

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



ITEM
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(ID # 10034)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

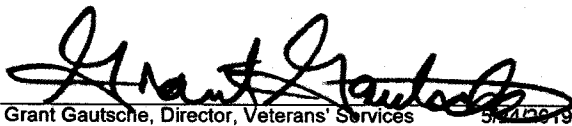
FROM : VETERANS' SERVICES:

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES: Accept the FY 19/20 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Proposition 63 Grant from the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to the Riverside County Veterans' Services Office to Fund Mental Health Outreach and Services for Veterans. All Districts. [Total Cost: \$49,000 - 100% State Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the FY 19/20 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Proposition 63 grant from the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to the Riverside County Veterans' Services Office to fund mental health outreach and services for veterans in the amount of \$49,000; and
2. Authorize the Director of Veterans' Services, or his designee, as approved as to form by County Counsel, to execute a Standard Agreement with CalVet for the FY 19/20 MHSA Proposition 63 grant, as well as any certifications, assurances, reports, or other related documents required by CalVet to effectuate the grant, and consistent with the Board's approval.

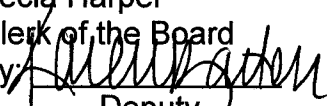
ACTION: A-30, Policy


Grant Gautsche, Director, Veterans' Services 5/24/2019

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 25, 2019
xc: Veterans' Services

Kecia Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$49,000	\$49,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% CA Department of Veterans Affairs			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 19/20	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The passage of Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in November 2004 increased funding, personnel, and other resources to support county mental health programs and monitor progress toward state goals for servicing children, transition age youth, adults, older adults, veterans, and families with mental health needs. The purpose of the MHSA program is to expand and enhance county mental health outreach and services for veterans, including treatment and other related recovery programs.

Funding is restricted for use in supporting mental health outreach and treatment programs, and grant awards were prioritized based on the following conditions:

- Counties that partner with military specific, pro bono legal aid organizations that provide legal aid to transitioning service members, veterans, and their families to remove legal barriers preventing access to or maintenance of behavioral healthcare. Pro bono legal services include:
 - Family Law
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Discharge Upgrades
 - Criminal Law
 - Consumer Law
 - Community Development
- Working directly with transitioning service members, veterans, and their families through the Department of Defense Transition, Goals, Plans, Success program, Individual Ready Reserve muster briefings, or other veteran transition centric programs.

The Riverside County Department of Veterans Services intends to use this MHSA grant funding to hold a monthly Veterans Free Legal Clinic that will provide outreach for transitioning service members, veterans, and their families. The Department will contract legal services through Veterans Legal Institute (VLI), which is one of the few military specific public interest law firms in the nation recognized by the State of California as a "multiple activity provider." VLI will ensure attorneys and supporting staff have military experience and/or are military dependents.

Riverside CVSO will provide office space, which will include a workstation, telephone, computer, Wi-Fi, and office supplies. Support staff will set appointments for the clinic, assist with incoming calls, and greet clients upon entering the facility. The Veterans Free Legal Clinics will serve up to eighty (80) unduplicated individuals annually.

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Additional Fiscal Information

The Assistant Director of Veteran's Services will oversee the grant, including grant writing and reporting metrics. Based on preliminary calculations, the Assistant Director will need to provide program-related support for approximately 9.2 hours per month, for a total of \$4,996.70.

Administrative costs:

$\$32.99 \text{ (hourly)} + \$12.93 \text{ (benefits)} = \$45.26 \text{ (hourly rate)}$

$\$45.26 \text{ (hourly rate)} \times 9.2 \text{ (hours)} \times 12 \text{ (months)} = \$4,996.70$

Prop 63 FY 19/20 funding will cover VLI personnel costs; including the recruitment and coordination of pro-bono attorneys. VLI will leverage other expenses for fringe, necessary insurance, postage, legal software, Internet access, and training through other funding sources.

VLI personnel costs:

0.20 FTE Managing Attorney at base salary of \$78,000.00 annually = \$15,600.00

0.40 FTE Staff Attorney at base salary of \$54,000.00 annually = \$21,600.00

0.20 FTE Law Clerk at base salary of \$15.00 hourly = \$6,240.00

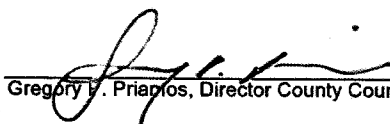
0.0236 FTE Director of Development/Program Manager at base salary of \$66,000.00 annually = \$1,560.00

Total: \$45,000.00

No County match is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: LETTER OF AWARD



Gregory L. Priaplos, Director County Counsel 6/13/2019

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EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., Governor



April 5, 2019

James Anderson, CVSO
4360 Orange Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Congratulations, Riverside County has been awarded Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Proposition 63 funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020. The award amount for Riverside County is \$49,000.

I want to give you an overview and timeline for the Proposition 63 awards as we move forward:

1. **April 2019:** Contract sent to counties for Board of Supervisor's approval.
2. **May/June 2019:** CalVet executes contract and notifies county – First payment (25%) shall be made upon approval of the contract.
3. **July 1, 2019:** Contract Begins – 07/01/2019
4. **October 31, 2019:** 1st Quarter metrics due – 1st qtr. (07/01/2019 – 09/30/2019)
5. **January 31, 2020:** 2nd Quarter invoice/metrics due – 2nd qtr. (10/01/2019 – 12/31/2019)
6. **April 30, 2020:** 3rd Quarter invoice/metrics due – 3rd qtr. (01/01/2020 – 03/31/2020)
7. **June 30, 2020:** Contract Concludes – 06/30/2020
8. **July 31, 2020:** 4th Quarter invoice/metrics (04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020) and Annual Progress Report (07/01/2019 – 06/30/2020) due. Counties must summarize information from the quarterly reports, describe the accomplishments of the project and describe next steps for implementing any plans for additional work identified during the funding period.

Congratulations again on your Proposition 63 award and thank you for Riverside County's support of California's Service Members, Veterans and their families.

Please don't hesitate to call Phillip Leggett, CalVet, Proposition 63 Contract Manager at 916-503-8327 if you have any questions or concerns. In the next few weeks he will be sending you information about invoicing and the required documentation and metrics you will need to submit for payment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Boylan".

KEITH BOYLAN
Deputy Secretary
Veterans Services Division

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