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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. 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/certifications with the California Department of Veterans Affairs:

1. Renewal of Agreement/Certification No. 946, Subvention Certificate of Compliance, for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 State subvention funding for the County Veterans Services Office; and
2. Renewal of Agreement/Certification No. 946-1, Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance, committing the County to assist veterans in obtaining benefits from non-Medi-Cal funding sources.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of these agreements/certifications will enable Napa County to receive federal and state funds from the California Department of Veterans Affairs for the County's Veterans Services 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:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that, while counties are required to provide some level of veterans services, counties are not required to pursue funding from the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Approval of the requested agreements/certifications will allow Napa County to receive

the three categories of funding from the California Department of Veterans Affairs described below.

The Napa County Veterans Services 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 achieve savings for 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, Napa County veterans will not be able to access benefits at the current level.

Additional Information:

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 in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 12, Subchapter 4, 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 achieve cost avoidance for the Medi-Cal program authorized by Military and Veterans Code Section 972.5. Approval of the requested agreements/certifications will fulfill these requirements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan