



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: August 14, 2018

Title of Item: County VSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <small><i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i></small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Penny Harms		Department: Veteran Services Office
Presenter (Name and Title): N/A		Estimated Time Needed: N/A
Summary of Issue: Aitkin County Veteran Services is eligible to receive a CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant for FY19 in the amount of \$10,000 from the MN Department of Veterans Affairs. The purpose of this grant is to enhance the operations of the Aitkin County Veterans Service Office. The grant can be used for outreach, marketing, enhancement of services to veterans, transportation and office equipment.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: 		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adapt attached resolution: County VSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED August 14, 2018

By Commissioner: xx

20180814-0xx

County VSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program

BE IT RESOLVED by **Aitkin County** that the County enter into the **Grant Contract** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following project: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Laws 2017, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 38, Subdivision 2. This grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by **Aitkin County** that the County Veterans Service Officer, **Penny Harms**, be authorized to execute the Grant Contract for the above-mentioned program on behalf of the County.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 14th day of August 2018, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of August 2018

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator



STATE OF MINNESOTA
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
GRANT AGREEMENT

This grant agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of the **MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** ("State" or "MDVA") and **AITKIN COUNTY**, 217 2nd St. NW, Room 130, Aitkin, MN 56431, ("Grantee").

Recitals

1. Under Minnesota Statutes §197.608, as amended by Minnesota Laws 2017, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 38, Subdivision 2, the State is empowered to enter into this grant.
2. The State is in need of enhancing the operation of the County Veterans Service Offices (CVSO). This grant must be used to enhance the operations of the Grantee's CVSO under Minnesota Statutes §197.608, Subdivision 4(a), and should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.
3. The Minnesota Legislature has funded grants to the counties through MDVA for many years. The established practice has been to provide advanced payments of the full grant amount to the Grantee. This has been done to ensure that the counties have sufficient funds available to conduct programming and complete the tasks required by the grant. The counties often have limited cash reserves and do not have the financial capabilities to make grant expenditures first and wait for reimbursements from the State. Therefore, based on their past performance, MDVA is confident that the Grantee will be able to account for the grant funds and abide by the terms of the grant agreement.
4. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant agreement to the satisfaction of the State. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §16B.98 Subdivision 1, the Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant.

Grant Agreement

1. Term of Grant Agreement

- 1.1 **Effective date:** **July 1, 2018** or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. §16B.98, Subd. 5, whichever is later. Per, Minn. Stat. § 16B.98 Subd. 7, no payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant agreement is fully executed. The Grantee must not begin work under this grant agreement until this agreement is fully executed and the Grantee has been notified by the State's Authorized Representative to begin the work except as permitted by Minnesota Statutes §16B.98, Subdivision 11.
- 1.2 **Expiration date:** **June 30, 2019**, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.
- 1.3 **Survival of Terms:** The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant agreement: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and 15 Data Disclosure.

2. Grantee's Duties

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

- 2.1 Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through Minn. Stat. §16B.97, Subd. 4 (a) (1).
- 2.2 Conduct this grant only as authorized under Minnesota Statute 197.608, Subd.5. This grant must not be used to supplant any existing funding, or to duplicate any programs or services available to Veterans from other agencies or organizations.
- 2.3 Conduct the CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program ("Program") by purchasing one, or more, of the allowable goods and services as specified in the CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant Items Approved/Disapproved, Attachment A, which is attached and incorporated into this grant agreement. If the Grantee wishes to purchase a good or service not listed on the approved items list of the CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant Items Approved/Disapproved, Attachment A, they must submit an email request to the State Authorized Representative listing the item, the estimated cost, and how the item will benefit county veterans. The item may only be purchased with grant funds upon receipt of written approval from State Authorized Representative.
- 2.4 Comply with the requirements as specified in the MDVA Grants Manual (Rev. 4), Attachment B, which is incorporated into this grant agreement by reference and available on the MDVA Website – Grants Page: <http://mn.gov/mdva/resources/federalresources/grants/>). In the event that any provision of the MDVA Grants Manual (Rev. 4), Attachment B, is not consistent with any language of the grant agreement, then the terms of this grant agreement supersede the inconsistent provision.
- 2.5 Upon executing the grant agreement, the Grantee must submit to the State for approval:
 - 2.5.1 A Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (page 1 only) for Grantee staff members with fiscal and/or programmatic responsibilities for administering the grant as required in the MDVA Grants Manual (Rev. 4), Attachment B;
 - 2.5.2 The current annual County Budget for the CVSO Program, a sample of which is attached and incorporated into this grant agreement as Attachment C; and
 - 2.5.3 A County Board Resolution with a raised County seal, a sample of which is attached and incorporated into this grant agreement as Attachment D.
- 2.6 If at any time during administering the grant, a personal or professional conflict of interest situation becomes apparent, the Grantee shall disclose that conflict immediately to the State Authorized Representative in writing as provided for in the MDVA Grants Manual (Rev. 4), Attachment B, to determine if corrective action is necessary.
- 2.7 Upon the conclusion of this Project, the Grantee must submit to the State Authorized Representative the CVSO Budget Expenditure Spreadsheet, Attachment E, in Excel format, a sample of which is attached and incorporated into this grant agreement, consistent with the requirements specified in the MDVA Grants Manual (Rev. 4), Attachment B, in sufficient detail and to the satisfaction of the State, in order to account for all grant funds expended.
- 2.8 In the event that any provision of the Grantee's charter or mission, incorporated into this grant agreement by reference, is not consistent with any portion of the grant agreement, then the terms of this grant agreement supersede the inconsistent provision.
- 2.9 Allow the State, at any time, to conduct periodic site visits and inspections to ensure work progress as specified in the MDVA Grant Manual (Rev. 4), Attachment B, including a final inspection upon grant completion.

3. Time

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant agreement. In the performance of this grant agreement, time is of the essence.

4. Consideration and Payment

4.1 **Consideration.** Consideration for all services performed by Grantee pursuant to this grant agreement shall be paid by the State as follows:

4.1.1 **Compensation.** The Grantee will be paid an Advanced Payment lump sum of **\$10,000.00** and must utilize funds for allowable goods and services as specified in the CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant Items Approved/Disapproved, Attachment A.

4.1.2 **Travel Expenses.** Travel and subsistence expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the Grantee as a result of this grant agreement is an allowable expense. The total travel budget may comprise all or a portion of the Total Obligation. The Grantee will report all travel-related expense on the Travel Log (as provided in the MDVA Grant Manual (Rev. 4), Attachment B) in no greater amount than provided in the current "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB). Travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside Minnesota is allowed, when necessary for the accomplishment of routine tasks (e.g. transporting Veterans to medical appointments, attending conferences etc.) related to the CVSO work.

4.1.3 **Total Obligation.** The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this grant agreement will not exceed **\$10,000.00, (Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents).**

4.2 Payment

4.2.1 **Invoices.** The State will promptly pay the Grantee an Advance Payment lump sum payment upon execution of this grant agreement.

4.2.2 **Eligible Costs.** In order to be eligible for grant funds, costs must be reasonable, necessary, and allocated to the grant, permitted by appropriate State cost principles, approved by the State and determined to be eligible pursuant Minnesota Statutes §197.608, as amended by Minnesota Laws 2017, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 38, Subdivision 2 and this grant agreement.

4.2.3 **Unexpended Funds.** If the work specified in the Grantee's Duties is not completed, or is completed without expending the budgeted total of MDVA grant funds, the Grantee shall apply MDVA grant funds towards the total cost properly expended on the Tasks specified in the Grantee's duties, and shall promptly return to the MDVA any funds greater than \$25.00 not so expended. All advance payments on the grant must be reconciled within 12 months of issuance or within 60 days of the end of the grant period, whichever comes first.

4.3 Contracting and Bidding Requirements.

4.3.1 Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost \$100,000 or more must undergo a formal notice and bidding process.

4.3.2 Services and/or materials that are expected to cost between \$25,000 and \$99,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of three (3) verbal quotes or bids.

- 4.3.3 Services and/or materials that are expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$24,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of two (2) verbal quotes or bids or awarded to a targeted vendor.
- 4.3.4 The grantee must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that targeted vendors from businesses with active certifications through these entities are used when possible:
- [State Department of Administration's Certified Targeted Group, Economically Disadvantaged and Veteran-Owned Vendor List](#)
 - Metropolitan Council's Targeted Vendor list: [Minnesota Unified Certification Program](#)
 - Small Business Certification Program through Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and City of St. Paul: [Central Certification Program](#)
- 4.3.5 The grantee must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.
- 4.3.6 The grantee must maintain support documentation of the purchasing and/or bidding process utilized to contract services in their financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable.
- 4.3.7 Notwithstanding 4.3.1 – 4.3.4., the State may waive bidding process requirements when:
- 4.3.7.1 Vendors included in response to competitive grant request for proposal process were approved and incorporated as an approved work plan for the grant; and
- 4.3.7.2 It is determined there is only one legitimate or practical source for such materials or services and that grantee has established a fair and reasonable price.
- 4.3.8 For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per; Minn. Stat. §§177.41 through 177.44 consequently, the bid request must state the project is subject to prevailing wage. These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole. A prevailing wage form should accompany these bid submittals.
- 4.3.9 The grantee must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in MN: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/debarredreport.asp>
- 4.3.10 The Grantee will record all contract and bidding quotes according to the bidding threshold specified above on the Contract and Bidding Log Sheet, as provided in the MDVA Grants Manual (Rev. 4), Attachment B, and submit this record with the Final Report (as applicable).

5. Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant agreement must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment, or will return payment already received, for work found by the State to be **unsatisfactory** or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law. The Grantee will be bound by the MDVA Grant Manual, (Rev. 4), Attachment B, as provided by the State.

6. Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representative is **Liz Kelly**, Grants Specialist, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Service Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, 651-201-8225, liz.kelly@state.mn.us or his/her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant agreement.

7. The Grantee's Authorized Representative is **Penny Harms**, CVSO, Aitkin County, 217 2nd St. NW, Room 130, Aitkin, MN 56431, (218) 927-7320, penny.harms@co.aitkin.mn.us or his/her successor. If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant agreement, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

8. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Agreement Complete

8.1 **Assignment.** The Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant agreement without the prior written consent of the State, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant agreement, or their successors in office.

8.2 **Amendments.** Any amendments to this grant agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant agreement, or their successors in office.

8.3 **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or the State's right to enforce it.

8.4 **Grant Agreement Complete.** This grant agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

9. Liability

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this grant agreement.

10. State Audits

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd.8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this grant agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

11. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property

11.1 Government Data Practices. The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant agreement. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. §13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State. If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The Grantee's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

11.2 Intellectual Property Rights

11.2.1 Intellectual Property Rights. The State owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the works and documents *created and paid for under this grant agreement*. The "works" means all inventions, improvements, discoveries (whether or not patentable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created or originated by the Grantee, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of this grant agreement. "Works" includes documents. The "documents" are the originals of any databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by the Grantee, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, in the performance of this grant agreement. The documents will be the exclusive property of the State and all such documents must be immediately returned to the State by the Grantee upon completion or cancellation of this grant agreement. To the extent possible, those works eligible for copyright protection under the United States Copyright Act will be deemed to be "works made for hire." The Grantee assigns all right, title, and interest it may have in the works and the documents to the State. The Grantee must, at the request of the State, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record the State's ownership interest in the works and documents.

11.2.2 Obligations

11.2.2.1 Notification. Whenever any invention, improvement, or discovery (whether or not patentable) is made or conceived for the first time or actually or constructively reduced to practice by the Grantee, including its employees and subcontractors, in the performance of this grant agreement, the Grantee will immediately give the State's Authorized Representative written notice thereof, and must promptly furnish the State's Authorized Representative with complete information and/or disclosure thereon.

11.2.2.2 Representation. The Grantee must perform all acts, and take all steps necessary to ensure that all intellectual property rights in the works and documents are the sole property of the State, and that neither Grantee nor its employees, agents, or subcontractors retain any interest in and to the works and documents. The Grantee represents and warrants that the works and documents do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual

property rights of other persons or entities. Notwithstanding Clause 8, the Grantee will indemnify; defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General; and hold harmless the State, at the Grantee's expense, from any action or claim brought against the State to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of the works or documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. The Grantee will be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages, including but not limited to, attorney fees. If such a claim or action arises, or in the Grantee's or the State's opinion is likely to arise, the Grantee must, at the State's discretion, either procure for the State the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing works or documents as necessary and appropriate to obviate the infringement claim. This remedy of the State will be in addition to and not exclusive of other remedies provided by law.

12. Workers' Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. §176.181, Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

13. Publicity and Endorsement

13.1 *Publicity.* Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant agreement must identify the State as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the State's Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant agreement. All projects primarily funded by state grant appropriation must publicly credit the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, and list MDVA as a Sponsor on the Grantee's website when practicable.

13.2 *Endorsement.* The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

14. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

14.1 Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this grant agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

15. Termination

15.1 *Termination by the State.* The State may immediately terminate this grant agreement with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

- 15.2 **Termination for Cause.** The State may immediately terminate this grant agreement if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this grant agreement, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed. If the Grantee does not commence the grant project within six (6) months of the effective date of this grant agreement, as evidenced by the incurrence of documented expenses for eligible grant costs, then this grant agreement shall be reviewed by MDVA, and may be terminated and the funds returned to MDVA to be reallocated.
- 15.3 **Termination for Insufficient Funding.** The State may immediately terminate this grant agreement if:
- 15.3.1 It does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature;
- 15.3.2 Or, if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Grantee. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the grant agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State must provide the Grantee notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.

16. Data Disclosure

Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

APPROVED:

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. " 16A.15 and 16C.05 Subd. 2 (a) (3).

Signed: 

Date: 7/18/18

SWIFT Contract/PO No(s). PO 3-34744 /

3. STATE AGENCY

By: _____
(with delegated authority)

Title: _____

Date: _____

2. GRANTEE - AITKIN COUNTY

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant agreement on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: 

Title: CVSO

Date: 8-1-18

Distribution:

Agency

Grantee

State's Authorized Representative

ATTACHMENT A

CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant Items Approved/Disapproved - FY2019

Minnesota Statute § 197.608, as amended, provides that this grant may be utilized for the following general purposes.

- To provide outreach to the county's veterans.
- To assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society.
- To collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans.
- To reduce homelessness among veterans.
- To enhance the operations of the county veterans service office.

Only the items approved on this form are authorized for purchase using grant funds. The MDVA will seek recovery from your county for any items not on this list that have been purchased with grant funds.

Expenses must be incurred (e.g. invoice date/service period) before the end of the grant period (June 30, 2019)

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Monitors and Dual monitor video cards		Teleconferencing equipment	
Laptops/Tablet PC's/I-Pad (including accessories)		Paper shredders or shredding contracts	
Personal computers - Desktop		TV /DVD combinations	
Printers/Scanners		Mobile broadband data access device/Hotspot	
Phone & Internet Service/Cellular Phones/Smart Phones/Headsets – Phone ONLY		Fax machines and installation of initial phone line	
Photo copiers (or 12 month lease) (Including user maintenance agreements.)		Cell Phone Repeater (and installation)	
Digital Video Recorders, Cameras , Projectors – LCD/DLP		Office Supplies related to administering the CVSO grant (e.g. copy paper, toner cartridges, ink cartridges, label printers and supplies etc.).	
<p>Office Furniture that <i>is necessary</i> and is directly related to computerization and organization efforts (required furniture for newly purchased equipment such as computer desk, printer stand, scanner table, etc. or other items to increase organization like filing cabinets, etc.).</p> <p>Office Furniture that <i>is necessary</i> and is directly related to *new/increased staffing (desk, chair, cubicles, etc.). Note: Locking filing cabinets, sit/stand desk accessories and new furniture to accommodate Veterans' visits in VSO office OK anytime.</p>			
COMPUTER SOFTWARE, TRAINING & REFERENCE MATERIALS			
Extended Warranties/extended maintenance contracts – on equipment and related software <u>purchased during current grant cycle only.</u> (1 year max)		Veterans Information/Case Management Systems and Software (Including user maintenance agreements.)	
		Reference materials (Medical dictionaries, VA rules and regulations manuals, etc.).	
<p>CVSO Trainings/Webinars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • * NACVSO Accreditation/CEU/CVA Training – Must provide a "Certificate of Completion" after training. (Transportation, Lodging and Registration) • * Training at local colleges – Includes all staff in CVSO Office and must relate to the position of CVSO/ACVSO. (Must be pre-approved) • Admin Staff Training MACVSO Assistant and Secretaries Conference * Allowed for CVSOs and ACVSOs who are qualified under <u>MS 197.601.</u> 			

MARKETING

Marketing Expenses (Display boards, radio airtime, TV airtime and newspaper ads, billboards, CVSO shirts & jackets (every ad must reference the LinkVet))

Note: Proof of LinkVet is required for every expenditure at grant closeout.

Publicity Items (*Magnets, Brochures, holiday cards, Challenge Coins – must include reference to LinkVet*) up to a maximum of **15% of the annual CVSO grant amount.** (e.g. Total Grant Amount \$7,500 = \$1,125 publicity items.)

Note: Proof of LinkVet is required for every expenditure at grant closeout.

MISCELLANEOUS

Salary Expenses for new, increased CVSO staff that provide direct services to Veterans.

Note – Salaries may also be applied to CVSO grant in subsequent years.

VETERANS SERVICES

Veteran Homelessness

- **Expenses related to the goal of reducing Veteran homelessness** (*Must be MDVA pre-approved*).
- **Supplies for Homeless Vets** (e.g. backpacks, blankets etc.)

Transportation expenses related to the transport of Veterans needing to access their benefits (Including van/vehicle purchases/lease for this primary purpose, maintenance, fuel, etc.)

Medical Expenses

- To pay for 2nd opinions on previously denied VA disability claims.
- Assisted listening devices

“Outreach” Expenses such as benefits fairs, town halls and seminars are allowed however the primary purpose of the event must be to provide information about Veterans benefits. (*Refreshments & food over \$500.00 must be pre-approved*)

Returning Service Member Reintegration

- Including travel expenses to official reintegration events
- **Veteran Trainings/Webinars**

Veteran Medallions

- **Veteran Medallion Samples (VA Marker)** (three sizes) to display in the office
- **Veteran Cemetery Markers/Flag Holders** (Replacement of damaged/stolen MDVA supplied)
- **Veteran Cemetery Markers/Flag Holders** (New for Veterans not eligible for MDVA supplied)

Gift Cards (gas, food, bus, hotel etc.) All Gift Card purchases applied to a grant in a given year must be logged on the Gift Certificate Log and be distributed to Veterans within the same grant period.

CVSO Staff Meals related to official travel for required training are allowable as specified in Chapter 15 – Expense Reimbursement per the State of Minnesota “Commissioner’s Plan” located at www.mn.gov/mmb Website.

Expenses related to the collaboration with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans.

Note: A detailed Account Activity Statement including 1) Veteran Name, 2) Total Dollars, 3) Payee info and 4) Description is required for the Final Closeout Report.

***NOTE: The maximum purchase price for certain items does NOT include tax or shipping charges.**

Items Not Approved:

- Direct cash assistance payments to Veterans, their survivors or dependents.
- Donations & Sponsorships (including donations to Veteran Service Organization events)
- Payments made to a third party on behalf of a veteran, their survivors or their dependents, such as mortgage, rent, auto loans, insurance, credit cards, etc. with prior State approval.

Attachment B

MDVA Grant Manual Rev. 4 (available on the MDVA Website - Grants Page:
<https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/federalresources/grants/>)

Attachment D

County Board Resolution EXAMPLE

RESOLUTION OF ABC County

BE IT RESOLVED by ABC County that the County enter into the attached **Grant Contract** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's Veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat Veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county Veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2017, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 38, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the ABC County that John Smith the County Veteran Service Officer be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a monthly meeting of the County Board Chair this second day of August, 2018.

Board Chair Signature
Authorized Signature and Title

August 2, 2018
Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA

ABC County

I, Clerk Name, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the County Board of said ABC County, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the County Board of said ABC County at a monthly meeting thereof held on the first Thursday of August, 2018 at 7:30 pm that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this first Thursday of August, 2018, and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County.

Clerk Signature Authorized Signature and Title

Raised County Seal

Attachment E

Final Report & Budget Expenditure Spreadsheet

CVSO Grant Expenditure Spreadsheet						
Instructions:						
1. Table I - Input Grantee's original Budget info.						
2. Table II - Input Grantee's expenditure totals.						
Date: _____						
Organization Name: _____						
Representative Name: _____						
Total Grant Expenditures Amount: \$ _____						
Payment Request Period: FY2019						
Table I - Enter original budget submitted at the beginning of the grant period.						
<i>Note: To maintain formulas... copy & paste when adding rows.</i>						
Table I - Budget						
Budget Class	Budget Category (e.g. Publicity, Travel, Equipment etc.)	FY2019 (Subtotal by Budget Category)				
ADMINISTRATION						
OPERATIONS						
SUPPORT SERVICES						
Column Total				\$	-	
SECTION ONE - CVSO Progress Report/Summary Statement						
Grant Expenditure Summary Statement						
In the space provided below, in 1-2 paragraphs please describe the background/context for this years' CVSO grant expenditures. For instance:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do grant expenditures address a particular "gap" in services to Veterans unique to your County? • Are your expenditures related to new programming this year? • Are there other significant "gaps" in services unique to your County? 						
SECTION TWO - CVSO Metrics						
1. Total number of Full-time (% FTE) CVSO Staff (filled): _____						
2. Total number of Full-time (% FTE) CVSO Staff (open): _____						
3. Total County CVSO Program Budget: _____						
4. Total Number Veteran/Family Office Visits: _____						
5. Total Number Veteran/Family Outreach Visits: _____						
SECTION THREE - Itemized Budget Expenditures						
<i>Note: To maintain formulas... copy & paste when adding rows.</i>						
Table II - Budget Expenditures - Enter actual budget expenditures here. (See						
BUDGET CLASS	Budget Category (e.g. Publicity, Computer Equipment, Gift Cards etc.)	Budget Item (e.g. Star Tribune, Apple Store, Office Max.)	Fp 8%	Total Expenditures (e.g. Receipts)	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
				FY2019		
ADMINISTRATION					\$	-
OPERATIONS					\$	-
SUPPORT SERVICES					\$	-
Column Total				\$	-	\$

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Section Three – Example

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Budget Expenditure Spreadsheet Example					
2	Enter each individual invoice/receipt expenditure separately. Adding rows as needed and adjust the Excel formulas.			*Page #	Total Expenditures (e.g. Receipts)	TOTAL EXPENDITURES by Budget Category (to Date)
3	BUDGET CLASS	Budget Category (e.g. Publicity, Travel, Equipment)	Budget Item (e.g. Star Tribune, Apple Store, Office Max.)	FY2019		
5	ADMINISTRATION					\$ -
7	OPERATIONS	Advertising	Advertising - Star Tribune	3-9	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 10,452.89
8			Advertising - Pioneer Press	7-10	\$ 750.00	
9		"	Advertising - Lamar (Billboard)	7-10	\$ 1,080.00	
10		Equipment	Equipment (iPhone)	11-15	\$ 1,294.00	
11		Travel	(See Travel Log for individual expenditures)	16	\$ 2,578.90	
12		Computer Software	Best Buy	17-22	\$ 699.99	
13	SUPPORT SERVICES	Veteran Services & Events	Veteran Transportation to Medical Appointment	23-27	\$ 897.21	\$ 2,486.21
14			Homeless Veteran Lodging (2 nights)	28-33	\$ 386.68	
15			Veteran Booth at County Fair	34-40	\$ 1,202.32	
16	Column Sub-Total				\$ 12,939.10	\$ 12,939.10
17	Difference Paid by the County				\$ (939.10)	\$ (939.10)
18	Column Total				\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00