



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: 5th District Supervisor
Department No.: 011
For Agenda Of: 12/11/18
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor Steve Lavagnino
Contact: Cory Bantilan (805-568-2187) or Yvonne Biely (805-346-8400)
SUBJECT: **Approval of Grant from Highland-Santa Barbara Foundation Inc. to
establish The Santa Barbara Countywide Veterans Collaborative**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the grant agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and The Highland-Santa Barbara Foundation Inc., in the amount of \$40,000 to establish and develop the Santa Barbara County Veterans Collaborative for the period of December 27, 2018 to December 27, 2019; and
- B. Direct County staff to participate in the Collaborative as needed to best serve our veteran community; and
- C. Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara Countywide Veterans Collaborative Initiative, led by 5th District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, will seek to establish a countywide veterans collaborative of public, private and nonprofit sectors to advance veteran wellbeing.

Grant Agreement for Santa Barbara
Countywide Veterans Collaborative Initiative
12/11/18

Background:

After working with several funded projects to veteran-serving organizations, Santa Barbara Foundation recognized a need to research the veteran landscape. Many problems facing the veterans and their families are not necessarily the result of insufficient resources and programs but rather the lack of a cohesive system of oversight and coordination. Most importantly, a large percentage of veterans and their families are not aware of the services available to them. After military service, many veterans come home changed people. Some will need to address service-related health and wellness challenges. Many more will come home with new practical skills and leadership experience that can benefit their communities. Veteran wellbeing spans a large spectrum of social issues, with specific cultural factors related to military service, The Highland-Santa Barbara Foundation Inc. efforts are designed to ensure veterans' long-term health and wellbeing.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Attachments:

Santa Barbara Foundation cover letter, Grant Requirements, Grant Summary and two copies of the Grant Agreement between Santa Barbara County and The Highland-Santa Barbara Foundation Inc.