MEETING: August 10, 2021
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director
RE: Veterans Affairs Subvention & Medi-Cal FY 2021-22

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Certificates of Compliance for the Veterans Affairs Subvention Program and Medi-Cal cost Avoidance Program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Certificates.

These are annual documents that must be renewed each fiscal year in order for the County of Mariposa to receive compensation for our Veterans Services Office paid by the State of California for the County Subvention Program and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: Historically, the Board of Supervisors has approved and Board Chair signed the documents every year.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: 1. Funding from the State of California for the Veterans' Services Officer position in the County of Mariposa would be terminated.

2. Veterans, their dependents, and their survivors in Mariposa County could be deprived of assistance if filing for their rights to any privilege, preference, care or compensation provided for by the laws of the United States or the State of California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Funding from the State of California for the Veterans Services Officer position in the County of Mariposa would be terminated if the Certificates of Compliance are not approved, which would increase the cost to the County's General Fund for the continued operation of this program.

ATTACHMENTS:
Veterans Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance (PDF)
Veterans Annual Subvention Certification of Compliance (PDF)
RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors
SECONDER:  Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES:  Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey
Funds are distributed under this program to counties as partial reimbursement for expenses incurred in the operation of the County Veterans Service Office. Funds are distributed according to Military and Veterans Code Sections 972, and 972.1, a State General Fund Expenditure, and 972.2 a Special Fund Expenditure.

County Certification:

I certify that Mariposa County has appointed a veteran to serve as the County Veterans Service Officer according to California Code of Regulations Title 12, Subchapter 4. This County Veterans Service Officer will administer the aid provided for in Military and Veterans Code Division 4, Chapter 5. This County Veterans Service Officer must achieve and maintain accreditation from the California Department of Veterans Affairs within 18 months of employment or within 18 months of the County Veterans Service Officer position becoming vacant, whichever occurs first. Veterans Service Representative staff filing claims must also achieve and maintain accreditation from the California Department of Veterans Affairs within 18 months of employment.

I certify that the County Veteran Service Officer will assist every veteran of the United States, as well as their dependents and survivors, in presenting and pursuing such claim as they may have against the United States. The County Veterans Service Officer and all accredited staff will also assist in establishing veterans, dependents and survivors’ rights to any privilege, preference, care or compensation provided for by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, or any local jurisdiction.

I certify that the current fiscal year proposed expenditures exceeds the actual fiscal year 1988-89 expenditures by at least, the full amount of the current annual allocation. I also agree that this county, through the County Veterans Service Office, will maintain records for audit. These records will be maintained for a minimum of two years. The county agrees to submit reports in accordance with the procedures and timelines established by CalVet and in accordance with the CalVet Procedure Manual for Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance for the current state fiscal year. The County Veterans Service Officer will permit CalVet representatives to inspect all records. I also authorize the County Veterans Service Officer to actively participate in the promotion of the California Veterans License Plate program.

I further certify that information contained within the VetPro database will not be distributed to any other agency within our county and that all College Fee Waiver Approval and Denial letters will be generated in the VetPro database.

Chair, County Board of Supervisors  
(or other County Official authorized by the Board to act on their behalf)  

Date 8-11-2021

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance

Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Mariposa COUNTY

I certify that Mariposa County has appointed a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 12, Subchapter 4. Please consider this as our application to participate in the Medi-cal Cost Avoidance Program authorized by Military and Veterans Code Section 972.5

I understand and will comply with the following:

1. All activities of the CVSO for which payment is made by the CalVet under this agreement will reasonably benefit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) or realize cost avoidance to the Medi-Cal program. All State and County Medi-Cal Eligibility Workers who generate a Form MC 05 (Military Verification and Referral form) will be instructed to indicate the applicant’s Aid Code on the face of the form.

2. All money received under this agreement shall be allocated to and spent on the salaries and expenses of the CVSO.

3. This agreement is binding only if federal funds are available to CalVet from the DHCS.

4. The CVSO is responsible for administering this program in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 12, Subchapter 4 and the CalVet Procedure Manual for Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance for the current state fiscal year.

[Signature]
Chair, County Board of Supervisors (or other County Official authorized by the Board to act on their behalf) 8-11-2021

SCAN AND UPLOAD THIS COMPLETED FORM VIA THE AGENCY ATTACHMENTS IN VETPRO

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