



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: September 10, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (AUD 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Jamie Sharma PHONE: (559) 624-8000				

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with the California Department of Veterans Affairs

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the California Department of Veterans Affairs to accept funding in the amount of \$49,000 for Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act funding, retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This agreement is retroactive due to the delay in receiving a written agreement from California Department of Veterans Affairs. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the agreement as of July 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign seven (7) copies of the agreement and Contractor Certification Package.

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVET) Proposition 63 grant program is funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and is designed to connect local veterans with mainstream mental health services. It focuses on increased outreach efforts as well as expanding/enhancing supportive services specific to the veteran population. It is estimated that 3,000 consumers will utilize CalVET services.

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The continued goal of the Tulare County Veteran Services Office is to task a Program Navigator with the responsibility of outreaching to our rural communities, as well as acting as a point person for partner agencies. We plan to continue partnering with all branches of Law Enforcement, the local hospital and emergency room, the King's/Tulare Homeless Alliance, our Public Health Department, and our Mental Health Department to name a few. When these partner agencies come in contact with a veteran in need, they contact the Program Navigator directly to get timely assistance, and connect the veteran with any services from which they would benefit.

The Fiscal Year 2019/20 grant in the amount of \$49,000 will be used to fund one full-time position, the Veteran Services Representative (VSR), to the Tulare County Veteran Services Office. This position enables the County Veteran Services Office to provide further outreach in the community, thus connecting veterans experiencing transportation limitations to appropriate services and program information. The VSR will continue to be used as a Program Navigator to assist local veterans with accessing needed services in a variety of areas including: physical health, mental health, and housing assistance. If MHA Prop 63 funding is not sufficient to fully fund this additional position in future fiscal years, such position shall be deleted so as not to incur any Net County Cost, unless there are extenuating circumstances justifying retention of the affected position, in which case such position shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The VSR position also generates additional revenue for the Tulare County Veteran Services Office by way of billable service units. When a VSR connects local veterans to benefits through Veteran Affairs (VA), they are able to submit a claim. Claim revenue is then reimbursed by the VA to the Tulare County Veteran Services Office. Claim revenue generated by the Program Navigator in FY 18/19 was \$18,564.

The following items deviate substantively from standard County boilerplate: (1) County must sign first; (2) The state can terminate the agreement with cause immediately and without cause by giving 30 days' written notice. However, the County can only request to terminate the agreement if the State substantially fails to perform its responsibilities under the agreement (3) The County agrees to indemnify the State; and (4) The agreement contains a dispute resolution provision whereby the parties waive their rights to a jury trial and agree that any litigation, including a trial, will proceed before a judge.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The agreement with the California Department of Veterans Affairs is to accept funding in the amount of \$49,000 for Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act funding for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The \$49,000 in grant funding covers a portion of the annual salary and benefits cost of a VSR. The annual salaries & benefits cost of 1.0 FTE VSR is \$58,794. The remaining \$9,794 in salary and benefit cost of the VSR is covered by revenue from billable claims units

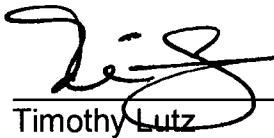
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reimbursed by the VA. The expenditures and grant revenue are included in the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 requested budget. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Tulare County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life and Organizational Performance initiatives. The receipt of funding from CalVET will enable the County Veteran Services Office to strengthen their outreach efforts without disrupting service delivery in the office setting. This will ultimately lead to better service for Tulare County's rural communities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Timothy Lutz
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN) Resolution No. _____
AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA) Agreement No. _____
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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