

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Aging and Veterans Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-1

AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2017

SUBJECT:

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program and Annual Subvention Program Certificates of Compliance issued by the California Department of Veterans Affairs

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-432

On motion of Supervisor Olsen, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None


1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *pht*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program and Annual Subvention Program Certificates of Compliance issued by the California Department of Veterans Affairs

DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus County Veterans Services Office (CVSO) assists Veterans, their dependents and survivors in obtaining Federal, State, and County benefits, such as: compensation for service related injuries; reopen compensation for re-evaluation increase; VA medical care; vocational rehab; benefits for convalescent and assisted living residents; survivors annuity based upon service connected death; pension for war era Veterans; death pension for survivors of war era Veterans who died of a non-service connected disability; dependent allowances; California state Veterans homes; request for military records and decorations; discharge upgrade and correction of military records; life insurance; burial benefits and National Cemetery information; State college tuition fee waiver program for dependents; fishing and hunting licenses; license plates; motor vehicle registration fee waiver; and Veterans Tax benefits. The CVSO also offers information and referral for education benefits, home loans (both CA and Cal Vet), hospitalization, outpatient medical and dental treatment, alcoholism and drug dependence treatment program, employment and/or unemployment compensation, small Business Administration, Social Security, and PTSD (Post Traumatic Syndrome Disorder) counseling.

The annual Subvention Program partially funds counties for expenses incurred in the operation of the County Veterans Service Office, in accordance to Military and Veterans Code Sections 972, and 972.1, A State General Fund Expenditure, and 972.2 a Special Fund Expenditure. The Stanislaus County Veterans Services Office anticipates receiving \$108,295 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

The annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance is authorized by Military and Veterans Code Section 972.5. The program establishes that all activities of the CVSO reasonably benefit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) or realize cost avoidance to the Medi-Cal program. All State and County Medi-Cal Eligibility Workers who generate a Form CW-5 (Veterans Benefits Referral) and/or MC 05 (Military Verification and

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Referral form) will be instructed to indicate the applicant's Aid Code on the face of the form and send it to the local CVSO.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs requires that all counties receiving State Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance funding must certify that the county is in compliance with the administrative requirements and regulations as prescribed by the California Department of Veterans Affairs. The California Department of Veterans Affairs also requires the counties' Chairman of the Board to sign the Certificates of Compliance certifying that the county is in compliance with the Military and Veterans Code Sections 972, 972.1 and 972.2.

POLICY ISSUE:

In accordance with Military and Veterans Code Section 970, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a County Veterans Services Officer (CVSO) to administer the aid to Veterans provided for in Division 4, Chapter 5, Military and Veterans Code. The CVSO must be aware of, and abide by, the vast network of requirements and regulations as prescribed by various agencies and levels of government, including: Military and Veterans Code, Article 4, Sections 970 through 973, the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 12, Sections 450 through 455, and Title 38, U.S. Code, Sections 1.5 and 14.6.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is anticipated the Stanislaus County Veterans Services Office will receive approximately \$108,295 in funding for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 from the California Department of Veterans Affairs. This funding will be included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Final Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

By authorizing the Chair to sign the Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program and Annual Subvention Program Certificates of Compliance, the Department of Aging and Veterans Services will be able to continue to provide Veterans services to residents of Stanislaus County, consistent with the Board's priority to promote the Efficient Delivery of Public Services by providing excellent community services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this request.

CONTACT PERSON:

Margie Palomino, Director. Telephone: (209) 525-4601

ATTACHMENT(S):

Two Attachments:

1. Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance
2. Annual Subvention Program Certificate of Compliance

ATTACHMENT #1

Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance

Fiscal Year 2017/2018

I certify that Stanislaus County has appointed a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 12, Subchapter 4. Please consider this as our application to participate in the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program authorized by Military and Veterans Code Section 972.5.

I understand and will comply with the following:

1. All activities of the CVSO for which payment is made by the CalVet under this agreement will reasonably benefit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) or realize cost avoidance to the Medi-Cal program. All State and County Medi-Cal Eligibility Workers who generate a Form CW-5 (Veterans Benefits Referral) and/or MC 05 (Military Verification and Referral form) will be instructed to indicate the applicant's Aid Code on the face of the form.
2. All monies received under this agreement shall be allocated to and spent on the salaries and expenses of the CVSO.
3. This agreement is binding only if federal funds are available to CalVet from the DHCS.
4. The CVSO is responsible for administering this program in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 12, Subchapter 4 and the *CalVet Procedure Manual for Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance* for the current state fiscal year.



Chair, County Board of Supervisors
(or other County Official authorized
by the Board to act on their behalf)

8/8/17
Date

**SCAN AND UPLOAD THIS COMPLETED FORM VIA THE AGENCY
ATTACHMENTS IN VETPRO**

ATTACHMENT #2

Annual Subvention Program Certificate of Compliance

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Annual Subvention Program Certificate of Compliance

Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Charge:

Funds are distributed under this program to counties as partial reimbursement for expenses incurred in the operation of the County Veterans Service Office. Funds are distributed according to Military and Veterans Code Sections 972, and 972.1, a State General Fund Expenditure, and 972.2 a Special Fund Expenditure.

County Certification:


I certify that Stanislaus County has appointed a veteran to serve as the County Veterans Service Officer according to California Code of Regulations Title 12, Subchapter 4. This County Veterans Service Officer will administer the aid provided for in Military and Veterans Code Division 4, Chapter 5. This County Veterans Service Officer and Veterans Service Representative staff must achieve and maintain accreditation from the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) within 18 months of employment.

I further certify that the County Veteran Service Officer will assist every veteran of the United States, as well as their dependents and survivors, in presenting and pursuing such claim as they may have against the United States. The County Veterans Service Officer and all accredited staff will also assist in establishing veterans, dependents and survivors' rights to any privilege, preference, care or compensation provided for by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, or any local jurisdiction.

I certify that the current fiscal year proposed expenditures exceeds the actual fiscal year 1988-89 expenditures by at least, the full amount of the current annual allocation.

I also agree that this county, through the County Veterans Service Office, will maintain records for audit. These records will be maintained for a minimum of two years. The county agrees to submit reports in accordance with the procedures and timelines established by CalVet and in accordance with the *CalVet Procedure Manual for Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance* for the current state fiscal year. The County Veterans Service Officer will permit CalVet representatives to inspect all records.

I further authorize the County Veterans Service Officer to actively participate in the promotion of the California Veterans License Plate program.



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