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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Tex Ritter**

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting a one-time funding award in the amount of \$15,000 from the California Department of Veterans Affairs for Veteran Mental Health Outreach Services for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The State allotted Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prop 63 to the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to enhance the effectiveness of referrals to County Veteran Service Offices (CVSO) for veterans who present with mental health issues. Under this one-time funding, Nevada County is being awarded \$15,000 for the FY 2018/19 to help improve the mental health and well-being of veterans in the community. There is no general fund impact, and no budget amendment is needed at this time

BACKGROUND: The CDVA Prop 63 is now an annual competitive grant. Nevada County Veterans Service Office will once again contract with Welcome Home Vets to perform mental health outreach throughout the county and will provide therapy to veterans and their family members. Through partnership with multiple divisions of Nevada County Department of Social Services (DSS), Nevada County Department of Behavioral Health, Nevada County Court System, a host of non-profits and local hospitals, the Veterans Outreach Program will continue to connect veterans to the appropriate services for support and treatment.

This one time disbursement is a result of CalVet receiving an additional one million in funding that is to be dispersed to counties to be used exclusively for Veterans MHSA efforts.

It is recommended that the board approve this receipt funds that will help support programs that improve early identification of PTSD and other stress reactions and improve access to treatment which will lessen the severity of veterans' functional impairment and improve overall health.

Item Initiated by: David West, Veterans' Services Officer

Approved by: Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Social Services