



December 29, 2025

California Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Services Division
1227 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attn: Mental Health Coordinator

Subject: 2026/2027/2028 Proposition 63 Funding Mental Health Outreach and Services Request for Applications

To whom it may concern:

The Fresno County Veterans Service Office is pleased to submit the enclosed proposal in response to the California Department of Veterans Affairs' Request for Applications for the 2026–2027–2028 Proposition 63 Mental Health Outreach and Services funding.

The proposal was completed by our Fresno County Veterans Service Office. The Veterans Service Office will present this item to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors on March 3, 2026 for approval to submit the application. Upon approval, documentation of the Board's authorization will be provided to CalVet.

Should Fresno County be awarded funding, the agreement will be executed by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

Should you have any questions regarding the attached materials, please contact Kyle Pennington at (559) 600-4075.

Sincerely,

Kyle Pennington
Veterans Service Officer



**California Department
of Veterans Affairs**

2026/2027/2028

Mental Health Services Act Grant Program
Request for Applications (RFA)

Appendix A – Performance Metrics

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Appendix B – Program Narrative

Fresno County Veterans Service Office

Veterans Outreach Proposition 63

Program Narrative

Section A: Statement of Need (500 words max)

Fresno County, one of California's largest and most diverse counties, boasts an estimated population of 1,028,351, including around 50,000 veterans and 4,500 National Guard and Reserve members, as reported by the California Department of Finance. Prioritizing veteran services, the County's Veterans Service Office (CVSO), led by Kyle Pennington, connected approximately 2,000 veterans to mental health support during FY 2024-2025, including 150 women.

The CVSO team is dedicated to identifying and aiding veterans, newly discharged service members, and retirees in need of mental health services (MHS). They focus on high-risk individuals, offering comprehensive assistance with claims and benefits. The team educates veterans about available services and conducts screenings for conditions like Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), referring them to appropriate agencies like local Vet Centers or Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VA Hospitals).

Spanning over 6,000 square miles and encompassing 15 towns/cities, the CVSO prioritizes outreach, ensuring access to services even in remote areas. The team actively participates in events like Yellow Ribbon, Stand Downs, The Women Veteran Stand Up, and various fairs and briefings to raise service awareness. The CVSO's proximity to the Fresno Vet Center facilitates collaboration in supporting veterans with mental health issues.

Collaborations extend to professionals like Susan Basmajian, Fresno's Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) specialist, working to prevent the criminalization of veterans due to mental illness and aiding in securing necessary mental health support. The CVSO continually seeks partnerships with agencies capable of providing additional veteran services such as Adult Protective Services (APS), In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and Fresno-Madera Agency on Aging (FMAAA) to serve aging and homeless veterans.

The CVSO, along with the Cal Vet Local Interagency Network Coordinator and VA Central California Health Care system professionals, has identified key barriers to accessing veteran services, such as stigma and legal or career concerns. The CVSO and its Veteran Service Representatives (VSR) focus on building trust with veterans, encouraging open communication and facilitating access to needed help.

Section B: Proposed Service/Project (1000 words max)

Project Goal: County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) and their team aim to efficiently identify and refer veterans and service members requiring mental health services (MHS) to appropriate agencies. The team will focus on facilitating access to aid for high-risk veterans, assisting with claim-related barriers, and guiding them through the process of securing necessary services for a successful transition to civilian life.

Project Objectives: To be achieved by June 30, 2027, the CVSO and team will:

- Conduct 600 in-house screenings to effectively refer veterans to mental and physical healthcare providers, specifically targeting serious mental health conditions.
- Provide 400 outreach referrals for veterans needing MHS.
- Implement a Referral Screening Tracking system to log details such as date, client name, case number, screening outcomes (PTSD/MST, TBI), and referral destinations.
- Assist 300 veterans and their families with Service-Related Disability Compensation claims and Non-Service-Related Disability Pensions pertaining to mental health issues.
- Participate in various outreach events (300) across the county, such as:
 - Three Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program events.
 - Two Stand Downs, collaborating with The Fresno County Misdemeanor Court to address veterans' misdemeanors and traffic cases.
 - The Central Valley Women's Stand Up for approximately 100 women veterans, focusing on MST issues.
 - Three Strategic Hiring Events aiming for a 50% job placement rate for veterans.
 - Six events focused on National Guard and Reserve Servicemembers.
 - Six Homeless Veterans Program presentations.
- Collaborate with Organizations such as PFALG Fresno, LGTBQ Network, Central Valley Veterans and Beyond the Barracks in outreach for the LGBTQ+ veteran community.
- Collaboration with Fresno-Madera Agency on Aging (FMAAA) to assist veterans with aging services and assisted living support.
- Provide outreach to senior veterans including veterans in licensed Residential Care Facilities.
- Collaborate with the Transition Goals, Plans, Success (TGPS) program to empower retiring service members and their families with skills and confidence for civilian reintegration, including attending Muster and Retirement/Separation Briefings at local bases.
- Collaborate with Kings View and Resiliency Center in connecting veterans and their family members with no cost outpatient psychotherapy.
- Monthly partnership visits to local colleges for presentations and support to student veterans using Military Education Benefits, offering screening, referrals, and claim assistance.
- Work with the Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO) to assist 30 veterans in avoiding criminalization due to mental illness and refer those in need to the Fresno Veteran Treatment Court.
- Support the verification of 50 MIL100 forms in collaboration with the VJO.
- Partner with the Vet Center and Central California Legal Services (CCLS) to offer bi-monthly pro bono legal aid at Vet Centers, addressing issues like housing including protection against eviction, employment, discharge upgrades, criminal, consumer, civil law and immigration/naturalization services.

- Transition eligible veterans from Medi-Cal to the VA medical system for mental health care.
- Provide feedback to CalVet on healthcare access, customer and clinician satisfaction, efficiency, and quality.
- Foster collaborations with mental health agencies for veteran mental health assessment days.
- Build trusting relationships with veterans to create a safe environment for open communication, aiming to de-stigmatize mental health support and emphasize its importance in successful civilian reintegration.
- Collaborate with Fresno County Department of Social Services Divisions:
 - Housing Support through programs such as Housing and Disability Advocacy (HDAP), West Care and Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCOC) when other Housing Support is not available.
 - Medi-Cal eligibility staff for additional medical services and eligibility to IHSS.
 - CalFresh eligibility staff for those who are food insecure.
 - CalWORKs eligibility staff for families while VA benefits are pending.
 - Adult Protective Services to support elderly veterans that may be in abuse or self-neglect situations, some that may have MH related issues or be homeless.
 - In-Home Supportive Services to support elderly veterans with home health care assistance to support elderly veterans.

Section C: Proposed Implementation Approach (1500 words max)

Experience and Anticipated Impact

Transitioning from military to civilian life poses significant challenges. Reconnecting with family and readjusting to civilian life, compounded by job searches or injury recovery, can hinder veterans from seeking Mental Health Services (MHS). The Fresno County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) leverages its extensive experience in aiding veterans and their families in Fresno County. The CVSO team conducts mental health outreach, guiding veterans towards necessary care. The outreach goals detailed in Section B will yield impactful results, which will cause an increase in veterans receiving essential help. This assistance helps prevent homelessness, potentially reduces crime, facilitates overcoming employment barriers, and promotes healthier lifestyles. Through proactive engagement at events, the CVSO team reaches veterans and conduct mental health outreach to those who might not otherwise access their services, linking them to vital resources for a smoother transition. In this manner, VSO is increasing access to several services to the veteran community through referrals, screenings, which can connect to treatment, housing, MH linkage, referrals to homeless services and linking aging veterans to APS when needed.

The CVSO team actively participates in various outreach events, leading to numerous veterans requesting follow-up meetings. In these sessions, the team assesses for potential PTSD, Military Sexual Trauma (MST), or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). They also direct homeless veterans to the Fresno VA Hospital for immediate services and refer combat veterans with mental health issues to the local Vet Center. VA mental health regulations enable the CVSO to assist every veteran, regardless of their discharge status which increases the eligible veteran population to services.

The CVSO team will also refer veterans to additional service to aid in stabilization based on

their needs. Services include connections to APS, IHSS and homeless programs such as HDAP, West Care and FMCOC. Veterans will also be aided with obtaining services for Medi-Cal and CalFresh to provide basic medical care and food, as well as CalWORKs for families without a source of income.

Number of Participants

The program aims to provide MHS referrals to approximately 600 unique clients. This includes assisting approximately 30 incarcerated veterans in avoiding criminalization due to mental health issues. The CVSO collaborates with local military bases to offer early assistance to 4,500 active members transitioning to civilian life. The CVSO also collaborates with Residential Care Facilities to assist senior veterans in obtaining mental health services.

Organization Partnerships

The CVSO has established strong partnerships with the Vet Center and the Fresno VA hospital, facilitating a comprehensive range of services, including counseling, legal aid, and assistance in applying for benefits. The collaboration with Central California Legal Services (CCLS) at the Vet Center provides pro bono legal services to veterans. Additionally, the CVSO works with the Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO) specialist to support incarcerated veterans and conducts educational outreach at California State University of Fresno and local community colleges.

The CVSO also partners with San Joaquin Valley Veterans (SJVV) and Central Valley Veterans (CVV) to offer a range of services, from transitional housing to assistance with everyday needs. These partnerships enhance the CVSO's ability to address various veteran needs, from mental health to practical support.

The CVSO has established a strong relationship with the Clovis Veterans Memorial District which has resulted in various events that present excellent outreach opportunities and has resulted in Hiring Events leading to employment opportunities for Veterans.

The CVSO also works with Fresno County Department of Social Services with the Adult Services peers in APS and IHSS that provide elderly resources to aging veterans. CVSO also has access to eligibility staff to connect food insecure veterans to CalFresh food benefits and Medi-Cal. If a veteran has minor dependent children in their custody, VSO can connect these families to CalWORKs for cash assistance, job training, childcare, housing support and other services.

Potential Barriers

A major challenge is the lack of awareness among veterans about available services. To address this, the CVSO focuses on education and outreach before and after retirement. The team is trained to expertly navigate and refer veterans to appropriate resources, overcoming potential barriers through trust and support.

Due to the size of our region, the number of rural cities with limited transportation options and the high poverty rate result in limited access to information and services which includes veterans living in rural communities. This barrier to access is why funding for outreach is so crucial for veteran access to services, poverty also contributes to poor health, including MH and homelessness. The CVSO provides employment and education service referrals to

provide better opportunities for the veteran community.

Mental Health Service Future Plan

Post-funding, the CVSO will maintain its outreach efforts and continue developing new partnerships to offer comprehensive MHS. This proactive, comprehensive approach underscores the CVSO's commitment to effectively transitioning veterans into civilian life, addressing mental health and practical needs through robust partnerships and community engagement.

Section D: Performance Assessment and Data (1,000 words max)

The CVSO will use multiple methods to track MHS provided to veterans using logs and VetPro. The CVSO and Staff will utilize a referral tracker and update on a weekly basis, all incoming and outgoing referrals, describing the actions taken. The goal is to inform and assist veterans in getting the services they need, which will be tracked using event logs and referral screening logs.

Event Log

The CVSO team will attend a minimum of 300 outreach events annually, providing presentations to veterans and service members transitioning back to civilian life. These events will inform attendees about available services and assist with service and claim access. Each event will be documented in a log, recording details such as date, event title, type, participant count, attending CVSO staff, and duration. This log aims to track the reach of the outreach efforts, with a goal of engaging 400 veterans/service members. The CVSO will use this data to evaluate events effectiveness, particularly for mental health assessments, and make necessary adjustments in collaboration with partners to identify outreach events with the most return on investment. If this grant is awarded, the log will also report on hours and costs associated with these outreach events.

Referral Screening

Health care service referrals, including MHS (e.g., PTSD, MST, and TBI), will be tracked using the VetPro system. Additionally, a referral screening log will be maintained for each veteran/service member referred to MHS. This log will include details such as date, veteran's name, last four digits of their Social Security Number, service branch, screening type (PTSD/MST/TBI), and referral details. This log aims to track progress towards the goal of 600 screenings, helping the CVSO evaluate and improve outreach and screening processes. Grant funding, if received, will be used to report on the time and cost involved in these screenings.

VetPro

VetPro is a case management, claim creation, and submission software for Veteran Service Officers. VetPro can streamline and standardize veteran tracking, allowing for the collection of electronic signatures and submissions. The CVSO will assist 300 veterans and their families in filing Service-Related Disability Compensation claims and Non-Service-Related Disability Pensions related to PTSD through VetPro. An ad-hoc report from VetPro will provide data on the number of PTSD claims filed over a specified period. Additionally, the CVSO, in collaboration with the VJO, will support 30 veterans in avoiding criminalization due to mental illness and assist in MHS claims and MIL100 form verification. VetPro will track and report on

the number of incarcerated veterans and the status of their MIL100 forms.

Financial System

Cost tracking for the CVSO will be managed through Fresno County's PeopleSoft Financial System. Administrative staff will use quarterly labor distribution data to calculate the CVSO's hourly rate for event and referral participation. Travel and supply expenses will be tracked using specific cost account types.

Performance metrics are listed in Appendix A and data logs for tracking are listed in Attachment A.

Appendix C – Budget Form

Fresno County Veterans Service Office				
Veterans Outreach Proposition 63				
Budget Form				
A. Personnel				
Position	Hourly Wage	Hrs/Mo Spent on Program	Mo/Yr Spent on Program	Cost
Veterans Service Representative (VSR)	\$26.68	120	12	\$38,419.20
			Total	\$38,419.20
B. Fringe Benefits				
Component	Rate	Annual Wage	Cost	
SDI (VSR)	8.80%	\$38,419.20	\$3,380.89	
UIB & WC (VSR)	0.12%	\$38,419.20	\$46.10	
Retirement (VSR)	49.52%	\$38,419.20	\$19,025.19	
Health/life (VSR)	21.76%	\$38,419.20	\$8,360.02	
		Total	\$30,812.20	
C. Travel				
Location	Purpose	Rate (Mileage Only)	Cost	
Various Outreach Locations	Outreach	\$0.70	\$6,403.89	
Various Collaborative Events	Collaborative	\$0.70	\$3,201.94	
		Total	\$9,605.83	

D. Supplies			
Items	Rate (Cost x Months)		Cost
Printed Outreach Materials	\$30*12		\$360
Outreach and engagement materials	\$141*12		\$1,692
	Total		\$2,052.00
E. Contracting			
Name	Service	Rate (Cost/Individual x Individual x Days)	Cost
N/A			
		Total	
F. Other			
Item	Rate		Cost
N/A			
	Total		
Totals			
Section A: Personnel	\$38,419.20	Section D: Supplies	\$2,052.00
Section B: Fringe Benefits	\$30,812.20	Section E: Contracting	\$0.00
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		Total Requesting	\$80,889.23

Appendix D – Budget Narrative

Fresno County Veterans Service Office	
Veterans Outreach Proposition 63	
Budget Narrative	
Section A: Personnel	
The VSRs (Rebecca Hawkins, Theresa Reese, Aimee Taylor, Eric Ornelas, David Flores, and one vacancy to be fill in 2026) are involved in outreach hours totaling 1,440.	
Details: These hours include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 792 hours of outreach at events like Yellow Ribbon, Reintegration Program, Stand Downs, Job Fairs, Muster Briefings, Retirement Briefings, local college and homeless veterans program presentations, and National Guard Reserve Armories events.• 476 hours for one-on-one follow-ups with veterans.• 172 hours for preparation and planning.	
Section B: Fringe Benefits	
The benefits for the VSRs for the 1,440 outreach hours.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits include Retirement, Unemployment and State Disability Insurance, Workers' Compensation, Life and Health Insurance, and Administrative Benefits. These are calculated based on Fresno County's benefit rates for the fiscal year 2025-26.	
Section C: Travel	
Travel is necessary as events are located outside the Veterans Service Office.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costs include mileage (at Fresno County's current rate) for the VSR's to attend approximately 300 outreach events, including those mentioned in Section B.	
Section D: Supplies	
Supply costs include materials for mental health outreach.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details: This involves supplies for VSR staff (pens, ink, paper, ect), and printed materials staff will use at outreach booths so veterans can see who we are. Other outreach and engagement materials will be designed to inform, educate, and connect eligible individuals to MHSA-funded mental health services. Costs are calculated based on the average of actuals, with 60% of office supplies dedicated to mental health outreach and collaborative events, and 100% of the costs for all other Marketing tools allocated to mental health outreach.	
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N/A	
Section F: Other	
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PSTD / MST / TBI Questionnaire

<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>QUESTIONS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Have you served in a combat zone or suffered a personal trauma while in the service?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Did you experience or witness a life-threatening event that caused intense fear, helplessness, or horror?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you experience repeated and disturbing memories or dreams of the stressful experience?
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you act or feel as if the event were happening again (flashbacks or a sense of reliving it)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you try to avoid certain thoughts or situations that might remind you of the event?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you feel detached from others?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you have the inability to feel positive emotions?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you have problems sleeping?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you have irritability or anger outbursts?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you have problems concentrating?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you have the feeling of being “on-guard”?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Do you startle easily?

TBI Questions

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Describe the incident.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Was there a head injury?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Was there a loss or alteration of consciousness or memory

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January 7, 2026

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

Veterans Services Division

1227 O Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Proposition 63 Mental Health Outreach and Services Grant Review Team

Re: Letter of Support, Fresno County Veterans Service Office, Proposition 63 Mental Health Referral Grant (New Cycle Application)

As the California State Senator who represents a majority of Fresno County, I am writing to express my strong support for the Fresno County Veterans Service Office (FCVSO) as it applies for the next cycle of the Proposition 63 Mental Health Outreach and Services Grant administered through CalVet.

My office has partnered with FCVSO to support veterans across Fresno County and the greater Central Valley by strengthening access to benefits, care navigation, and coordinated referrals to mental health and substance use services. This work directly aligns with the purpose of CalVet's Proposition 63 grant model, which is intended to enhance local outreach and improve referral effectiveness for veterans presenting with mental health needs.

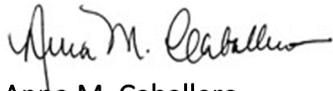
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As described in Fresno County's public grant documentation, FCVSO's Prop 63 efforts have emphasized outreach and referral support for high need populations, including justice involved veterans (identified prior to hearings and sentencing, incarcerated veterans, and parolee veterans), newly discharged servicemembers, and Guard and Reserve personnel with deployment related needs.

Continued Prop 63 funding will help ensure Fresno County veterans can be identified earlier, connected more quickly to appropriate care, and supported in navigating systems that are often fragmented, especially for veterans who are justice involved, transitioning, or otherwise underserved.

For these reasons, I strongly support FCVSO's application for the next Proposition 63 Mental Health Outreach and Services Grant cycle. FCVSO is a trusted, outcome driven partner that consistently improves local coordination and helps veterans access the services they have earned. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my Fresno District Office at (559) 264-3070.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna M. Caballero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anna M. Caballero

Senator, 14th District

LETTER OF SUPPORT

FOR THE FRESNO COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Fresno Vet Center
1320 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 125
Fresno, CA 93710

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If you have questions or would like to discuss our partnership, please contact me at 559-231-2743 or Jorge.altamiranosoto@va.gov.

Sincerely, Jorge Altamirano, Fresno Vet Center, Veterans Outreach Program Specialist





DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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January 6, 2026

Fresno County Veterans Service Office

RE: Letter of Support, Proposition 63 Mental Health Outreach & Services Grant

Dear Mr. Pennington:

VA Central California Health Care System (VACCHCS) is providing this letter in support of the Fresno County Veterans Service Office's (FCVSO) application for Proposition 63 Mental Health Outreach and Services Grant.

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We support this application from the Fresno County Veterans Service Office for this critical funding opportunity.

Sincerely,

FROY GARZA
Executive Director/CEO



**First Responders for Children
Impacted by Emotional Trauma**

January 8, 2026

Re., LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE FRESNO COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,


Rodney Lowery, CEO



NICK RICHARDSON
Councilmember, District Six

RE: Letter of Support for the Fresno County Veterans Service Office

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Sincerely,

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December 22, 2025

California Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Services Division
Attn: Proposition 63 Mental Health Outreach and Services Grant Review Team

Re: Letter of Support, Fresno County Veterans Service Office, Proposition 63 Mental Health Referral Grant (New Cycle Application)

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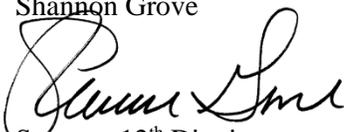
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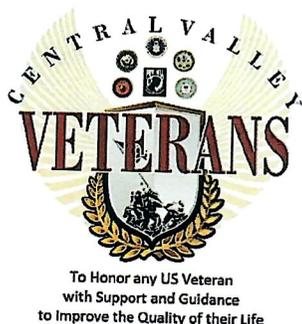
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Sincerely,

Shannon Grove



Senator, 12th District



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David Tangipa
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 8th DISTRICT