

Lane County, Oregon

FY 08-09 Service Options Sheet

Service: Veteran's Services Office
Dept: Health & Human Services | Intergovernmental Human Svcs. Comm.
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BCC Service Priorities: 1,3,4,7
Fund: 124 **Dept. Org ID:** 3427070
Dept. Priority: 14 of 18
Fund Priority: 2 of 46

Executive Summary

The Veteran Services Office advocates for Veterans, their families and their survivors, to acquire disability, health and other benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their military service. The service office is located in Eugene and outreach is provided to rural communities, nursing homes, care facilities, and in-home for housebound clients.

State/Federal Mandate

Oregon Revised Statute 406.460 requires County maintenance of effort for Veterans Services based on July 2005 funding and cannot supplant county funds.

Outcome Measure/s

Percent of client applications that result in benefits (value of new continuing monthly benefits awarded and the value of retroactive and educational benefits [short term and one time] awarded.)

Service Level Descriptions. Level 1 (very bottom) = Threshold Level Below Which Service Cannot Be Provided

X=Funded	Proposed Service Funding >>	Other Funds	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
		283,357	411,230	127,873	4.00
	Level 2: current service level		61,752	61,752	0.50
	.50 FTE Temp Assistant Veterans Service Coordinator and services for 250 veterans. Interview 1,900 clients and analyze eligibility for Veteran's Administration and other Federal and State benefits. Assist clients with VA benefit applications. (At this level of service, the annualized value of continuing monthly, retroactive and educational benefits received by clients is \$7,744,632.)				
X	Level 1: minimum service level	283,357	411,230	127,873	4.00
	Minimum service level required to maintain State Veterans Services funding. Could serve approximately 1,650 veterans. Please note that further staff reductions under this level are only avoided with the use of depleting carry-over of State funds. The use of these funds will only avoid staff reductions during FY0809 as a) they will likely be totally depleted to maintain program funding at a level to support 4 FTE and b) the State has ruled that these funds may not be carried over beyond the 07-09 biennium.				

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- "Shall" Mandate
- Related Mandate
- No Clear Mandate
- Highly Leveraged to County provided service (100% return or greater)
- Leverages Funds to County
- Leverages Funding for Citizens and/or Community Organizations

Leverage Details

At the FY 07-08 level of service, the GF portion of this program leverages:

	\$0	back to the General Fund
	\$243,072	into other County Funds
	\$0	directly or via subcontract to community orgs
	\$7,744,632	directly to citizens via services provided

128.19% County Funds Leverage Ratio

For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.

Please use this space to explain the Proposed Service Level Funding impact on leverage of the varying levels of service described above.

At the current service level veterans and their beneficiaries are awarded: 1) New Recurring Monthly Benefits of \$762,393 (FY0607 amount); 2) One-Time Retroactive Payments of \$5,340,066 (FY0607 amount); 3) Awards for Short-Term Education Benefits of \$733,351 (FY0607 amount) totaling \$7,744,632 as a direct result of working with staff at the Veterans Services Office. If the program is operated at the minimum service level then services and associated benefits would drop approximately 11% for the veterans of Lane County. If the program loses all general fund, the program would lose staff and their expertise as well as significant state funding for the program.