

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione and Supervisor Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Extension of Veterans Assistance Leadership of Riverside County (V.A.L.O.R.) program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:
Extends V.A.L.O.R. and No Veterans Left Behind, for an additional year to coincide with the federal Homeless Veterans Outreach Initiative ending veterans' homelessness by 2015.

BACKGROUND:
In January 2013, the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) conducted a homeless count and identified 284 homeless veterans.

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Departmental Concurrence

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John Tavaglione, Supervisor

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Jeff Stone, Supervisor

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$	\$	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$	\$	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Budget Adjustment:
	For Fiscal Year:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Positions Added
- Change Order
- A-30
- 4/5 Vote

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: all

Agenda Number:

BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

On March 26, 2013 the Riverside County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Veterans Assistance Leadership of Riverside County (V.A.L.O.R.) program aimed at ensuring that homeless veterans receive needed resources such as housing, medical and mental health services, workforce development training and job placement assistance. The primary goal was, and continues to be, to end the travesty of homelessness amongst veterans.

In January 2014, DPSS conducted an exclusive "Point In Time" count of homeless veterans sponsored by HUD and Department of Veterans Affairs which resulted in 290 homeless veterans newly identified. With the expiration of V.A.L.O.R. at the end of March 2014, this new number indicates that there is a critical need for this effort to continue.

The Riverside County V.A.L.O.R. initiative aligns with the effort started at the federal level in 2009, when Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Eric Shinseki announced the goal of ending homelessness by the end of 2015. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors expects to continue to build on the progress achieved through V.A.L.O.R. and ensure that the neglect of military veterans is a thing of the past in Riverside County. Through the continuation of V.A.L.O.R, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors reaffirms the county's commitment to providing these services to it's homeless veterans.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

none