of Santa Barbara to enhance County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) operations. This one-time subvention program funding will be used to implement a veterans identification card program, increase education outreach and add new extra-help staff to support both of those enhancements.

The County will meet the requirements for receiving these one-time funds, including:

- Maintaining fiscal year 2013-14 local CVSO funding at or above the levels locally appropriated in fiscal year 2012-13.
- Not using these funds to supplant existing county funding for CVSO operations but only supplementing our current 2013-14 CVSO budget.
- Implementing projects that tie to best practices identified in the CalVet/CVSO Best Practices Manual.
- Collecting and reporting on metrics to demonstrate the use and efficacy of the projects.

Background:

CalVet requires counties participating in funding programs offered through the State to meet certain criteria, such as set forth in the CalVet One Time Funding Subvention Program Special Certificate of Compliance. This document is the prerequisite to obtaining this State funding for programs addressing the needs of veterans residing within Santa Barbara County.

Santa Barbara County has appointed a CVSO in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 12, Subchapter 4. The CVSO and all accredited staff assist veterans and their dependents in presenting and pursuing benefit claims. In fiscal year 2012-13, County veterans received approximately \$8.3 million in new and increased monthly benefits, one-time single and retro-active benefit payments, and college fee waivers.

The Board’s approval and execution of this State of California Department of Veterans Affairs One Time Funding Subvention Program Special Certificate of Compliance is necessary for participation in this one time funding program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

It is anticipated that the County will receive \$55,293 in fiscal year 2013-14 to enhance the veterans program as a result of participation in the One Time Funding Subvention Program.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 245,249.00		
State	\$ 66,981.00		\$ 55,293.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 312,230.00	\$ -	\$ 55,293.00

Special Instructions:

After execution by the Chair, please return the second original One Time Funding Subvention Program Special Certificate of Compliance, along with one certified copy of the Minute Order to the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector – Santa Barbara Attn: Arlene Diaz.

Attachments:

1. California Department of Veterans Affairs One Time Funding Subvention Program Special Certificate of Compliance Fiscal Year 2013/2014
2. Budget Revision Request No. 0003260

Authored by:

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