



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Nathan Johnson, Veterans Services Officer  
Date: May 7, 2019

Subject: Apply for and Receive Funding for Veterans Mental Health Services Grant FY2019-20

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Veterans Services Officer, or designee, to execute a contract to accept grant funding from the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to provide mental health outreach and support services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, the grant funding of up to \$50,000 would be distributed to the County by CalVet through the 2019-20 Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act, grant program. Funding is specifically provided to the County Veterans' Service Offices (VSO) and no County match is required.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since July of 2014, the County Veterans Service Office (VSO) in collaboration with Contra Costa Television (CCTV), has produces "Veterans' Voices", a monthly talk show that has facilitated outreach efforts for East Bay veterans and their families. Funding for "Veterans' Voices" production has been provided by CalVet through Proposition 63 grant program monies. CalVet had once again invited the VSO to submit application for the 2019-20

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **05/07/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 7, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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Proposition 63 funding to provide mental health outreach and services. The VSO is requesting approval to accept these grant funds, which will allow the production of additional episodes of "Veterans' Voices."

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this action is not approved, the VSO may not be able to provide key mental health outreach and support services to veterans and their families living in Contra Costa County.