



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**AGENDA DATE:** October 24, 2023

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| Public Hearing Required            | N/A |
| Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk   | N/A |
| Published Notice Required          | N/A |
| Advertised Published Notice        | N/A |
| Meet & Confer Required             | N/A |
| Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached | N/A |
| Personnel Resolution attached      | N/A |
| Agreement(s) attached              | N/A |

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**SUBJECT:** Adopt the Subvention Certificate of Compliance and the Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance for the California Department of Veterans Affairs

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the Subvention Certificate of Compliance and the Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance for the California Department of Veterans Affairs County Subvention Program for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.
2. Find that the County is in compliance with the requirements stated in the attached Subvention Certificate of Compliance and the Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance for the California Department of Veterans Affairs County Subvention Program for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign a copy of the Subvention Certificate of Compliance and the Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance.

**SUMMARY:**

The California Department of Veterans Affairs, under the Military and Veterans Code, Section 972 and 972.1, provides for an annual allocation of state funds (subvention) for each county participating in the program. In order to receive these funds, they must be matched at least dollar for dollar by the county. The Tulare County Veterans Services Office has always applied for veterans' benefits on behalf of the approximately 15,000 eligible veterans and their dependents of Tulare County, assisting over 6,000 veterans annually. As an essential external funding source for the Veterans Services Office, the subvention dollars are critical in running the program. The Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget for the Veterans Services Office is \$529,385, which includes \$175,223 in reimbursed

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subvention funds and \$354,162 in net County dollars.

This action certifies that Tulare County appointed a Veteran, Kenneth Cruickshank, currently in the position of Veterans Services Officer since October 25, 2010, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 12, Subchapter 4 and that the County will meet the State's requirement to assist the veteran community in applying for and maintaining available benefits and entitlements for which they may be eligible. The County Veteran Service Officer is also responsible for completing and submitting the semi-annual reports supporting the Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program in accordance with the procedures and timelines established by CalVet and the CalVet Procedure Manual for Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance for the current state fiscal year. Board sign-off on the two (2) documents is required for the County to receive the subvention funds from the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget for the Veterans Services Office is \$529,385. This includes \$175,223 in reimbursed subvention funds and \$354,162 in net County dollars. These revenues are included in the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 requested budget. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Organizational Performance initiative to provide the public with easy access to quality information and services that are both timely and responsive. The funding of this program increases the ability to fulfill that obligation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Francena Martinez  
Francena Martinez  
Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Attachment A – Subvention Certificate of Compliance  
Attachment B - Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance