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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Agreement and Certification regarding State Veterans Services allocation

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements with the California Department of Veterans Affairs:

1. Renewal of Agreement No. 946, Subvention Certificate of Compliance, for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 State subvention funding for the County Veterans Service Office; and
2. Renewal of Agreement No. 946-1, a Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance, committing the County to assist veterans in obtaining benefits from non-Medi-Cal funding sources.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the agreements is requested to enable Napa County's receipt of federal and state funds from the California Department of Veterans Affairs for the County's Veterans Service Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The action is discretionary in that, while counties are required to provide some level of veterans services, the specific services and level of services provided is discretionary. Approval of the requested agreements will allow Napa County to receive the three categories of funding from the California

Department of Veterans Affairs as described below.

The Napa County Veterans Service Office receives approximately \$30,000 in federal and state revenue annually from three programs: (1) subvention funds; (2) Medi-Cal cost avoidance; and (3) license plate fees [the State Veterans Services Office Fund]. Subvention funds are distributed on a workload basis by county. The Medi-Cal cost avoidance program pays counties for activities that county veterans services officers perform that will benefit the Department of Health Services (DHS) or realize savings to the Medi-Cal program (cost avoidance). The State Veterans Services Office Fund is created through the sale of veterans license plates. These funds are shared among counties based upon counties' shares of statewide veterans expenditures.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: None

Consequences if not approved: If these actions are not approved, Napa County will not have sufficient funding for a Veterans Services Officer, who assists veterans to receive benefits to which they are entitled. Therefore, veterans will not be able to access benefits at the current level.

Additional Information: If these actions are not approved, the County General fund would need to fund the Veterans Services Officer or the County would need to reduce the level of service provided by the Veterans Service Officer.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Department of Veterans Affairs allocates funding to assist the County Veterans Services Office. To obtain these funds, the County must agree to provide veterans services, designate a Veterans Services Officer who is qualified under the Military and Veterans Code, and sign a Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance that certifies that the activities of the Veterans Services Officer will reasonably benefit the Department of Health Services (DHS) or realize cost avoidance to the Medi-Cal program. Approval of the requested agreements will fulfill these requirements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita