

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

DEPT: Aging & Veterans Services

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE August 6, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Appoint James Greer as the Veterans Services Officer for the Department of Aging and Veterans Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appoint James Greer as the Veterans Services Officer for the Department of Aging and Veterans Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-393

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Withrow, Monteith, De Martini and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

The Department of Aging and Veterans Services is required in accordance with State requirements for receipt of State subventions to have a Veterans Services Officer. The person appointed to this position is required to be a Veteran.

Cynthia Thomlison, a Senior Management Consultant with the Chief Executive Office and a Veteran, was appointed as the Veterans Services Officer on September 27, 2005, as there was not a manager who was a Veteran able to fill this role in the Department at that time.

Mr. Greer, who is a 30 year Veteran of the U.S. Navy, has been in the Veterans Services Office for the last 20 years, and was appointed as the Veterans Services Office Manager one year ago. Mr. Greer has the knowledge, experience, and ability to fill this role.

It is the recommendation of the Director of Aging and Veterans Services, along with the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office, to appoint Mr. James Greer to that position.

POLICY ISSUES:

By approval of the appointment, the Department of Aging and Veterans Services will be able to continue to provide Veteran 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

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (CalVet)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014

STANISLAUS COUNTY

ONE TIME FUNDING SUBVENTION PROGRAM

Charge:

One-time contribution to counties toward expenses of their County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) per Provisional Language for line item 8955-101-0001 of the Budget Act of 2013; a state General 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.

I 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 agree that this county, through the CVSO, will maintain annual records for audit. These records will be maintained until the final allocation of funds for the subject fiscal year is issued by CalVet. We will also submit reports in accordance with the procedures and timelines established by CalVet. The County Veterans Service Officer will permit CalVet representatives to inspect all facilities and records.

I certify that this county will meet the following requirements to receive these funds:

- To maintain fiscal year 2013-14 local CVSO funding at or above the levels locally appropriated in fiscal year 2012-13; and
- That these funds shall not be used to supplant existing county funding for CVSO operations and shall only be used to enhance those services

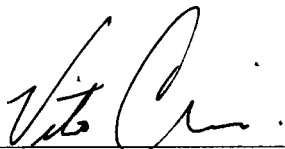
I certify that these funds will be used in the following area from the CalVet/CVSO Best Practices Manual:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Add New CVSO Staffing - Many CVSO's are already at capacity for handling workload; additional staff allows offices to expand claims handling, expand presence at outreach events and to expand presence at veteran centric sites | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Increase office traffic by expanding service offerings - Primarily focused on one-time equipment needs for establishing new services that will attract veterans to CVSO office thus providing CVSO with ability to increase their veteran contacts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Outreach Materials - Primarily one time production costs for production of new, locally targeted outreach materials for distribution within the county. Provides benefit education and referral information for those locations and times where CVSO staff are not available to provide counseling services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – <u>Explain</u> how your project does not fall into one of the above categories, but still applies to the CalVet/CVSO Best Practice Manual: _____

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I agree that this county, through the CVSO, will collect and report metrics related to the implementation of this program.

I acknowledge that these funds are one-time funds and may not be available in future fiscal years.



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

10/21/13

Date