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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
 County of Los Angeles  
 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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 Los Angeles, California 90012

*Patrick O'Gawa*  
 PATRICK O'GAWA  
 ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT STATE FUNDS UNDER CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 63 (MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FUND)  
 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) will award the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Proposition 63 Mental Health funding in the amount not to exceed \$27,000 to fund a one full-time equivalent (FTE) position, Veteran Outreach Liaison for mental health outreach activities. The grant covers the period of October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Accept the Proposition 63 funds in the amount not to exceed \$27,000.
2. Authorize the Director of Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to use the funds for veteran mental health outreach activities.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs or her designee to amend the contract with the CDVA, as necessary, to accept additional funding should such funds become available. County Counsel and the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her Designee's approval will be obtained prior to execution of any such amendment.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose is to administer the implementation of the Veteran Outreach Liaison program to expand and enhance mental health services for veterans to include intervention and prevention services

through referrals to the Department of Mental Health. Beside mental health services, we will connect veterans and families to supportive services such as: employment, education, housing, and legal services. This program identifies, assesses, and links veterans and their families to mental health and supportive services.

Board approval is required to accept grant funds from CDVA.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support the County's Strategic Goal 3: Integrated Services Delivery, to maximize the opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services and the mission of this Department.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended actions will have no impact on net county cost. The program is fully financed by California Proposition 63 mental health funds and included in the Department's annual budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

California Proposition 63 (now known as the Mental Health Services ACT or MHSA), passed in 2004, provides increased funding for personnel and other resources to support County mental health programs. DMVA initiated action to obtain a portion of those monies from CDVA to provide services to military veterans and their families.

Following DMVA's efforts, the CDVA awarded \$60,000 to DMVA on 09/23/09 to fund one FTE position for the Veteran System Navigator Program which was automatically renewed for successive Fiscal Years. Concurrent with this funding, one additional FTE position was funded by the Chief Executive Office to start the program and included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget. CDVA continued Proposition 63 funding for subsequent years (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012) in the amount not to exceed \$60,000; (October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013) in the amount not to exceed \$55,000 and (January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014) in the amount of \$25,000. For the period covering October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the Department submitted an application and will be awarded the amount not to exceed \$27,000. Payment will be made in accordance with an agreement between DMVA and CDVA which memorializes the use of the funds.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will enhance current services and ensure continuation of the Department's veteran's mental health outreach activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval of this request, please instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to send the original Board letter and attachments as soon as possible to:

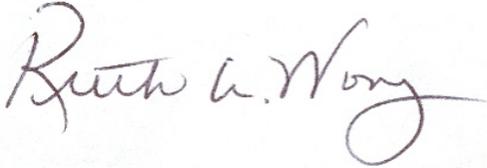
The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ruth A. Wong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "W" at the end.

RUTH A. WONG

Director

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Chief Executive Officer