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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Nathan Johnson, Veterans Services Officer
Date: July 14, 2020

Subject: Apply for and Receive Funding for Veterans Mental Health Services Grant FY2020-22

RECOMMENDATION(S):

RATIFY grant application, ACCEPT grant funding, and APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Veterans Services Officer, or designee, to enter into the agreement with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) in an amount not to exceed \$236,060 to provide mental health outreach and support services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, the grant funding of up to \$236,060 would be distributed to the County by CalVet through the 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:

In 2019, the VSO applied for the first window for this grant, which enables the VSO to better service a hard to reach, but high demand population of Senior Veterans. This application and award period has designated a possible \$236,060 of funding for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years, which will allow the VSO to conduct strategic and collaborative

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/14/2020** ☒ 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: July 14, 2020

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

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outreach to Seniors throughout the County, by identifying

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

agencies, care providers, and housing facilities, to develop strategic partnerships with. The VSO will conduct presentations, provide claims assistance, and case management at these partnership agencies. Additionally, the VSO will be better equipped to provide services to Senior Veterans who are housebound or have difficulty reaching Veterans Service Office due to age or disability.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the Veterans Services Office would be unable to receive this grant funding.