
Sponsor: Veterans Services

Meeting Date: 9/28/2021

Title: Grant Award from Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
for County Veterans Services Operational Enhancement Grant

File Number: 2021-504

Background and Rationale:

On June 11, 2021, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs notified Ramsey County Veterans Services that they would be awarded a County Veterans Services Operational Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$22,500 for the period of date of execution of the grant agreement through June 30, 2022. This grant consists of the base grant amount of \$7,500 awarded to all 87 Minnesota counties and an additional \$15,000 based on the population of veterans currently residing in Ramsey County. A lump sum payment of \$22,500 will be made to Veterans Services upon execution of the grant agreement. Statute allows the grant to provide for expenses up to 60 days from the date the contract is executed.

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 as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 12, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

Ramsey County Board approval is necessary as the State requires that a certified copy of a resolution approving this specific grant to be attached to the grant contract.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$22,500 to enhance the operations of Ramsey County's Veterans Services.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs to enhance the operations of Ramsey County's Veterans Services for the period of date of execution of the grant agreement through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$22,500.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and contracts and amendments and agreements and contracts in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner MatasCastillo, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board