



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Veterans Services	(2) MEETING DATE 11/5/2019	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Hans Poschman/805-781-5996 Christopher L. Lopez/805-781-5768	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the Annual Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificates of Compliance agreements with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) for FY 2019-20. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approves, and the Chair signs, the following agreements that are required each year for FC 186 – Veterans Services to receive subvention and Medi-Cal cost-avoidance revenues from the state: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance agreement with the California Department of Veterans Affairs for FY 2019-20; 2. Annual Subvention Program Certificate of Compliance agreement with the California Department of Veterans Affairs for FY 2019-20. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Various: State Subvention; State Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance; State Veterans Service Office Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$101,827 Budgeted Subvention; \$10,430 Budgeted Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance; \$10,709 Budgeted Veterans Service Office Fund	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Courtney Pene			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts.			



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Veterans Services, Hans Poschman, Administrative Services Officer, 805-781-5996

VIA: Veterans Services, Christopher L. Lopez, Veterans Services Officer, 805-781-5768

DATE: 11/5/2019

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The state provides for an annual revenue allocation to county veterans services offices participating in the Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Programs. The County Veterans Services Office submits claims twice each year for these funds following Board approval of the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance and Subvention Agreements.

Subvention funds are disbursed on a pro rata basis to counties that have established and maintain a county veterans service officer in accordance with the staffing level and workload of each county veterans service office under a formula based upon performance that is developed by the California Department of Veterans Affairs for these purposes.

Medi-Cal cost avoidance funds are available because the California Department of Veterans Affairs has an agreement with the State Department of Health Services and the State Department of Social Services to obtain federal matching funds to contribute toward the salaries and expenses of the county veterans services offices for their activities which are reasonably related to the programs of the State Department of Health Services and the State Department of Social Services which are benefited, or realize cost avoidance, as a result of the services of those offices. Funds are disbursed

to counties on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual workload of each county veteran service office under a formula based on performance that is developed by the California Department of Veterans Affairs for these purposes.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Agreements with the State Departments of Health and Social Services furnish the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program funds. The California Department of Veterans Affairs is the organization that will receive the compliance certificates, conducts the semi-annual audits of performance, and disburses the available state subvention and Medi-Cal cost avoidance funds to the County.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Participation in the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program provides the office with two sources of funding. The first source provides an average \$37 for verifying a veteran's benefits for the Department of Social Services. The second source provides an average \$370 per veteran for whom a claim is generated if that veteran is currently receiving certain benefits under Medi-Cal or CalWorks.

Participation in the Subvention Program provides the office with many sources of funding. The amount of subvention granted for the filing of a veteran's claim depends upon the claim filed, and whether the claim is awarded, but ranges from \$0 to about \$58 per claim filed/awarded. Additionally, under the subvention program the office receives a percentage of a state fund created using fees collected from the sale of special interest license plates that honor veterans. The percentage received by County Veterans Services is based on the department's net county cost.

In FY 2018-19, Veterans Services was granted \$10,533 in Medi-Cal cost avoidance funds for income verifications and claims for veterans receiving certain Medi-Cal or CalWorks benefits, \$103,846 in subvention funds for the filing of standard veteran's claims, \$11,044 in funds from the veteran license plate fund, and \$20,000 in one-time Mental Health Services Act funds. The total amount received through the programs made possible by these agreements was \$145,423.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the County to utilize funds provided by the California Department of Veterans Affairs to offset General Fund expenditures for FC 186 – Veterans Services by an estimated \$122,966 in FY 2019-20. This will contribute to the County's goals of ensuring that San Luis Obispo is a healthy, livable, and prosperous community.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Cal Vet Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance FY 19-20
- 2 Cal Vet Subvention Certificate of Compliance FY 19-20