

# The County of Yuba

## Health and Human Services Department

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Health and Human Services: Approve the Certificates of Compliance for the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) Subvention Program and Medi-Cal Avoidance Program for fiscal year 2022-2023, and Authorize the Chair to sign both Certificates of Compliance.

**DATE:** March 14, 2023

**NUMBER:** 73/2023

### *Recommendation*

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the Certificates of Compliance for the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) Subvention Program and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program for fiscal year 2022-2023, and authorize the Chair to sign both Certificates of Compliance.

### *Background*

Per Military and Veteran Code Section 972, all California County Boards of Supervisors are required to certify that their respective county is in compliance with state code. Per California Code of Registration Title 12, Subchapter 4, counties must appoint a veteran to serve as the County Veteran Service Officer. Marvin King, Jr. is a veteran and has been appointed as the Veteran Service Officer since 2004. In completing the attached certificates, Yuba County will be eligible to receive CDVA funding for the County Veterans Service Office. A renewal of the certificates is required on an annual basis.

### *Discussion*

State funding is a major revenue source for the Yuba-Sutter County Veterans Service Office. By completing the attached certificates, the Board of Supervisors will ensure that Yuba County is eligible for available state funding. In validating and signing these certificates, this funding will be secured and vital public service will continue. The services provided by the Veterans Service Office are critical in obtaining benefits for all county Veterans and their families.

The California Veterans Service Office (CVSO) assists the veteran community of Yuba and Sutter counties with obtaining federal, state, and local benefits to which they are entitled based upon service in the armed forces of the United States. The veteran community consists of veterans, their dependents, and the survivors of deceased veterans. The CDVA estimates the veteran population is just under 13,000 veterans for Yuba/Sutter area. Services include:

1. VA benefit counseling
2. completion and submission of VA applications
3. review of VA decisions
4. completion and submission of appeals to the Board of Veteran Appeals for decisions that do not meet the expectation of the veteran or family member
5. assistance with VA Health Care applications
6. VA Home Loan requests
7. VA Education applications
8. State and Federal Park pass letters
9. administer the CalVet College Fee Waiver Program
10. provides individual income data for the applicants of County Assistance Programs

The CVSO provides trained and accredited representatives to the local veteran community. It is because of this trained staff that the local veteran community is able to obtain many of these benefits. The Department of Veteran Affairs is a very large department that operates a rule-based application process. For the untrained individual, this rule-based application process is overwhelming and very complicated. This puts the applicant at a great disadvantage when applying for their benefits. This office helps to bridge this knowledge gap between the VA and the veteran by being their advocate with the VA.

The attached Certificates of Compliance are an annual requirement by CalVet and the CA Military and Veteran code. Submission of these documents allows Yuba County to obtain state funding to support the office. This office has been in operation since July 1945. During these 75+ years of operation, the office has obtained countless number of benefits for the local veteran community. For this past FY (2021/2022), this office has documented the following payments to local veteran and their families:

Type of Payment	Amount	Annualized Amount
Standard Claim – Retroactive Payment	\$3,838,475.26	
Standard Claim – Reoccurring Payment	\$517,901.83	\$6,214,821.90
MediCal Referral Claim - Retroactive Payment	\$23,181.37	
MediCal Referral Claim - Reoccurring Payment	\$5,176.57	\$62,118.84

Along with this paid benefits, this office has approved 105 College Fee Waiver applications, saving our local veteran families over \$585,534.00 in tuition. This program allows many veteran dependents the opportunity to attend California colleges who may not have had the opportunity otherwise.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was by-passed as this is a routine annual renewal of these certificates.

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funds: No funding commitment, administrative only, staff time only.

Attachments

73/2023 Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate

73/2023 Subvention Program Certificate