



Board Agenda Item 35

DATE: 1/26/2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Delfino E. Neira, Director, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Retroactive FY 2020-21 County Subvention Program and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Fund Certificates of Compliance

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute retroactive State FY 2020-21 County Subvention Program Certificate of Compliance, for the Fresno County Department of Social Services - Veterans Services Office (Org 7110), effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (\$145,295).**
- 2. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute retroactive State FY 2020-21 Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance, for the Fresno County Department of Social Services - Veterans Services Office (Org 7110), effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (\$10,733).**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Social Services to continue to receive annual subvention funding and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance funding for FY 2020-21 to offset expenses incurred in the operation of the County Veterans Service Office (VSO), with no Net County Cost. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. Annual approval of the County Subvention Program and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Compliance Certificates is required in order to receive the annual funding.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

The recommended actions are retroactive as the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) made the Certificates of Compliance available to counties on June 17, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. The Fresno County VSO is eligible to receive an estimated \$145,295 under the State FY 2020-21 County Subvention Program and \$10,733 from the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance fund. The anticipated revenues from both programs are included in the Department's VSO Org 7110 FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

Each year, the CDVA authorizes an allocation of State funds through a subvention program for a portion of the cost of the local VSO operations so long as the County meets the eligibility requirement. The total

allocation is retroactive to July 1, 2020 and is based on a combination of available State funds and each County's proportional share of workload units and mandated activities.

With your Board's approval of the FY 2020-21 County Subvention Program Certificate of Compliance, Fresno County will receive an estimated \$145,295 to be used to offset a portion of the County VSO expenses. The Subvention Program is administered under the provisions of the Military and Veterans (M&V) Code, Sections 972 and 972.1. The projected revenues are based on current State estimates and are subject to change once allocations are finalized.

In addition, Fresno County meets the requirements of the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance program as stated in the Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance for FY 2020-21 and is eligible to receive an allocation from the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance fund. Through this program, administered under the provisions of the M&V Code, Section 972.5, the County will receive an estimated \$10,733 in FY 2020-21. Approval of the recommended FY 2020-21 Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance will enable the County to receive this allocation from the State.

The signed statements are necessary to receive funding and must be submitted to the CDVA immediately following Board approval, in order to be eligible for receipt of FY 2020-21 funds. As stated in both certificates of compliance, funds received can only be used to support VSO program operations.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI # 53, October 8, 2019

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Certificate of Compliance, Subvention

On file with Clerk - Certificate of Compliance, Medi-Cal

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander